

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**YEAR C**

**16 March 2025**

**#16.25**

### Awakening to Glory

At crucial moments in Jesus' life—when his identity and mission are being revealed—the disciples are often found asleep or struggling to stay awake. In Luke's account of the Transfiguration, he uniquely notes that Peter, James, and John were "weighed down with sleep" but managed to stay awake to see Jesus in his glory. It is a stark contrast to the Garden of Gethsemane, where their drowsiness overcomes them, leaving Jesus to face his agony alone.

This pattern of sleepiness points to more than just physical fatigue. It reflects a spiritual sluggishness—a resistance to fully grasping who Jesus is and what discipleship entails. The disciples struggle to comprehend the weight of Jesus' mission, and rather than being energized by his presence, they are often wearied by the demands of following him.

How often do we find ourselves spiritually asleep at crucial moments? We may long for an experience of God's presence, yet when the moment comes, we are distracted, preoccupied, or unprepared. The challenge of the Transfiguration is to remain awake—to be attentive to the ways Christ is revealing himself to us, even in unexpected ways.

Peter's response, though misguided, is sincere: he wants to build tents, to prolong the moment, to capture the divine radiance. But the voice from the cloud redirects him and the others: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" Rather than grasping at the glory of the moment, they are called to deep listening. And after the vision fades, they see "Jesus alone." The Transfiguration is not an escape from reality but a preparation for it—an invitation to see Jesus clearly, not only in his glory but in the suffering that is to come.

As we journey in faith, we are called to stay awake—to resist spiritual drowsiness and be present to the transforming power of Christ. Like the disciples, we may not always understand, and we may feel burdened by what is asked of us. But if we listen to him, we will find the grace to walk with him, not just on the mountaintop but also in the valleys of our lives.

*Based on: Gospel Focus – Asleep again? By Greg Sunter*

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

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

Monday and Friday 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

### St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 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*

## PPC CHAIR EMAIL ISSUE

Due to IT issues, Jenny McGee [PPC Chair] is not currently able to access the PPC email. If you have tried to contact Jenny recently regarding the SJA-STA Steering committee minutes or for any other reason, please forward your email to [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

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### Journeying with the Spirit • 22 March Women's Day retreat

#### "Journeying with the Holy Spirit"

organised by Call to Connect catholic women's ministry and will be led by the MGL Sisters. Come along and enjoy a day of talks, prayer, discussion groups and more For all details go to <https://events.humanitix.com/journeying-with-the-holy-spirit>

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### Canberra-Goulburn Cursillo Retreat Fri 4 - Sun 6 April 2025, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong

*Deepen your faith life through an established program of talks, meditations and prayer. Renew your relationship with God and share fellowship with other men and women.*

Contact Michael at [michaelderaadt@gmail.com](mailto:michaelderaadt@gmail.com)  
Info and registration <https://bit.ly/cursillo2025>

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### MenAlive Recharge

**When:** Saturday 24 May (2.00pm to 5.30pm) followed by rosary, Mass and a shared meal

**Where:** Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden, 115 Hodgson Cres, Pearce

**Cost:** Nothing. Let's come together, renew our faith, and encourage one another to respond to the great need.

Contact Mat at 0438446489 or Fr Emil at 0414 523 036.

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### 50th Reunion - Class of 1975

A reunion will be held on the weekend of 18 October 2025 for students from **Catholic Girls High School Braddon and Daramalan College**, who finished Year 12 in 1975 (including those from that group who finished before Year 12).

Several activities are planned over the weekend, with the main event on Saturday evening 18th. To RSVP, please use one of the event channels:

Email: [CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com](mailto:CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com) or

Facebook: Daramalan College Alumni group;

Merici College Alumni group; or

Dara - Braddon 1975 group

## PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Fr. Tru is on leave returning Wednesday 19 March.

The parish office will be closed from Tuesday 25 – Friday 28 March as the staff attend a Retreat

There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Wednesday & Thursday at St Thomas Aquinas parish and on Friday at St John the Apostle parish.



**Time, Talent and Treasure forms** are available in the foyer. Brochures that describe each ministry are also available.

Please take the Time and Talent form home and prayerfully discern where God is calling you to serve.

Please return the form on

**Commitment Sunday 5 April**

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### *Sacrament of Penance*

*We pray for the children of the parish who have commenced their preparation for the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 20 March.*

*May they continue to grow in faith trusting in God's love and forgiveness.*

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### Community Connections

**For those living alone**

**Sunday 16 March**

**3:30 – 5:00pm**

**in the Parish Centre**

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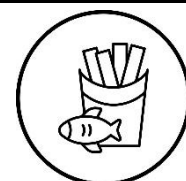
SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Next gathering:

Friday 21 March

St John the Apostle Parish Centre



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**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**

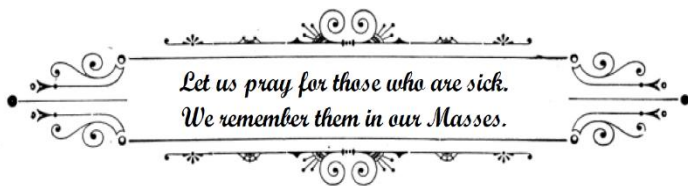
# Heart Spirituality

## The gift of the heart

Everything that God does is to win our heart. All his works are a petition: My child, give me your heart. Give! For love is free; I so not want to steal your heart against your will; give it to me; that is enough for me; possessing your heart, I shall possess you entirely, and through you all the rest. Doubtless, God by right as Creator owns both us and all things; his dominion is absolute; but he still wishes to possess all by gift. He give everything and wishes that everything be given to him. And since he gives everything through love, he wishes that all be given him through love. We posses the whole of God's Heart; he wants to have the whole of ours: My child, give me your heart.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 65. Paris 1900.

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



**Recently Deceased:** *Waine Summerfield*

### Anniversary:

Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Dorothy Hornick, Damien Lamb, Oscar Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Jim Grace, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald, Barbara Gardiner, Eileen Luke, Joe Conlon, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Helen Murphy, Eugene De Rose, Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Richard Corr

# Pilgrims of Hope

## Christ is the heart of the world

In the end, that Sacred Heart is the unifying principle of all reality, since "Christ is the heart of the world, and the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection is the centre of history, which, because of him, is a history of salvation". All creatures 'are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things". In the presence of the heart of Christ, I once more ask the Lord to have mercy on this suffering world in which he chose to dwell as one of us. May he pour out the treasures of his light and love, so that our world, which presses forward despite wars, socio-economic disparities and uses of technology that threaten our humanity, may regain the most important and necessary think of all: its heart.

Pope Francis, Dilexit Nos: He Loved Us, #31  
*On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*

## Mass Intentions the week of 17 – 23 March

Mon 17/03	Veronica Brennan
Wed 19/03	Raman Nicholas
Thur 20/03	
Fri 21/03	Veronica Brennan

<b>Sat 22/03</b>	
5:00pm	Eddie Walpole

<b>Sun 23/03</b>	
8:30am	Joseph Le Van Trac
10:00am	All the souls of the family and all the souls in purgatory
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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



**Pins & Needles**  
Mon 17 March – 7:15pm  
Parish Library

**Library News:** This month our display is on the Season of Lent: A guide to the Passion, and Through Lent with Luke.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 2nd 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

SJA Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 10:15am shared morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:30pm – 5:00pm Parish Centre</i>

### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice  
is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **Readings 23 March 2025**

First Reading	Ex 3:1-8, 13-15
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11
Second Reading	1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9

### **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

### 23 March

### Acolyte Roster

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

### 23 March

### Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzasles
10:00am	Marini Ignatius, Edgar Nnajide
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

### 23 March

### Ministers of Communion

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

### 23 March

### Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Marie McKie
8:30am	Joan Beswick, Pamela Blackwell
10:00am	Margarete Gill, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Francesca Deklin

### 23 March

### SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Judy Mewburn
6:00pm	

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	16 Mar	Angela Boreham
Church Cleaning:	17 March	Christian Perera, Vigi Varghese

### On a Lighter note

