

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**6 December 2020**

**Year B**  
**#2.21**

## Reflection

### Doing a deal with God

We often think that we can bargain with God to get the best possible deal out of life. The problem with this bargaining image is that it cannot be reconciled with a Christian faith which believes in Advent.

Today's scriptures remind us that God has not held back one thing in his love for us. By becoming one with us in our flesh, God has done everything he can to assure us of his saving love. He has shown us all what can be shown about how to live lives of sacrifice, justice, and love and how to transform our world for better.

The image of us 'doing a deal' with God is so prevalent in our theology and prayer that we can find ourselves lapsing into it all the time. 'If you make me well, God, I will lead a better life.' 'I will return to Sunday Mass if I pass my exams.' 'I will raise my children Catholic if I have a fine day for my wedding.' This is all dreadful stuff. And the Church has to take some responsibility for this and correct it.

The scriptures tell us from the beginning of time to the preaching of John the Baptist, to the life, death, resurrection of Jesus Christ and to the continuing work of the Holy Spirit among us today, that we have a God who risked everything so that we might know love and live in this world and in the next. We hold and proclaim, in season and out of season, a God who emptied himself of power and might and came to us as a baby. That is not the profile of a deal-doer. It is the portrait of a lover.

Jesus never defined love, but instead made it a command. *Behold, there are only three things that will last: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.* —1 Cor. 13:13

We must love, each of us absolutely must enter into this unnamable mystery if we are to know God and know our own self! *We know God by loving God.* It is actually more important to know that we love God than to know that God loves us.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ at LiturgyHelp, & *Love is our deepest Identity*, by Richard Rohr

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

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

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Adoration during Advent



**Friday 11 & 18 December**  
**7:30pm – 8:30pm**

*Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to refresh our souls.*

*There will be periods of reflective music (Taizé) and silent adoration.*

## Liturgy of Forgiveness

St John the Apostle  
Catholic Community KIPPAX ACT  
Thursday, 10 December – 7:30pm

This Liturgy is a communal celebration of God's love and forgiveness. It will be an opportunity to express our sorrow and be open to God's healing as we make our Advent journey towards Christmas.



The Liturgy of Forgiveness is not the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation [Confession]. Confession is available on Saturday's between 5:00-5:30pm or by appointment with the priests.

### SJA Men's Group December Meeting: Friday 11 December

Birrigai at Kangara Waters - Dinner 6pm  
Two course meal and BYO drinks at \$25 per head. We need a minimum of 20 takers for this to proceed. RSVP by Monday 7 December  
Dennis Ph 0407 220885 (m)

### Calico Cat -

Free to a good home.  
Desexed female, 12 years old.  
Affectionate, fully house trained.  
Owner allergic.  
Phone Robin 0439 459 054



### Executive Officer Position with CDPF

This is high-level part-time position, which can be based in any Australian city. Full details and a position description are available at:

[www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au).

Applications close at 4pm on Monday 7 December 2020.



## KIT Christmas Cards

Parishioners are invited to send in their Christmas messages and wishes for 2021 for the December KIT.

Please email you greeting into  
[kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)  
by 10 December 2020.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

Thursday 24 December

Family Mass 5:00pm [at capacity]

Family Mass 7:00pm [at capacity]

Youth Mass 9:00pm

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMXNJ>

## MIDNIGHT MASS

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMXNM>

Friday 25 December

9:00am Christmas Day [at capacity]

## Mass Times Weekend of 26-27 December

6:00pm Vigil Saturday 26 December

Sunday 27 December

Feast of St John the Apostle

8:30am & 10:00am

*To celebrate the feast day there will be a cup of tea after the 10:00am mass*

There will be **NO** evening mass

## PARISH BOOKSHOP



Columban Calendars 2021 \$ 9.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$ 7.00 (Pk. 10)

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**



# Heart Spirituality

## Love of relatives and friends is Good

God does not condemn the intensity of love, but the disorder of love, the corruption of love.

True love is willed by God, even if it brings the lover to crucifixion for the sake of the beloved.

God wills love with all the strength with which he will his own existence, for he is its model and source.

Hence the words of Saint Augustin: "Love, and do what you will!"

This is very true. If our will is moved and directed by true love, what other law does it need?

*When God elevates nature by grace, nature opens up and flowers. How much more will this happen in glory.*

Jules Chevalier msc,  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 347. Paris 1900)

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

## Stewardship

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading the of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

Stewardship Reflections from [TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

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

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Needham

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

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal**  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good work*

The Vinnies 2020 Christmas Appeal was launched on 28/29 November.

There are many ways that you can help and make a difference this Christmas.....

- MY FOOD GIFT CARDS
- CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS
- HAMPER DELIVERY
- FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Online donations can be made via the following link:  
[https://shoutforgood.com/embed/lightbox?client\\_token=2817f8a5-4131-4a05-9bd7-d939302e593a](https://shoutforgood.com/embed/lightbox?client_token=2817f8a5-4131-4a05-9bd7-d939302e593a).

*This year your gifts will help us provide hampers for about 50 families including more than 80 children.*

More information can be obtained from:  
Michael Blyth at [michael.blyth@fourszenes.com.au](mailto:michael.blyth@fourszenes.com.au)  
or on 0419 818410

Please see the SVdP volunteers in the Church Foyer



# SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
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 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

# 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> Monday 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 Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

### SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



**Hearing Loop:** in the central body of the church.



### TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



**Donations** to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

### Readings – 13 December 2020

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

### 13 December Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejser
10:00am	Erin Trevaskis, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Joe Ots

### 13 December Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Anthony and Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck

### 13 December Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	7 Dec	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	12 Dec	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard

Church Cleaning:	7 Dec	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne
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### On a Lighter note

