

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

First Sunday of Advent Year B

3 December 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am



Hearing Loop: - in the body of the church.

LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sun during
10:00am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by
appointment with the priest

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REFLECTION

Keeping Vigil

These days most people keep vigils because they are anxious. We wait in hospital corridors for news of a sick relative. A parent stays up with an infant who may be teething or has a high temperature. We might even sit by the phone waiting to be reassured that a loved one is safe and well, or that we have passed the exam or got the job. Many of these occasions are highly stressed vigils. Some of the younger or more hardy ones amongst us sometimes keep vigils that are filled with excited anticipation, as when some of us sleep out to get tickets to a sports game or concert, or when we see the old year out and the new year in.

It was not long ago, however, that vigils were a much more common feature of people's lives. We often kept vigil with the dead. We used to keep all night vigils of prayer, especially when parishes had perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps before any of us can remember, there were also vigils kept with the bride the night before her wedding, when she waited and watched for the sign of her approaching groom and his attendants. The Church has enshrined the experience of keeping vigil through the Vigil Mass on Saturday night, the Vigil Ceremony in the funeral rites and the most important one, the Easter Vigil.

Today's readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ & *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS



St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Appeal

*There will be a leaving collection
after each mass this weekend*

SECOND RITE DURING ADVENT

7:30pm

Thursday 14th Dec Aranda

Tuesday 19th Dec Charnwood



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER



Mass will be celebrated
Saturday 23rd Dec 6:00pm
Sunday 24th Dec 8:30am
10:00am

CHRISTMAS MASSES - HOSPITALITY

The Liturgy Team are seeking parishioners to be part of the Hospitality Ministry and act as ushers during the Christmas Masses. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be involved in this ministry.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

The Bookclub is taking a break in December and resuming on 21st January. New members are always most welcome.

We are reading

“The Tea Gardens” By Fiona McIntosh

Sunday 21 January - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.



Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly

Next Meeting: 21 December

7:15pm Parish Library

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 19 December 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

PART 2 of PSYCHOLOGY and SPIRITUALITY of RELATIONSHIP

Presenter - Dr. Patricia Moroney.

Date: Monday 11th December

Time: 6.45 p.m.

Venue: Holy Trinity Parish Centre Curtin.

All welcome Entry FREE.

International Nativities Expo

Where: St Christopher's Pastoral Centre,
(behind St Christopher's Cathedral).

When: Fri 8th Dec: 2pm-7pm;

Sat 9th Dec: 10am-5pm;

Sun 10th Dec: 9am-7pm.

This exhibition of 350 Nativities is an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. From some 80 countries, they present the diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story, from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam and China. Hands-on craft activities for children, as well as nativity jigsaws, puppets and books.

Contact: Keith Linard on 0412 376 317 or
linard.keith@gmail.com

Annual Carol Service

St Caecilia's Choir

Day & Date: Sunday - 10 Dec 2017

Time: 7:30pm

Where: St John the Evangelist Chapel ANU

Cost: Admission free.

Donations gratefully accepted.

*Join us for an enjoyable evening singing
Carols and Sacred Polyphony with Scripture
Readings. All invited.*

Advent to Christmas

*Lessons and Carols followed with a family
sausage sizzle*

Where: St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood

When: Wednesday 6 December

Time: 6:30pm

“Now but Not Yet”

A reflection on Advent

presented by Shane Dwyer

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Library

Wednesday 13 December at 7:30pm

PARISH NEWS

Heart Spirituality

*Come and rest awhile.
Slow down during Advent and
spend some time in quiet
contemplative prayer.*

PRAYER & REFLECTION IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT



When: 3 Monday's in December
4 DEC 2017 - HOPE
11 DEC 2017 - JOY
18 DEC 2017 - PEACE

Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: Parish Library

Christmas 2017

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Catholic Community

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Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December

6:00pm

9:00pm

Midnight

Carols start at 11:30pm

Christmas Day

Monday 25 December

[one mass only]

9:00am

No evening mass



We believe in God's love offered to the world but so often rejected by sin. By offering our lives with Jesus, we share in his redemptive work and we complete in ourselves what is lacking in his sufferings on behalf of his body, the Church.

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The MSC Spirit

The particular spirit of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is attachment to the Heart of Jesus, shown by working for his glory especially in the sanctification of souls. This aim comprises all apostolic works; it extends to community life in a religious house, to the life of a priest in parish ministry. The Heart of Jesus wants to reign over all souls. His Missionaries should help this reign come about by making use of all people of goodwill according to each one's situation.

Jules Chevalier 1866

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

RAISING FUNDS FOR INDIGENOUS

STUDENTS: "Dare to Dream" is a book written by parishioner Paul Maggs.

The price of the book is \$15.00. The profits from the sale of this book will be donated to Monivae College, Hamilton for the education of indigenous students from the Northern Territory. The book is available in the parish bookstore.



ADVENT HOPE

*To be Advent people is to live
in hope right now.*

*Hope is the being able to see that there
is light despite all the darkness.*

Desmond Tutu

*Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses.*

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: John Martin, Martina Forjanic, Brodie McMahon, Ryan Jasczyk, Dinah Muench, David Fitzroy, Leo Hill msc, Margaret Woodland, Maria Gillard, Kevin Hiscock, Winifred Lilley, Maria Tabisz, John Ashton, Michael Allars, Andre Domjan, Daniel Morris, Raymond Kernan, Patricia Jacobs, Bernadette Anetts, Branko Kukolic, Kathleen Randall

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library]	Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer:	Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross	First Friday Monthly After 9:30am Mass
Children's Mass	Second Sunday monthly 10:00am
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm
Children's Choir	Thursday 4:00 – 5:00pm

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 Thursday 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 Little Chef Café Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

LIBRARY NEWS: As our year draws to an end, please consider returning/renewing your parish library books.

NEW PARISHIONER BOOK

If you are newly arrived in the parish you are invited to enter your name and contact details in the new parishioner book. The book is on a table in the foyer. Thank you.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Readings – 10 December 2017

First Reading	Is 40:1-5. 9-11
Psalm	Ps 84:9-15
Second Reading	2 Pt 3:8-14
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8

10 Dec Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgeiser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Children's Mass
6:00pm	Ruth Dunncliff-Hagan, Brian Mahony

10 Dec Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Fay Hodgetts, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Barbara Witrzens, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Andrew Webster, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan

10 Dec Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	David Mather, Therese Mather
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	4 Dec	Pauline O'Gorman
Grounds:	9 Dec	Group 2
Counting:	10 Dec	Group 4
Church Cleaning:	4 Dec	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Kennan, Peter Hofman

On a Lighter note

A man is trapped in a room. The room has only two possible exits: two doors. Through the first door there is a room constructed from magnifying glass. The blazing hot sun instantly fries anything or anyone that enters. Through the second door there is a fire-breathing dragon. How does the man escape?

He waits until night time and then goes through the first door.