

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### Second Sunday of Advent Year B

10 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun during  
10:00am Mass  
Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by  
appointment with the priest

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## REFLECTION

### Advent Hope

Hope is a vision of life that guides itself by God's promise, irrespective of whether the situation looks optimistic or pessimistic at any given time.

Hope is not based on whether the evening news is good or bad on a given day. Hope looks at the facts, looks at God's promise, and then, without denying the facts or turning away from the evening news, lives out a vision of life based upon God's promise, trusting that a benevolent, all-powerful God is still in charge of this world.

In the wilderness God's salvation comes to a broken people. In the midst of what is seemingly an impossible situation, hope emerges with vigour. In this context, hope is an openness to surprise, the surprise that God is in no way limited to the imaginings of human minds and the consequences of human history. This is the kind of hope that is proclaimed in the wilderness by John; it is the kind of hope that trusts that from the impossible, God can work a new creation.

God's future comes through the wilderness into the broken city and inspires a broken-hearted people. The contrite heart is a broken heart, an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled heart. It is a heart that is unencumbered by the past and that lives currently in the passing of time and the fragility of being alive.

If we don't find a way to find some deeper meaning to our suffering, to find that *God is somehow in it, and that we can use it for good*, then normally we will close up and close down. The natural movement of the ego is to protect itself so as not to be hurt again.

The contrite, broken heart can be filled only by what is promised in the future. This is the paradox of Advent. In the middle of the wilderness, God works the impossible in those whose hearts are ready for the surprise of hope.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & *Advent Hope*, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

## 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.

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### 73rd Carols By Candlelight Woden Valley Youth Choir Stage 88

Wednesday the 13th of December.

*We have amazing guest artists, the opportunity to preorder a picnic hamper from Southern Cross Club and fingers crossed weather will be fine!!*

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### “Now but Not Yet”

A reflection on Advent

presented by Shane Dwyer

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Library

Wednesday 13 December at 7:30pm

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### THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

invites you and your friends to

*THE 11th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE*

*PRAYER VIGIL*

Where: St Michael's Church

Address: 2 Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen ACT

Date: Sunday 31st December 2017

Time: 8.30pm

Exposition from 8.30pm until 11.45pm followed by Midnight Mass.

For further inquiries:- Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

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Book for Sale: “**Dare to Dream**” is a book written by parishioner Paul Maggs.

Proceeds of sales will **RAISE FUNDS FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS:**

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.

## St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you so much for your wonderful response to our Christmas Appeal with over \$2500 donated. Donations can still be made to members at the table in the foyer. Food gift cards are still available but most of the gift cards for children have gone. Return your unwrapped gift with the name tag by Sunday 17 December. If you would like to help with hamper packing and/or delivery you can sign on at the Vinnies table. Thank you.

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### COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you are taking Holy Communion to someone who is sick or housebound, either in the Parish OR outside of the parish, please register at the Parish Office.

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### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

*The Bookclub is taking a break in December and resuming on 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



**Tuesday 19 December 7:30 am**

Little Chef Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen

# FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of  
*Bev Purnell*

Will be celebrated at 10:00am  
Tuesday 12 December 2017  
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

(There will no be 9:30am Liturgy of the  
Word with Communion )

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## 9:30am MASS - Wed 13 Dec

This mass will be a **Liturgy of the  
Word with Communion.**

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## SECOND RITE DURING ADVENT

7:30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Aranda

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Charnwood





**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

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

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## Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December

6:00pm Children's Mass

9:00pm (Carols start at 8.30pm)

Midnight (Carols start at 11:30pm)

### Christmas Day

Monday 25 December

(one mass only)

9:00am

No evening mass

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## 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.

# Heart Spirituality

## *The Name Jesus*

The name Jesus, given to the Child, is a name of hope, for it means Saviour. It contains all the promises of the past, all the desires of the Patriarchs and of the just of the Old law, as well all future hopes. This is why the divine Child from his birth takes this mysterious name. In this way he opens our hearts to joy and gives us a glimpse of the salvation that he is bringing us. By taking this name, he commits himself to become our victim when the hour of redemption sounds, in order to wash us clean in his blood from all our iniquity; In order to open heaven for us, and merit us all the graces needed to get there. I read in the name of Jesus, as in an open book, all the mysteries of love that the Heart of a God has for his creatures. How can we fail to hope! In the name of Jesus the greatest miracles have been wrought, and the regeneration of the world taken place. Merely to invoke this name with faith and love is to obtain all the help we need. Apart from Jesus, everything is weak and powerless.

*Meditations 1, - Jules Chevalier 1891*

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

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

**Recently Deceased:** Bevil (Bev) Purnell  
Fr. Paul Tarpey.

**Anniversary:** John Ashton, Michael Allars,  
Andre Domjan, Daniel Morris, Raymond Kernan,  
Patricia Jacobs, Bernadette Anetts, Branko Kukolic,  
Kathleen Randall, Amy Carney, Edward Clifford,  
John MacKay, Marie Cody, Robert Carew,  
William Roots, Christopher Fitzsimon,  
Kathleen Edmunds

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> 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
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**LIBRARY NEWS:** Over the weeks of Advent we shall display our collection of books relating to this beautiful season of the Church.

## 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, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 17 December 2017

First Reading	Is 61:1-2, 10-11
Psalm	Luke 1:46-50. 53-54
Second Reading	1 Thes 5:16-24
Gospel	John 1:6-8. 19-28

## 17 Dec Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Violet Duve, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

## 17 Dec Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Patrick Corr, Laurine & Daryl Smeaton
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Maida Kajkic, Ann Reynolds, VACANT
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, VACANT, VACANT

## 17 Dec Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Mary Barrett, Lesley Givens
8:30am	Norma Sloan, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	11 Dec	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	16 Dec	VACANT
Counting:	17 Dec	Group 6

Church Cleaning:	11 Dec	Ted & Carol Quade
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## On a Lighter note

Name an eight letter word that has kst in the middle, in the beginning, and at the end.

Answer: Inkstand - kst is in the middle. "In" is the beginning, and "and" ends the word.