

## Reflection

### Rejoice

In his apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes: The Gospel... constantly invites us to rejoice.

A few examples will suffice. "Rejoice!" is the angel's greeting to Mary (Luke 1:28). Mary's visit to Elizabeth makes John leap for joy in his mother's womb (cf. Luke 1:41).

In her song of praise, Mary proclaims: "My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:47). When Jesus begins his ministry, John cries out: "For this reason, my joy has been fulfilled" (John 3:29). Jesus himself "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (Luke 10:21). His message brings us joy: "I have said these things to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). . . .

He promises his disciples: "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (John 16:20). He then goes on to say: "But I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22).

The disciples "rejoiced" (John 20:20) at the sight of the risen Christ. . . . Wherever the disciples went, "there was great joy" (Acts 8:8); even amid persecution they continued to be "filled with joy" (Acts 13:52). . . . Why should we not also enter into this great stream of joy?

I realize of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved.

Resources used: *The Joy of the Gospel*, by Richard Rohr OFM

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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

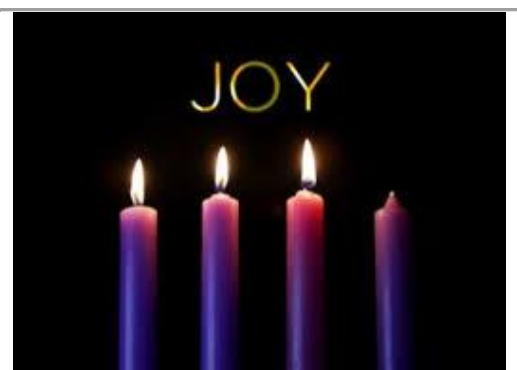
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*Otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this third candle of Advent reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us.*

# THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Third Sunday of Advent							
<b>Joy</b>	I am "the voice of one crying out in the desert." Jn. 1:23 How do I share my faith with the people around me?	When have I failed to recognize Jesus in my life?	The things that we love tell us what we are. St Thomas Aquinas	"This day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the JOY of the Lord is your strength". Nehemiah 8:10	Sorrow prepares you for JOY... whatever sorrow shakes from your heart, far better things will take their place. Rumi	As we await with longing the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray that God will watch over us and guide us.	

## 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

## Adoration during Advent



**Friday 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.*

## PARISH BOOKSHOP



Columban Calendars 2021 \$ 9.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$ 7.00 (Pk. 10)

## SJA Women's Breakfast



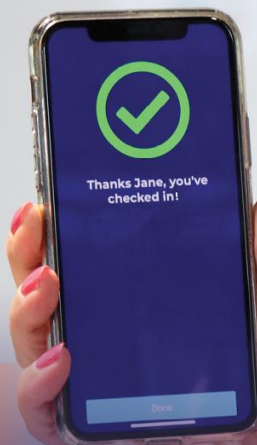
**7:30am Tuesday – 22 Dec 2020**

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*

Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

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# Heart Spirituality

## Prayer of Jules Chevalier

O adorable Heart of my divine Saviour,  
bestow your grace on me in abundance,  
for you are the source of grace.

Without your grace I can do nothing.

Enlighten my mind,  
strengthen my will  
and fill my soul with your love.

I ask you for all this help  
through the intercession  
of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

You have made her the treasurer of your  
riches, and the dispenser of your graces.

Jules Chevalier msc,  
(Meditations 1, p.36 Issoudun 1891)

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

## Stewardship

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.

It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

Let us pray for those who are sick.

We remember them in our Masses.

## Recently Deceased:

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



The poster features a blue background with a white starburst in the top left corner. Below the starburst, the text "Vinnies Christmas Appeal" is written in white, followed by the St Vincent de Paul Society logo and the tagline "good works". In the center, there are five Christmas ornaments hanging from strings. Below the ornaments, the text reads: "Thank you for your donations of food, gifts, money and time. They will make Christmas a highlight for needy families in a year like no other. Please leave donations in the church by Sunday 13 December. If you would like to donate money to the Kippax Conference you can use the cashless QR code at the Vinnies table in the foyer or go to [https://shoutforgood.com/embed/lightbox?client\\_token=2817f8a5-4131-4a05-9bd7-d939302e593a](https://shoutforgood.com/embed/lightbox?client_token=2817f8a5-4131-4a05-9bd7-d939302e593a)." At the bottom of the poster, there is a colorful illustration of the Nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in a manger, and three wise men.

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## 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:

My soul rejoices in the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
He sent me to bring  
Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## Readings –20 December 2020

First Reading	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Psalm	Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29
Second Reading	Rom 16:25-27
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38

## 20 December Reading Roster

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Judy Netting
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Matthew Garton

## 20 December Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Marian England
8:30am	Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Eoin Garton, Chitra Jayawardena

## 20 December Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	14 Dec	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	19 Dec	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	14 Dec	VACANT

## On a Lighter note

