



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28 January 2024 YEAR B #09.24

Reflection

`Fishers of men'

In first century society, possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach stories of 'unclean spirits' with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with.

Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make-up that we can do little to change them.

The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'.

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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

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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.

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

Fr. Chung will be on leave from Monday 29 January and returning on Monday 26 February.



'Economics and Theology: Promise and Difficulties of the Dialogue' with Professor Juergen von Hagen

6.30pm, Thursday 8 February The Pavilion, ACC&C, 15 Blackall St Barton

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

EUCHARIST: 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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS Friday 23 February Mass - 11:00am Lunch - 12 noon



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during this mass.

Following the mass lunch will be served in the church foyer.

Parishioners who are sick, housebound, and have difficulty attending Sunday Mass are invited to this celebration.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28-30



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



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.

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.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

Trust in Jesus Christ

Our trust in Jesus Christ is based on his goodness. He loved me and gave his life for me (Gal. 2:20). After so many signs of love, could we hesitate in showing him boundless trust? Moreover, we shall obtain from his Father everything that we ask for in his name. Whatever our weakness, our temptations and even our failures, let us drive away all discouragement and open our hearts to trust. Why are you fearful? Let us cast ourselves without hesitation into his heart. He will not let us perish.

Jules Chevalier msc Meditations 1., p. 223/. Issoudun 1891.

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

Stewardship

Trusting in God's Authority

Our readings today remind us of God's authority.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer Who will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Jehanne Thelland, Alexander Powell, Alice Tonna, Robert Thomas, Nola Newton, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Nicholas Roots, Julian Oakley, Violet Duve, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox.

Mass Intentions the week of 29 January – 4 February

Mon 29/01	Steve Smith
Wed 31/01	
Thur 01/02	
Fri 02/02	Riley Carberry and
	Jordan Blanchfield

Sat 03/02	
5:00pm	
Sun 04/02	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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



KIT was emailed out during the week. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the parish office.

If you have any contributions for KIT please email Marian at <u>marian@stjohnkippax.org.au</u>

A Blessing

We remember our students and teachers as they begin a new school year.

May God be with them this year. Open their hearts to become people with and for others. May they be open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice. Keep the safe in body and spirit. And may they always be a source of support, encouragement and love to others. Amen

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion	Sunday 9.15am
(Parish Centre)	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 st Thursday of the Month
	7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns	Last Wednesday of the Month
Friendship	9:30am Mass and morning tea
Group	0
Pins &	3 rd Monday of the Month
Needles	7:15pm Parish Library
Women's	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am
Breakfast	Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm
Group	Parish Centre
Movie	4 th Friday of the Month 7:00pm
Night	Parish Library

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia A people in the darkness have seen a great light: A radiant dawn shines on those lost in death Alleluia

Readings – 4 February 2024

First Reading Job 7:1-4, 6-7			
Psalm	PS 146:1-6		
Second Reading	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23		
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39		

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

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4	Feb	Acolyte Roster		
	5:00pm	John Hogan, Rod Gardiner		
	8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales		
	10:00am	Elaine Carter, Maxime Kpudzeka		
	6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le		
4	Feb	Lector Roster		
	5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England		
	8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir		
	10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams		
	6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Hagerty		
4	Feb	Ministers of Communion		
	5:00pm	Judy Netting		
	8:30am	Bernadette Murnane, Pat Cowburn		
	10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula		
	6:00pm	Andrew Luck		

4 Feb Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena Rob Breen, Carmel Screen	
8:30am		
10:00am	Libby Kain	
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster	

4 Feb SJAShop

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	5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
	8:30am	Marilyn Calliess
	10:00am	Chris Gray
	6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	28 Jan	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	3 Feb	
Church Cleaning:	28 Jan	Joseph Le Van Hai, Lanh Dang, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note

