



# Newsletter

## Sunday 18 April



A rare parrot came to drink in the bird bath outside the Office Administrator's window this week. We were fortunate to have our bird expert, Colin Lendon, on hand to identify it. This lovely little fellow is a cross between two rosellas: the Crimson and the Eastern.

photo: Kimberley van Leeuwen

### Today's Services - Third Sunday of Easter

- 8 am**      **Holy Communion**  
**9.30 am**    **Sunday@9.30** Holy Communion in the Hall - kids@church  
and Youth Group are in recess for the holidays resuming 25 April.  
**11.15 am**   **Choral Mattins (BCP)**  
**6 pm**        **stjohns@6**

**10 am Wednesday**      **BCP Holy Communion & KJV Bible**

All services are held in the church unless stated. No bookings are required.  
Covid restrictions limit numbers in the church and restrict congregational singing.

## WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

### **Covid Check In**

Please register your attendance on the **Check In CBR App** before entering the church.

### **Holy Communion**

All baptised members of Christian denominations are welcome to receive communion. Covid restrictions mean the sacrament is in one kind only. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion is received standing, then exit through the side door and return to your seats through the main door, thus ensuring one way traffic. If you are unable to come forward, please let a sidesperson know so the sacrament can be brought to you. You are most welcome to come forward for a blessing if you would prefer not to receive communion.

### **Visitor? New Parishioner?**

Are you a newcomer or a visitor? Please make yourself known to a member of the clergy or a sidesperson. If anyone has any pastoral need or concern, or would like to discuss any issues from today's services or any other matter, a member of the clergy would be pleased to meet with you. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

### **Hearing Loop**

An induction loop has been fitted into the left hand side of the Church as you enter. Please use the appropriate setting on your hearing aid.

### **First Aid**

First Aid kits are located in the church sanctuary, vestry and kitchen. A defibrillator is located in the hall foyer. Alert a sidesperson if needed.

### **How to Give**

A regular donation or one-off transfer from your bank account via the Internet or use your debit or credit card via our Tap donation point:

<b>BSB</b>	<b>702 389</b>
<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>0520 9450</b>
<b>NAME</b>	<b>St John the Baptist Reid</b>

### **Safe Communities of Faith**

St John's places a high priority on ensuring our faith community is safe for all who worship and visit here. We follow diocesan guidelines and encourage everyone to help promote a safe environment. To report any form of child abuse ring 1800 070 511.

### **St John's Care Basket**

Each Sunday there is a food bin at the front of the Hall. This provides an easy way to make donations of food to St John's Care.

### **Schoolhouse Museum, built in 1845**

Canberra's first school and schoolmaster's residence is open Wednesdays 10 am -12 noon, Saturdays and Sundays 2-4 pm. School and other groups welcome by arrangement Monday to Friday. Contact: Diana Body 0427 430 158.

### **Christian Meditation**

**Wednesday 5 pm** – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Robertson Room (with Zoom), and Zoom online on alternate Wednesdays. Email Joan to request the Zoom link [jarmitage@grapevine.com.au](mailto:jarmitage@grapevine.com.au)

### **'mainly music'**

Do you have a child under school age who loves to sing and dance? Meets on Tuesday mornings during school terms. Contact: [y.p.minister@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:y.p.minister@stjohnscanberra.org)

### **Bellringing**

is on hold indefinitely due to Covid restrictions and social distancing regulations.

### **Working Bees**

are held in the Church grounds on the first Saturday morning of each month from 9.30 am. All helpers welcome.

### **Sunday's Newsletter**

can be downloaded from the parish website, [www.stjohnscanberra.org](http://www.stjohnscanberra.org), on the preceding Thursday afternoon. The deadline for newsletter contributions is noon Wednesday.

### **St John's on YouTube**

Every Sunday one of the services is recorded for those unable to attend. It is linked to the parish webpage during Sunday.

### **Toilets & Baby Change Facilities**

including a toilet for those with a disability, are available in the Hall foyer.

### **St Mark's National Theological Centre Library**

We have a parish membership of the library and encourage you to avail yourself of this wonderful resource at 15 Blackall Street, Barton.

## ST JOHN'S CARE

### Unexpected assistance for a family of eight

Earlier this month I took a call from a quietly spoken lady who I will call SP. She explained that her husband and four children were in urgent need of food assistance. St John's Care was the first phone number they found and called. SP said she didn't expect much but would appreciate some basics. I invited them to come in the next day.

Unfortunately, SP and her husband WH were on a visa that did not allow them to receive any Centrelink support. Her husband was working 1.5 shift days to earn money to pay for food and rent but that was not enough.

The complicating factor was that WH's parents came from overseas just before Covid outbreak and were "stuck" here in Canberra in their home. The elderly parents were under pressure as they felt they shouldn't be eating the food provided by their son, but no matter how much they wanted to help – there was no way for them to do so.

Everyone was under tremendous pressure and with little food to go around, SP and her husband had to turn to emergency assistance. The staff and volunteers at SJC are so glad they did because that's what we are here for!

In the following week we provided the family with enough fresh fruit, vegetables, and frozen food to last them for a fortnight. We also gave them 4 back packs full of stationery and books for their children who are all primary school age. I made referrals to two other agencies for their family needs and for their elderly parents to be assisted with their healthcare requirements.

The family was also given some new and second-hand children clothes (kids grow fast, right?).

SP and WH have called me twice since that first day. They told me they still couldn't believe how much assistance they received from St John's Care! The whole family talked about it over dinner exclaiming, "What an unexpected surprise it was for all of us just when they felt so much despair – thanks to SJC a cloud was lifted, and laughter returned to our home".

The good news for this family is that we have invited them to come to SJC every two weeks to receive food and basics until they recover from their current financial hardship. They expect this will ease when their elderly parents return to their home and SP will go back to work.

St John's Care donors' generous help counts. Thank you so very much!

Kind regards,  
Nailia, SJC Case Manager



**Items required:** Savoury biscuits, tinned fruit 820g, peanut butter, soap, jam (any berry).

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The flowers in the church today are donated by Dr Malcolm Beazley AM in memory of his mother, Alice Dinah Martha Beazley (1910-2003) and his brother, Donald John Beazley (1937-2014), both former parishioners. Their ashes are interred in St John's graveyard.



Rest eternal grant unto them and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Our vision is to be a vibrant Christ-centred community that engages and transforms the heart and soul of Canberra.*

## PARISH CONTACTS

### Clergy

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### Churchwardens

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John Richards  
Russell Tunks

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### Sacristan

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### St John's Care

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website: [www.stjohnscare.org](http://www.stjohnscare.org)

### School House Museum

0427 430 158	<a href="mailto:schoolhouse@stjohnscanberra.org">schoolhouse@stjohnscanberra.org</a>
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### Friends of St John's

Deputy Chair: Vicky Cullen	<a href="mailto:friendsofstjohnscanberra@gmail.com">friendsofstjohnscanberra@gmail.com</a>
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## Next week Sunday 25 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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**Parish Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9.30 am - 2.30 pm**

**Ph: 6248 8399**

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