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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9 March 2025

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The Three Temptations of Jesus

Jesus enters the wilderness, led by the Spirit, where he fasts for forty days. Hungry and vulnerable, he encounters temptation. Yet, each trial is not just about personal endurance; it is about the heart of his mission.

The first temptation is practical—turn these stones into bread. It asks Jesus whether his power is for himself or for others. In refusing, Jesus affirms that his mission is not self-serving. He will multiply loaves for the hungry, not for self-satisfaction. His nourishment comes from obedience to God's word.

The second temptation is one of power and control. Satan offers Jesus dominion over all the kingdoms of the world. This is an invitation to conform to human expectations of a Messiah—one who rules with might. But Jesus knows his mission is one of service, not domination. He will reign not from a throne of earthly power but from the cross, embracing the suffering of the world.

The third temptation calls for spectacle. Throw yourself from the temple, let angels catch you! It is an appeal to impress, to force belief through the dramatic. But Jesus chooses the hidden way—the way of humility, of reaching hearts through love and mercy, not coercion. His ministry will not be about self-promotion but about drawing near to the broken.

In resisting these temptations, Jesus reveals what kind of Messiah he is. He does not grasp at comfort, power, or recognition. His path is one of trust in God, service to others, and humility in mission.

The temptations that Jesus experienced reveal the core struggles of human life—security, trust, and power. As we walk our own journeys, this passage invites us to reflect: Do we seek security, control, or recognition? Or do we trust, serve, and follow in the way of Christ?

Based on: Gospel Reflection, 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

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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



This weekend the Time, Talent and Treasure forms will be available in the foyer. Brochures will be available which will describe each ministry.

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

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

The parish office will be closed on Monday 10 March for Canberra Day.

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

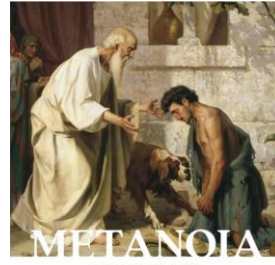
MenAlive Recharge

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.



2025 Lenten Program Books and CD available in the bookstore.

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
Info and registration <https://bit.ly/cursillo2025>

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 or

Facebook: Daramalan College Alumni group; Merici College Alumni group; or Dara - Braddon 1975 group

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SEE. JUDGE. ACT.

Year groups 7-12 are welcome
After Sunday Mass at 7:00-9:00
Saint John the Apostle Church in Kippax

Our instagram @sjayouthcanberra

DATES FOR 2025!!

March 9th	Join us for games, praise, prayer, food and social justice
April 6th	Dinner is provided, however it is funded by attendee donations
May 11th	
June 1st	
June 29th	
July 27th	
August 17th	
September 14th	
October 19th	
November 16th	
December 14th	

Have your voice heard

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Heart Spirituality

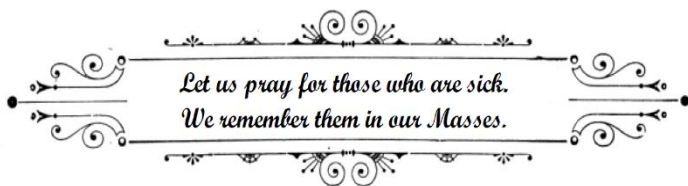
The enemy within

Our most formidable enemies, those that should inspire the greatest fear, are not those outside ourselves but those within.

Our nature is a centre of desire that ceaselessly bears us towards evil. The passions, the bad habits that fill our hearts are the greatest obstacle to salvation. We abandoned the way of virtue because of the fickleness that is natural to us. "so is you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall" (1Cor 10:12).

Jules Chevalier msc
Méditations 1, p. 218. Issoudun 1891.

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



Recently Deceased:

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

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

International Women's Day Breakfast
13 March 2025 7:30 AM- 9.00 AM

Venue: Ainslie Football Club

Cost: \$40 per head

This year's breakfast features a keynote address by Dr. Trudy Dantis

Pilgrims of Hope

Created for Love

The profound core, present in every man and woman, is not that of the soul, but of the entire person in his or her unique psychosomatic identity. Everything finds its unity in the heart, which can be the dwelling place of love in all its spiritual, psychic and even physical dimensions. In a word, if love reigns in our heart, we become, in a complete and luminous way, the persons we are meant to be, for every human being is created above all else for love. In the deepest fibre of our being, we were made to love and to be loved.

Pope Francis, *Dilexit Nos: He Loved Us*, #21
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ

Mass Intentions the week of 10 - 16 March

Mon 10/03	John and Joan Walpole
Wed 12/03	
Thur 13/03	
Fri 14/03	Peter Hilly
Sat 15/03	
5:00pm	The Finn Family
Sun 16/03	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

PLANNED GIVING
PLEDGE SUNDAY 30 March 2025
Together, we build a faithful future

Why Pledge:

- Support the spiritual and pastoral mission of our parish
- Enable vital ministries and services
- Ensure financial sustainability for future generations

How to Participate: Pray and reflect on your commitment. Complete a pledge card on Sunday 30 March.

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 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

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Readings 16 March 2025

First Reading	Gen 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm	Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14
Second Reading	Phil 3:17-4:1
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36

ROSTERS

16 March

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Francesca Deklin
10:00am	Rose & Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	Nunga Umaru, Peter Le

16 March

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kerchar
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Bernadette Murnane, Margaret Luck

16 March

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Gordon Donnir, Marie McKie
8:30am	Theresia Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Charlotte & Lionel D'Cruze

16 March

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Barbara Mawson
8:30am	Clyde & Norma Sloan
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Vigi Varghese

16 March

SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	Sabina Van Vooy
10:00am	
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	9 March	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	10 March	Edgar & Chioma Nnajide

On a Lighter note

**Like my new scented candle?
It's called "Expensive Leather Shoes."**



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.