



To be on earth the Heart of God

# KIT @ Kippax



Church flowers





*Time out for reflection*

## Following Jesus

Lent is over and as we move into Holy Week and journey towards the resurrection we reflect on our experience of the 40 days in the desert. How has our desert experience revealed to us what is truly important in life? What is really essential in our life? Is it bread, power, security? Or is it God? In answering these questions with sincerity, we can follow Jesus' example of perseverance and radical faithfulness to God the Father.

By the grace of our Baptism, we are called to follow Jesus. At our Baptism, we are anointed into the life of Christ and our Baptismal call is to continue Jesus' mission here on earth. And this mission is a life of love, which we undertake through seeking what Jesus sought, truth, justice, and peace. We are called to be God's Heart on earth.

Jesus consistently used the expression "follower". He never asks for admirers, worshippers, or adherents. No, he calls disciples. To follow Jesus means to suffer. Discipleship as commitment to the person of Jesus Christ, places the disciple under the law of Christ, that is, under the cross. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (Jn. 14:6), he came into the world with the purpose of saving, not instructing it. His way was one of poverty, and lowliness.

What is the difference between an admirer and a follower? A follower is or strives to be what they admire. An admirer, however, keeps themselves personally detached. They fail to see that what is admired involves a claim upon them, and thus they fail to be or strive to be what they admire.

To follow Jesus, we must deny ourselves. Self-denial means knowing only Christ, and no longer oneself. It means seeing only Christ, who goes ahead of us, and we no longer see the path that is too difficult for us. Discipleship is commitment to the suffering Christ.

Whether we really have found God's peace will be shown by how we deal with the sufferings that will come upon us. There are many Christians who do, kneel before the cross of Jesus Christ, and yet reject and struggle against every tribulation in their own lives. These people do not connect their pain and suffering with the pain and suffering of Christ and thus struggle to find inner peace of the soul.

Each of us must find the cross. Christ's love is not the soft love of human emotion, but a burning fire that cleanses and sears. It is a love that demands self-sacrifice.

We are strengthened in our mission by the grace given to us at our Baptism, sealed in the sacrament of Confirmation and regularly fed by our participation in the Most Holy Eucharist.

*May we be on earth the Heart of God!*



# Editor's Note



As we move from the Lenten season to the Easter Season we also move more deeply into Autumn. We can feel and see the changes in nature. Lent calls us to change, and hopefully during this season we have been able to move more deeply into the life of Christ. The reflection on page 4 talks about how to be a follower of Christ, continuing his mission here on earth.

It has been our tradition for some years now to celebrate the sacraments within their liturgical setting. So, the Sacrament of Penance was celebrated in the penitential season of Lent. Fifteen children from the parish and the primary school received the Sacrament on Thursday 16 March. They are featured on page 4. Thank you to Norma Sloan and Maureen Craddock who provided the cupcakes for our celebration following the reception of the Sacrament.

We have commenced preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation with a formation evening for parents on Monday 27 March. The sacrament will be conferred by Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Thursday 1 June at 5:30pm. Thirty-five children from the parish and primary school have commenced their preparation for the reception of this sacrament. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them during this preparation time and open their hearts and minds to become disciples of Christ.

From 17–25 April the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart will hold their Chapter for the Australian Province. The Chapter will make decisions regarding the future functions of the Province. It will also elect a new Provincial to lead them in these decisions. Frs. Kimi and Chung will be absent from the parish during the Chapter. Fr. Loi Vincente will celebrate masses the weekend of 22–23 April.

As we enter Holy Week and the Easter Season we ask for God's blessings.

*Dear God, we praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.*

*Marian*



16 March



## *St John the Apostle – Reconciliation 2023*

Edith Bradbury + Anna Chaue + Ashley Clifford + Theodore Cockburn +  
 Holly Cowan + Jayden Edwards + Derek Edwards + Jessica Gao + Harvey Irvine +  
 Marian Le + Logan McNamara + Samuel O'Donnell + Madeline O'Neill +  
 Sophie Peisker + Steven Pham + Henry Pieterse + William Rix + Elspeth Stone +  
 Matthias Tuli + Sebastian Tuli + Roslyana Tuli





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## CANBERRA

Sunday, 5 March 2023

Belle raised **\$380**Black Mountain Peninsula  
on Ngunnawal CountryJoin our family friendly event at a new venue Black  
Mountain Peninsula on Sunday, 5 March 2023.

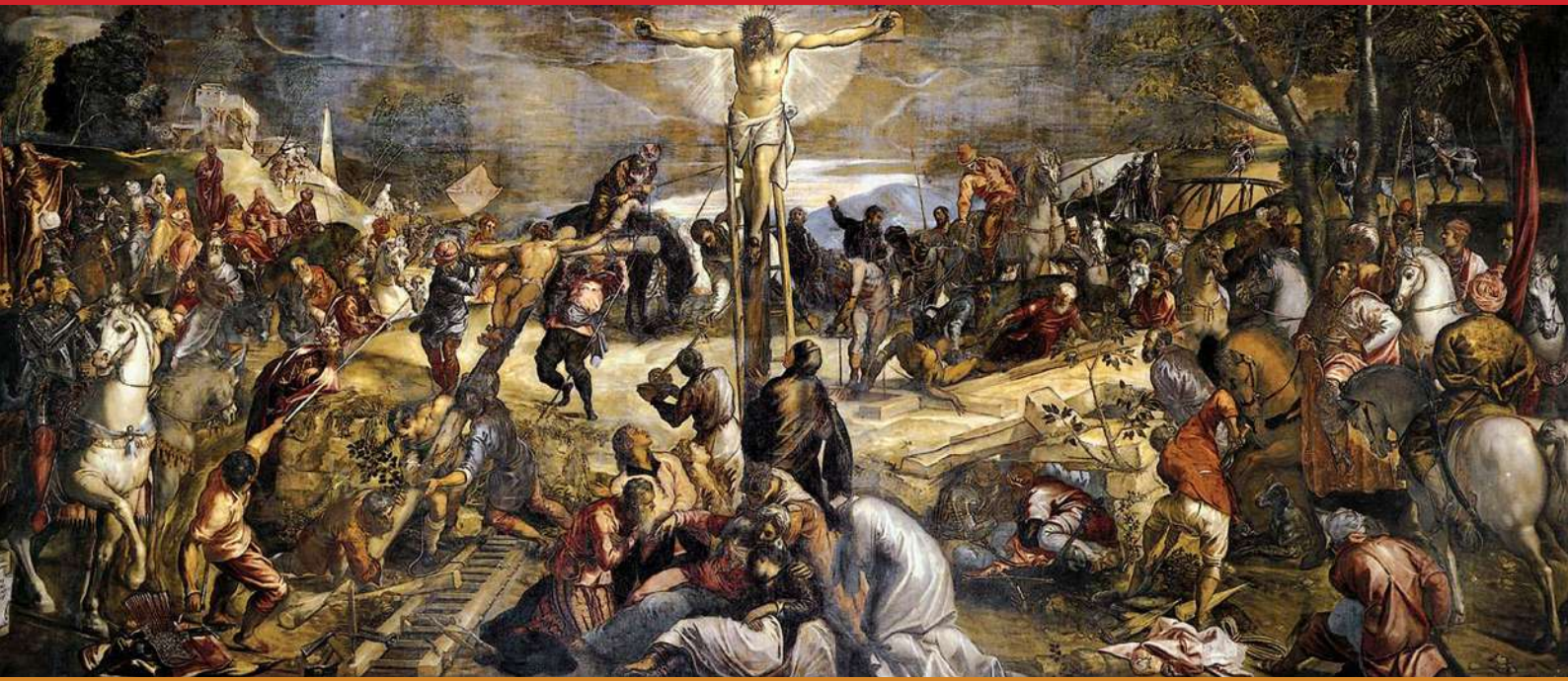
DONATE TO A FRIEND

Belle Trevaskis would like to thank all those who supported her to raise money for the Melanoma Institute Australia.

Belle participated in the 5-kilometre Melanoma March at Black Mountain Peninsula on Sunday 5 March. Belle who is in year 5 at St John the Apostle Primary school, walked in support of her grandfather who is battling melanoma and raised \$380.

<https://canberra.melanomamarch.org.au/>



*The Crucifixion by Tintoretto*

## Alone in Venice

The Irish writer, Colm Toibin, spent some time in lockdown in Venice during 2020. He took the opportunity to relish being alone with “no tourists clogging up the narrow streets.” He also took time to appreciate some of the wonderful paintings in churches around Venice. It was late October. The days were foggy.

“In San Polo, I could spend time in the side room that houses Giandomenico Tiepolo’s Stations of the Cross. I would never have that room to myself again. In the Scuola di San Giorgio degli Schiavoni, where the Carpaccios are, the woman at the door was almost glad to see me. It was as if she were putting on a play that was about to fold. I sat for a while contemplating St Augustine in his sumptuously lit study. I liked that he threw books on the floor. No one came to the small gallery in the hour I stayed there.

One morning I managed to gain early access to San Rocco. As I stood in front of Tintoretto’s Crucifixion in the side room upstairs, I wondered if my eyes were more alert than usual because of the early hour. The different tones in the huge painting almost shone out. I could trace varying shades of pink, each one catching the light in a different way, or note the yellow tunic of the figure I supposed to be St John with what felt like fresh, or better, vision. I wondered if the new emptiness that had fallen on the city had somehow added clarity to the art.”

How blessed was Colm to experience being alone in Venice, and how kind to share his thoughts with us.

**Pam Connor**

## Joy after pain

Somewhere the sun is shining,  
somewhere the sky is blue,  
somewhere a heart is aching  
all for the love of you.

Somewhere the dawn is breaking,  
somewhere dark night is done,  
somewhere a girl is laughing,  
her ordeal now all gone.

Somewhere the rain is falling,  
somewhere the fields are green,  
somewhere a farmer is happy  
his crops will grow again.

Somewhere the sun is shining,  
somewhere there’s gentle rain,  
somewhere the world is smiling  
with joy after pain . . .

**EAMONN MURTAGH**





Group photo of the Parish Picnic held on 26 February 2023

The 51st Anniversary of the parish



**St John the Apostle Parish**  
has partnered up with  
**Spark Ginninderry** and  
**CIT Canberra** for the next

Job Trainer  
Ginninderry Construction  
Taster Program

Spark  
Ginninderry

14 March – before renovations





27 March





# MARCH

## Death notice



**Thomas Jospheh Conlon**  
“Joe”

21 APRIL 1936 – 10 MARCH 2023

Eternal rest grant unto  
him, O Lord,

and let perpetual light  
shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen

## If only they could

It's a lamentable truth  
that many still live  
by that bloodstained belief:  
'An eye for an eye  
and a tooth for a tooth.'

If only they'd turn  
the other cheek  
to look at the One  
blackened and blue,  
the man stripped and torn  
with feet, hands, and side  
pierced right through.

If only they'd learn  
that the Father's rain  
and His only Son  
fall and shine  
on the evil and good;  
if only they'd respond  
to their enemies  
with forgiveness and love . . .

if only they could.

SHANE MURTAGH



# **Ethics with Fr. Philip Malone msc**

*The God I believe in is the God I respond to.*

**Wednesday – 10 May 2023**

**7:00 – 8:30pm**

**St John the Apostle Catholic Church**

*An opportunity to reflect on the choices  
we make in life as followers of Jesus*

**Philip Malone MSC** has had a Professional life working in the field of education and this, in two distinct phases, High School (teaching and administration) over eighteen years, followed by thirty-five years in adult education (again, teaching and administration).

As an MSC Priest he has worked in four of the five Colleges administered by the MSC congregation in mainland Australia, teaching RE, Indonesian Asian Social Studies, English and History. Professional qualifications for this are BA(AS) Arts/Asian Studies, DipEd and MACE. He held senior administrative roles in three of the four Colleges.

The involvement in adult education began after study in Rome at the Academia Alfonsiana, specialising in Moral Theology. Qualifications here are BRelStud (Seminary studies) and STL (with a thesis exploring Euthanasia and Moral Methodology).

The primary focus here has been formation for ministry (ordained and lay) and the teaching of moral theology, liturgy, Church and Sacramental Theology with emphasis not simply on learning but on the integration of this in experience. This period of teaching has been supplemented by presenting a wide range of papers, leading seminars and similar educative opportunities with a variety of professional and non-professional groups.

Current memberships of professional Associations include The Catholic Moral Theology Association of Australia and New Zealand and the Australian Catholic Theological Association, and he has also been a member of a number of Medical Ethics Committees. Publications include articles in Compass and Encounter with chapter contributions to a number of books.



## APRIL 2023

|         |                            |   |
|---------|----------------------------|---|
| 1 & 2   | <b>Saturday<br/>Sunday</b> | <b>Palm Sunday</b>  |
| 3       | <b>Monday</b>              |   |
| 4       | <b>Tuesday</b>             |   |
| 5       | <b>Wednesday</b>           |   |
| 6       | <b>Thursday</b>            | <b>HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper @7pm</b>                             |
| 7       | <b>Friday</b>              | <b>Good Friday – Stations of the Cross @10am<br/>The Passion of the Lord @3pm</b> |
| 8 & 9   | <b>Saturday<br/>Sunday</b> | <b>Easter Sunday</b>  |
| 10      | <b>Monday</b>              |   |
| 11      | <b>Tuesday</b>             |   |
| 12      | <b>Wednesday</b>           |   |
| 13      | <b>Thursday</b>            |   |
| 14      | <b>Friday</b>              | Meditation @5:15pm – Parish Library   |
| 15 & 16 | <b>Saturday<br/>Sunday</b> | <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>   |
| 17      | <b>Monday</b>              | Pins & Needles @7:15pm Parish Library   |
| 18      | <b>Tuesday</b>             | Women's Breakfast @7:30am – Bean Origin Belconnen                                 |
| 19      | <b>Wednesday</b>           |   |
| 20      | <b>Thursday</b>            | Reconciliation Action Plan meeting @7:30pm Parish Library                         |
| 21      | <b>Friday</b>              | Meditation @5:15pm – Parish Library<br>Men's Group – 6:30pm Parish Centre         |
| 22 & 23 | <b>Saturday<br/>Sunday</b> | <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>   |
| 24      | <b>Monday</b>              |   |
| 25      | <b>Tuesday</b>             | <b>ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY</b>  |
| 26      | <b>Wednesday</b>           |   |
| 27      | <b>Thursday</b>            |   |
| 28      | <b>Friday</b>              | Meditation @5:15pm – Parish Library   |
| 29 & 30 | <b>Saturday<br/>Sunday</b> | <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>   |

