

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Second Sunday of Lent
28 February 2021

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Reflection

A Tale of Survival & Mercy

At the end of *The Laws of Our Fathers*, Scott Turow has one of his characters, Seth Weissman, preach at a memorial service. The text for that service is today's first reading and his words capture the challenge before us.

'I always return to the story of Abraham and Isaac the founder of the Western faiths. He was a visionary, a prophet. But despite this, Abraham's God decided to test him. He asked Abraham to make a sacrifice of his and Sarah's only child, Isaac.

'He did not ask what was wrong with a God who would demand such a thing, or question whether He was worth worshipping. He did not, so far as the Bible tells us, even beg for Isaac's life, as he had done for the people of Sodom. Abraham simply walked his child up Mount Moriah. I imagine he even made the boy carry the wood for the fire.'

'One of the thousand morals of the story of Abraham and Isaac is that, it is also a tale of survival and of mercy. In the end Abraham heard his God instruct him not to set his hand against his son, Isaac survived. He became a parent, blind to Jacob's defects, but one who, pointedly, attempted no sacrifices of his own'.

"So let us think of Isaac and think about the story. We tell it with some measure of hope. We tell it because we have all been the child, we have all been Isaac, and we know the part of the story that is never mentioned. For the Bible does not record Isaac's responses. We do not know if he, like Jesus, asked, "Father, why have you forsaken me?" We do not know if he begged the way most of us would, for his life. We know only this: that he obeyed. That because he knew nothing else, he did as his father required. We know he allowed himself to be bound in rope. We know that he let his father lay him on the altar of pyramided firewood which together they had raised to God. We know he watched his father on the mountaintop raise the gleaming knife above his breastbone. We know ... he was a child, the son of a man with a Big Idea, who in his longing and confusion, even in his final instant, could only look to his father with that eternal if foundering hope for love.'

Taken from: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

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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Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration

5 March

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Confession will be available



Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to refresh our souls.

There will be periods of reflective music (Taizé) and silent adoration.

WE NEED YOU TO DO TWO THINGS

1. Use Trybooking to register for mass
2. Use CBR QR App when entering the church



registration for attendance at mass

assists the parish office in the management of numbers allowed to attend Mass within the available space in the church whilst maintaining physical distancing of 2 square metres.



CBR App helps ACT Health with tracking the spread of Coronavirus.

*We want everyone not only to be safe but to feel safe.
Thank you*

Vinnies Knock On Effect



The St Vincent de Paul Society has replaced the annual Doorknock Appeal with the Vinnies Knock On Effect campaign. The aims of the campaign are to inform people of the many good works of Vinnies, recruit new members and volunteers, raise funds and build community relationships. We are planning an activity along these lines for parishioner involvement on the weekend of 20 and 21 March. For more information go to: knockoneffect.org.au or contact James on 0432563299 or Mike on 0419818410.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Time

Talent

Treasure

27/28 March 2021

Talks on the various liturgical ministries will be held over the coming weekends. Time Talent and Treasure forms will be available on 13/14 March. Please give your prayerful consideration to partaking in a ministry and return your form on 27/28 March 2021.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY: 1 APRIL

NO 9:30am Mass Thursday morning

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER – 7:00PM

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE:

Concluding with night prayer 10:00pm



GOOD FRIDAY: 2 APRIL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 10:00AM

THE LORD'S PASSION – 3:00PM



HOLY SATURDAY: 3 APRIL

EASTER VIGIL – 7:00PM

No confession on Saturday

The TryBooking links will be emailed out on Tuesday 2 March.



These services will be live streamed to our YouTube channel if you do not wish to attend.

KIT – Keeping in Touch - Was emailed out on Friday 26 February. If you did not receive a copy please contact the parish office.

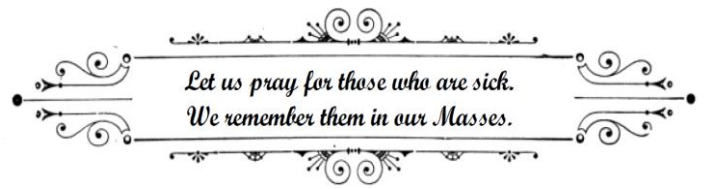
Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding three major fund-raising events in March. All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. We thank you for your support during 2020 and encourage your ongoing support.

Plant Stall - Thursday 11 March, 8am-4pm, Jamison Centre. A wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants, herbs, succulents, natives and more.

Plant Stall - Saturday & Sunday 20 & 21 March, 8am-5pm, Belconnen Markets. A wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants, herbs, succulents, natives at bargain prices.

Crafts Stall - Saturday & Sunday 27 & 28 March, 8am-5pm, Belconnen Markets. Home-made cakes, jams, pickles, knitted goods, gifts and more.

Heart Spirituality



On Obedience

We should obey, even if it costs us humiliation and scorn. Arrived at Bethlehem with her virgin husband, Mary saw herself rejected and forced to retire into a recess in a rock, a sort of abandoned stable on the outskirts of the town.

That dismal, tiny nook served as a refuge for the Queen of heaven and earth. That was the hovel where she was going to give birth to the Master of the world. The scorn that she put up with, the humiliations she endured should teach us to suffer anything in order to accomplish the will of God in the obedience that he has imposed on us.

If we are children of Mary and disciples of the Sacred Heart, we will do this not only without murmuring, but even with joy.

Jules Chevalier msc,
(Meditations 1, p.84 Issoudun, 1891)

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

Stewardship

Trust in God

Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Tony Lay, Eun Cho Shin, Hayden Ricketts, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Grant Lalor, Francisca Benedictos, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Damien Lamb, Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan.

During the season of Lent, an instrumental piece of music will be played at the end of each mass.

This music will liturgically connect us to the Easter Triduum. Please remain standing in silence until the celebrant and acolytes have reached the Sacristy.



REFLECTION - by Sr. Michele Connolly RSJ
FEBRUARY 2021 St Joseph, Attentive to the Word
<https://catholic.org.au/images/Year of St Joseph Reflection Feb 2021.pdf>

2021 Calendar

March

Friday 5	Eucharistic Adoration
Monday 8	Canberra Day Holiday
Monday 15	Pins & Needles
Thursday 18	Children receiving the Sacrament of Penance
Friday 19	Men's Group
Sunday 21	Harmony Day
Tuesday 23	Women's Breakfast
Friday 25	10am Mass Anointing of the Sick
Sunday 28	Palm Sunday
Monday 29	Holy Week

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
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 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

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 – 7 March 2021

First Reading	Ex 20:1-17
Psalm	Ps 18:8-11
Second Reading	1 Cor 1:22-25
Gospel	John 2:13-25

7 March Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mick Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Margaret Luck, Andrew Luck

7 March Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi
6:00pm	VACANT

7 March Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O'Neill, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	28 Feb	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	6 March	Vacant

Church Cleaning:	1 Mar	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne
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On a lighter note



"Good news — we created an app that allows you to go on vacation without actually leaving the office!"