

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time    YEAR A**  
**15 January 2023                            #08.23**

## Reflection

### Jesus – Lamb of God

For the agrarian Jews of Jesus' time the sacrifice of a lamb demonstrated how serious they were about atoning for their sins. Jewish law dictated that a lamb had to be killed at least once a year, at Passover. Such a sacrifice cost the shepherd big time. Lambs were currency. This was tithing writ large.

Saying Jesus is the Lamb of God is a shorthand way of telling us two things. The first is that Jesus is God's most precious gift; God's own self, given to the world that we might know how serious God is about us. God can give us nothing more than Jesus. As a result of Jesus' innocent suffering and death there is no need for any lambs to be religiously slaughtered ever again. We need to keep hearing this message because some Christians get caught into glorifying Jesus' suffering so much they get trapped in their own world of pain and go looking for more. Jesus never sought out suffering. He bore what came his way. And the same must be true for us. Christians are not meant to be smiling masochists. Most of us don't need to look for more suffering in our lives because we share in the Lamb of God's sacrifice in the ordinary downs of our lives.

Secondly, John would have known that 'talya', the Aramaic word for sheep, is the same word used for servant. The first hearers of this Gospel would have known it too. Jesus, then, is the servant who brings us the truth we need for life, who answers our deepest desires to know that our existence has meaning and purpose and he opens up for us the life beyond this one, where there will be no more weeping or sadness.

Jesus shows us that when we are baptised into his death and enter his service we also share in his resurrection and glory because he bears, and bears away, the sins of the world.

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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Pins & Needles

**Mon 16 January – 7:15pm**

**Parish Library**

**SJA Men's Group**

**Meeting Monthly**

6:00pm – 8:00pm



*For more information  
contact the parish office.*

Next gathering: Friday 20 January

**St John the Apostle Parish  
Centre**

## SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023

### Formation Sessions for parents

Sacrament of Penance	6 February
Sacrament of Confirmation	27 March
Sacrament of the Eucharist	19 June

To register or for more information please contact the parish office: 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

## Anointing after Mass Friday 27 January



## Congratulations to

*Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena*

who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary on

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am Mass.  
Morning tea will follow the mass.

## SJAShop

The Shop is now open  
before and after Masses on  
the weekend.



POS machine available or cash.

## Charnwood Parish Secretary Part Time

People are invited to apply for the position  
Parish Secretary for St Thomas Aquinas Parish,  
Charnwood. This is a part-time permanent  
position of 12 hours per week (preferably Tues,  
Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm)

Salary will be subject to equivalent Clerk Award  
Level 4/5 rates. Covering letter addressing the  
essential requirements and resume to be  
submitted by 9 February 2023. Please phone  
Debbie Hofman 6258 1563 or email  
[charnwood@cg.org.au](mailto:charnwood@cg.org.au) for a copy of the Duty  
Statement.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 24 JANUARY – 7:30AM  
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ  
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

## St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

**Wednesday 25 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.

*Relax, Review, Reflect*

*We will be watching*



*"Last Cab to Darwin"*

*Friday 27 January at 7:00pm  
in the parish library.*

## Blessing of Candles

**The Feast of the Presentation  
of the Lord 2 February 2023**

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to  
mass. Your candle can be placed on the table  
provided in front of the altar before mass. You will  
then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion  
of mass.

## SJAYouth - YCS

**Young Christian Students**

Do you want to meet others and have fun?

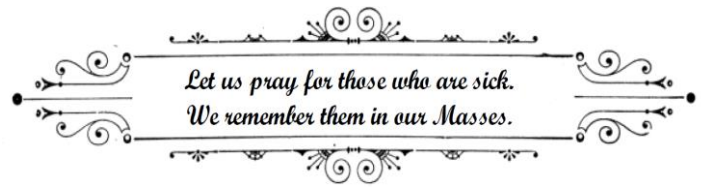
Do you believe in equality and justice?

Do you care about the environment?

Contact Parish Office – 6254 3236

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

# Heart Spirituality



## Our actions show what we are

Saint John the Baptist asked Jesus if he were the Messiah. Our Lord answered by pointing to his works. This is the authentic way to make ourselves known to others and also to know ourselves. The tree is judged by its fruits. Words may be as charming as possible, clothes as striking as can be, a state of life more holy than one can imagine – all this could beguile us, bring about a wrong judgement or delude us; but actions and conduct cannot lead us into error. Can I say that my way of doing things and of acting is that of a true Christian? How far we are from possessing the sentiments of the Heart of Jesus!

Jules Chevalier msc,  
Meditations 1, p.67f Issoudun 1891.

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

## Stewardship

### Being a Servant

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — as disciples, and stewards.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus, he identifies him, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

What a powerful description of our Lord. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love, and mercy. He deserves to be first in our life, above all other priorities and plans for our lives

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God?

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Edna Lydon, Virginia Policarpio, Eamonn Kennedy, Terence Martin, Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall, Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Frederick Felsing, Shaun MacKey, Josephine Fox, Bradley Keenan, Josephine McLaren, Horace Staunton, Eugenia Kurzynski, 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

## Mass Intentions the week of 16 - 22 January

Mon 16/01	Available [contact the office]
Wed 18/01	Robert Scarr
Thur 19/01	Available [contact the office]
Fri 20/01	Available [contact the office]

<b>Sat 21/01</b>	
6:00pm	Annie Leach

<b>Sun 22/01</b>	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Available [contact the office]
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

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

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITHIN MASS

Friday  
24 February  
30 July  
24 November  
At 11:00am

Followed by lunch in the church foyer.

*Outreach to parishioners who are housebound and need help to come to mass.*

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 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 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	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and 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>

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

Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia  
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt  
among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him to  
become the children of God.  
Alleluia

## Readings – 22 January 2023

First Reading	Is 8:23 - 9:3
Psalm	Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14
Second Reading	1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Gospel	Matthew 4:12-23

## Becoming Catholic

If you, or if you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic please contact the parish office.

Phone: 6254 3236 or

Email: [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)

## ROSTERS

22 Jan

### Lector Roster

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Wendy Wade, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, James Nield
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley

22 Jan

### Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Marie McKie

22 Jan

### Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joan Galpin
8:30am	Beatrice Williams
10:00am	
6:00pm	Erin Trevaskis

22 Jan

### SJAShop

6:00pm	
8:30am	Norma Sloan
10:00am	Joe Mewburn
6:00pm	

Answer to the riddle: Clever

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	15 Jan	Angela Boreham
Grounds	21 Jan	
Church Cleaning:	15 Jan	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

### On a Lighter note

Q. When things go wrong,  
what can you count on?  
A. your fingers

Q: My first is in ocean but not in sea.  
My second in milk but not in me.  
My third is in three but not in throw.  
My fourth in vow but not in crow.  
My fifth is in eight but not in night.  
My last is in wrong and also right.  
My whole is praise for thoughts.  
What am I?

A: somewhere in compact