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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Year A

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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

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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REFLECTION

Vision for the Kingdom

In many ways today's gospel can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

The kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership is not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant
CSS & *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter



St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Appeal

*There will be a leaving collection
after each mass next weekend
2/3 December 2017*

SECOND RITE DURING ADVENT

7:30pm

Thursday 14th Dec Aranda

Tuesday 19th Dec Charnwood



SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Mass will be celebrated as
the Fourth Sunday of
Advent:

Saturday 23rd Dec 6:00pm

Sunday 24th Dec 8:30am
10:00am



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December

6:00pm - Children's Mass

9:00pm - Youth Mass

Midnight Mass

(carols starting from 11:30pm)

Sunday 25th December

9:00am Mass (no evening mass)

Over 45's last meeting for the year

Wednesday 29th November for Mass at
9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish
centre. There is no raffle, but any extra
donation for the Clean Water Project will be
grateful. Please come and join us, you are
all most welcome. Please bring a plate to
share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

Paul Maggs, a parishioner has written a
personal journey book titled "**Dare to Dream**".
Those interested in obtaining a copy may
enquire through the following email:
murray.springs@bigpond.com. 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.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Christmas Craft and Present Stall

Day & Date: Thursday 30th November

Time: 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Place: Hospital Foyer

*Monies raised will be going towards
purchasing equipment for the hospital. Please
come along and support this worthwhile
cause.*

Enquiries Mary Cruickshank 6254 4084

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Kangara Waters (outside Birrigai Café)

Saturday 2 December

8:30am – 3:30pm

*Featuring handmade gifts, including bags,
patchwork, porcelain art, crochet, knitting,
jewellery, homemade cakes and biscuits
and other Christmas treats.*

*Come and join us and pay our newly
furbished café a visit for coffee, breakfast,
lunch or afternoon tea.*

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.*

PARISH NEWS

Heart Spirituality

NOTICE - Parish Office Closure:

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday afternoon the 30th November from 12 noon. Fr. Gerard, Marian and Sharon will be having planning afternoon for the 2018 calendar.

Thank You: *The Syriac Catholic Community in Canberra would like to thank St John the Apostle Parish for all the help and generosity you have given us in providing space that allows us to gather and celebrate our mass.*

We appreciate you allowing us to use the Church and the parish centre regularly over the past year. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Best Regards, Father Youhanna Ena & The Syriac Catholic Community in Canberra

***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

Agape - Youth Group

Agape youth group meeting
planning and involvement for 2018
7pm Sunday evening 3rd December after
Mass – in the Church

For those in the parish that are involved
already or would like to help with the
youth group and the parents of teenagers.
All welcome.

Hunger and thirst for what is right

Jesus says, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice (Mt 5:6), for God will fill them with joy and happiness.

If you are in these dispositions, you will very quickly experience the truth of my promises.

And once you are satisfied with these supernatural gifts, you will think no more of any other food. From where comes the drive towards evil, the continual struggle of flesh against spirit?

Is it not the concupiscence that fights in your members?

Declare war on your inordinate desires, and you will gain the victory.

In vain do you seek for clam outside of my love.

The pleasures of this world will never satisfy your heart;

they will only weary it,

And you will find the memory of them bitter.

Ecole du Sacré-Coeur. Jules Chevalier 1892

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

“CHOSEN”

Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections

\$4.50 per book

Available in the parish bookstore

A spiritually rich resource for praying during Advent. These daily reflections have been written by 14 contributors from the Diocese of Wollongong

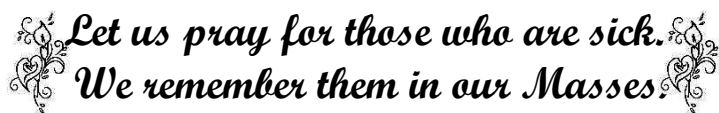
ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 27th November 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen



Recently Deceased: John Hearty,
Rev. Glen Walsh

Anniversary: John Costelloe, Marie Corr,
Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln,
Conelly Andrae, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino,
John Soetens, Cahil Kan, 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

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: This week we have on display some of the titles from our collection on moral theology – the teachings of the Church as well as more personal commentaries.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!
Alleluia!

Readings – 3 December 2017

First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
Psalm Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19
Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel Mk 13:33-37

3 Dec Reading Roster

6:00pm	Therese Kercher, Daryl Smeaton
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

3 Dec Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Debbie Milnes, Judy Netting, Joe and Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, VACANT, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan, James & Toni Cox

3 Dec Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Bryan Cowman
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	27 Nov	Violet Duve
Grounds:	2 Dec	Group 1
Counting:	3 Dec	Group 2

Church Cleaning: 27 November	Vacant
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On a Lighter note

Imagine that you are in a boat, in the middle of the sea. Suddenly, you are surrounded by hungry sharks, just waiting to feed on you. How can you put an end to this?

Answer: Stop imagining!