

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**21 January 2024**

**YEAR B**  
**#08.24**

## Reflection

### **The most ordinary of people.**

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So, the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

Resources used: *Gospel Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

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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

# WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Tru who commences his ministry at St Johns this weekend

Pot Luck Lunch

Sunday 28 January 2024

Meat and drinks will be supplied

Please bring a salad or dessert

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## Lector & Minister of Communion Ministries

We are seeking volunteers for the Lector and Minister of Communion ministries. We need two volunteers for each ministry at both Masses 10:00am and 6:00pm Mass.

If you have been discerning to be a part of either of these ministries and would like to volunteer please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

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## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



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

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## 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.

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

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



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

## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Donations of almost \$10,000 were received from parishioners for the Christmas Appeal.

In addition, we received food and gifts with an estimated value of just over \$12,000 from parishioners, the school communities of St John the Apostle Primary School, St Francis Xavier College and Belconnen Rotary. Vinnies Conference members are most grateful for your generous support.



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

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Ash Wednesday  
14 February

Mass Times:

9:30am and 6:00pm



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## 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.



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## Gethsemane

**Thursday 1 February**  
**Contemplative Prayer with**  
**the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:30pm – 8:30pm**

*Could you not stay awake*  
*with me one hour.* Matt 26:40

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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Heart Spirituality

## Spiritual Storms

In storms that come our way, we should call on Jesus. He alone can calm them. In vain shall we have recourse to human efforts, to the devotedness and affection of our relatives and friends. Their efforts will be of no avail. Jesus alone possesses the means to help us. His Heart is so kind, so compassionate that he will always respond to our call. When we feel our weakness in our temptations, and we are on the point of failing, we should cry out to Jesus:

*Domine Salva nos, perimus.*

O adorable heart, save us, we are perishing.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Meditations 1., p. 213. Issoudun 1891.

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

## Stewardship

### Following Christ Intentionally

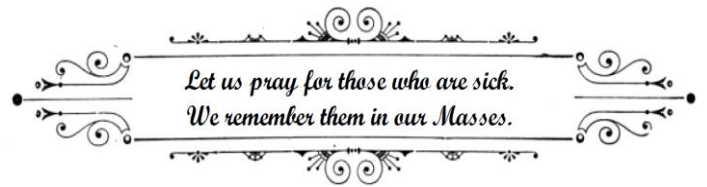
Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James, and John surrendered their entire lives, abandoned what was before them and followed Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally.

Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

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**Recently Deceased:** John Scarano

**Anniversary:** 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, Joan Casey, James Fitzgibbon, Kyall Green, Maxwell Lewis, Geoffrey Fisher, Michael Sweeney, Armando Arugay, Jane Packard, Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Desmond Jones, Janelle Sykes, Marie Murphy, Margaret Hill, Declan Morris, Riley Carberry, Rupert Waterford

## Mass Intentions the week of 22 – 28 January

Mon 22/01	
Wed 24/01	Amy Stephenson
Thur 25/01	
Fri 26/01	
<b>Sat 27/01</b>	
5:00pm	
<b>Sun 28/01</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

## 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 18 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

# 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:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia  
The kingdom of God is near:  
Believe the Good News!  
Alleluia

## **Readings – 28 January 2024**

First Reading	Dt 18:15-20
Psalm	PS 94:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading	1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28

## **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.

# ROSTERS

## 28 Jan **Acolyte Roster**

5:00pm	Di Bruce, Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Polkinghorne

## 28 Jan **Lector Roster**

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Bernadette Murnane
6:00pm	Caitlyn D'Cruze, Andrew Luck

## 28 Jan **Ministers of Communion**

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeathon
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Maureen Burgess
10:00am	Boni Benedictos, Rosa Benedictos
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Priscilla Momi

## 28 Jan **Hospitality Roster**

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Joy McInerney

## 28 Jan **SJAShop**

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
10:00am	Judy Mewburn
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	21 Jan	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	27 Jan	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	21 Jan	Joseph Le Van Hai, Lanh Dang, Sam Van Nguyen

## On a Lighter note

