

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**14 January 2024**

**YEAR B**  
**#07.24**

## Reflection

**"Here am I, Lord."**

Today's readings offer a unique glimpse into the relationship between God and humanity, revealing a common thread of surrender and willingness to do the will of the Lord.

The story of Samuel speaks of an awakening of divine communication. As a young boy, Samuel hears the call of God in the stillness of the night, responding with the humble words, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel's openness to God's call becomes a model for all believers, illustrating the importance of attentiveness and receptivity to the divine voice.

The psalmist, in Psalm 39, reflects on the brevity of life and the transient nature of human endeavours. Amidst the contemplation of mortality, the psalmist acknowledges the sovereignty of God and expresses a desire to align with divine purpose. "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will" becomes a plea for guidance and a recognition of God's authority over one's existence.

St Paul addresses the Corinthian community regarding the sanctity of the body. The verses emphasize that our bodies are not our own but are temples of the Holy Spirit. The call to glorify God in our bodies echoes the theme of surrender and obedience: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will" takes on a physical dimension, reminding believers of the responsibility to honour God through their actions and choices.

The Gospel of John introduces the disciples' encounter with Jesus. The disciples respond to Jesus' invitation to "come and see", like Samuel, with readiness and openness. Their journey signifies a willingness to follow and learn.

A harmonious melody emerges from these readings—a melody of surrender, attentiveness, and a deep desire to align one's will with God's. May we respond to God's call with; "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." And may this refrain guide our daily reflections and actions, inviting us to a life shaped by divine purpose and devoted obedience.

## Parish Administration

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## MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

## Ministry

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**St John the Apostle Parish Kippax**  
is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

Fr. Tru will arrive in the Parish for the weekend of 20/21 January.



To welcome Fr. Tru  
Pot Luck Lunch  
Sunday 28 January 2024  
Meat and drinks will be supplied  
Please bring a salad or dessert



**CANDLEMAS  
DAY**  
FEBRUARY 2

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The Presentation of the Lord  
Blessing of the Candles  
Bring your candles to be blessed  
Friday 2 February 9:30am



**Ash Wednesday**  
14 February

Mass Times:  
9:30am and 6:00pm

## Community Connections

*For those living alone*

We will hold our first gathering for 2024 on  
**Sunday 11 February**  
3:00 – 4:30pm  
in the Parish Centre

If you have not attended a gathering but  
are interested in attending  
please contact the parish office.

## 2024 Sacraments

**PENANCE:** The Second Formation evening for  
parents will be held on Monday 12 February

**CONFIRMATION:** Formation evening for Parents  
will be held on Monday 25 March

**EUCCHARIST:** Formation evening for parents will  
be held on Monday 29 April

7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Parish Centre.

The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on  
Thursday 14 March 2023 at 6:00pm



**Pins & Needles**  
Mon 15 January – 7:15pm  
Parish Library

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



**For more information  
contact the parish office.**

Next gathering: Friday 19 January  
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 23 JANUARY – 7:30AM**  
**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**  
**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

## St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

**Wednesday 31 January**

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by  
morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all  
most welcome.

Please bring a plate to share.

*Relax, Review, Reflect*  
*Rabbit Proof Fence*

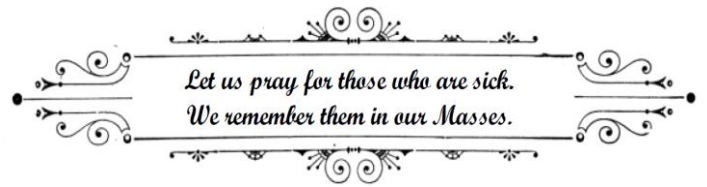
**Friday 26 January at 7:00pm**  
*in the parish library.*



**Anointing after  
Mass**  
**Friday 26 January**

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Heart Spirituality



## Mary receives the Word from the Heart of God

The only Son of God has come completely from the Heart of his Father; from there he receives his life while in the womb of Mary. And it is she who has made him come from that mysterious sanctuary where he kept himself hidden.

But Mary could not possess this beloved Son without possessing at the same time the Heart of the Father who engendered him, for the Son is the most perfect expression of his Father's infinite love; the image of his substance.

And so, the Virgin Mary was able to take from the Heart of the Father, the eternal Word who was to become her Son, drawing into herself at the same the Heart of the Father with whom the Word is substantially one.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 143/Paris 1900.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

## Stewardship

### Love & Service

"Speak, for your servant is listening." With those few words, Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially, Samuel responds, "Here I am," but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live. When Jesus says, "Come follow me," as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more importantly do we respond, and do we follow? In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, "Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)

**Recently Deceased:** Richard Stalker

**Anniversary:** John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon, Virginia Policarpio, Eamonn Kennedy, Terence Martin, Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall, Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Frederick Felsing, Shaun MacKey, Josephine Fox, Bradley Keenan, Josephine McLaren, Eugenia Kurzynski, Horace Staunton, Albert Bingham, Leonard Crowe, Ernest Hackett, Christopher Hemmingway, Tara Ottewill, Claudine MacDowell, Danielle Sykes, Brendan Gibson, Chris Thamer, Bernadette Davis, Emanuel Grech, Nicholas McInerney

## Mass Intentions the week of 15 - 21 January

Mon 15/01	Souls of Mary [x2]
Wed 17/01	Robert Scarr
Thur 18/01	Prayer for Peace
Fri 19/01	
<b>Sat 20/01</b>	
5:00pm	
<b>Sun 21/01</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.

## Bequest

**Have you ever thought of leaving a Bequest to your parish?**

By remembering your faith community in your Will, you contribute to the spiritual legacy that has enriched your life. Your bequest ensures the continuation of the traditions, teachings, and support that have shaped your journey.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

## PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre
Movie Night	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia  
We have found the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ,  
who brings us truth and grace  
Alleluia

## Readings – 21 January 2024

First Reading	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm	Ps 24:4-9
Second Reading	1 Cor 7:29-31
Gospel	Mark 14-20

## ROSTERS

### 21 Jan Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Francesca Deklin
10:00am	Rose Benedictos, Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Nunga Umaru

### 21 Jan Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Dennis Puniard, Margaret Luck

### 21 Jan Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas
6:00pm	Charlotte D'Cruze, Lionael D'Cruze

### 21 Jan Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore
8:30am	Clyde Sloan, Norma Sloan
10:00am	Pam Connor, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

### 21 Jan SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	14 Jan	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	20 Jan	
Church Cleaning:	14 Jan	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula

## On a Lighter note

