

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph Year B

27 December 2020

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To the SJA Parish Community.....

This year has presented all of us with challenges unlike those we have experienced in the past. During this season of Christmas when we look with hope toward a new year, we would like to thank all of you for your understanding and encouragement throughout this year.

Our special thanks goes to the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Council, and the Liturgy Team for their guidance and support as we navigated a difficult year. We would also like to acknowledge all parishioners who have contributed their time and talent through the different ministries and groups within the parish and to all of you for your continued financial support throughout the year.

This year, we also acknowledge the work of Eoin (our Youth Minister) and all those who have been part of the youth group and the families who have supported them.

We wish you and all your loved ones a holy and happy Christmas and may your experience of 2021 be illuminated by Christ's guiding light and love.

With love, gratitude and every Christmas Blessing!

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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

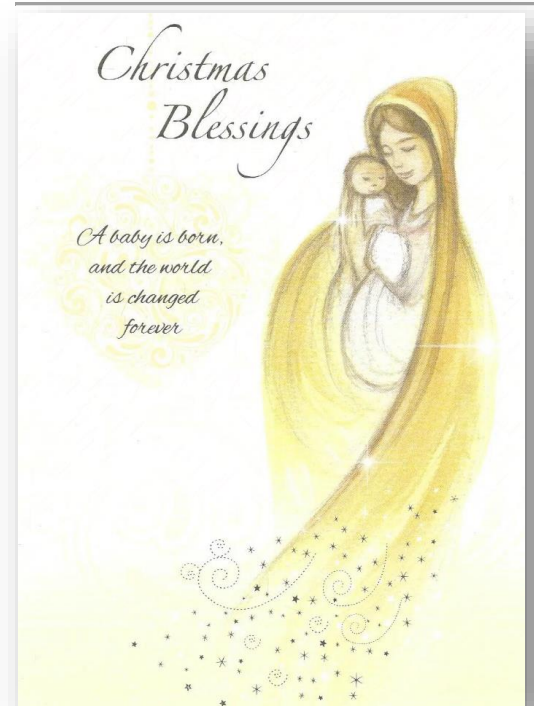
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Reflection

CHRIST MUST ENTER AGAIN

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity. Hebrews 2:14

If Christ has been born to us, we have to get busy. It is up to us to prepare the way for Christ's coming. We must open wide to him the door into our current situation, even if we have to give up everything. One thought alone must possess us: Enter, you Man of the Most High, you Man of life, and take hold of us for the almighty God. Judge and winnow us miserable, lost people until the new life that you have brought us is born in us.

We are called to prove in our own lives that Christ is born, that God is with us. But we are constantly in danger of going about our business without Christ. We keep to our old ways of life and do not allow God to enter our daily affairs.

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This should deeply pain us, for there should be far more than a handful of people who believe in him; the good news must take hold of far more people who in turn will rattle at the door to throw it open to him who is born to them. We should never rest until all obstacles are cleared out of the way for him who is born to us, and who is to come.

But too many of us are frightened of what the future may bring. The hammer of hostile forces is battering at the door of the nations. Our life is threatening to get to pieces. And in the face of all this, we feel so utterly helpless. What are we to do? Should we not be frightened, be anxious? Perhaps. But we will not despair. Even in our fear we will cry out: "*Unto us a child is born!*"

We will always have to struggle to make sure that Jesus enters our lives and lives *on earth*, not only in heaven. This is the fight of the church in the world. We are placed in the restlessness and the anxiety of a world fraught with evil, but we have a battle cry and the joyful news: "To us a Son is born!".

Christoph Blumhardt, 1842-1919: When the Time was fulfilled: Christmas Meditations. Plough Publishing, NY.

Parish Office Hours over the Christmas break

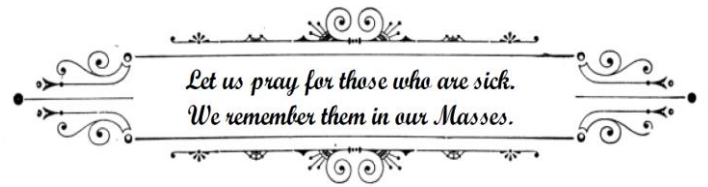
The parish office will be closed from
Thursday 25 December 2020
and will re-open on
Monday 4 January 2021

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or by email tribunal@cg.org.au. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Spirituality



27 DECEMBER – FEAST OF ST JOHN, THE BELOVED DISCIPLE

Saint John is the beloved Disciple who, during the Last Supper, rested on the breast of our Saviour. He heard there the beating of Jesus' adorable Heart. And his divine Heart, which possesses the keys to the future, revealed to him the secrets contained in his Gospel. The Apocalypse is simply the substance and further development of this.

Thus this privileged Apostle, flooded with supernatural light and taking wing like an eagle, soared into the bosom of the Godhead. And he makes known to the world, from the first page of his Gospel, the eternal generation of the incarnate Word, and all the wonderful works that have been accomplished by Him from the beginning of the world and that will be accomplished right to the end of time.

Consequently, Saint John, informed by the Lamb that had been slain, was given the task of writing about the struggles and the triumphs of the Church. As an immaculate bride, it had come forth from the Heart of Jesus, pierced on Calvary.

Jules Chevalier msc,
(L'Apocalypse et les temps présents, p.2 1907)

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

Stewardship

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were "amazed at what was said about him." The Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

Believe it or not, God has a plan for our lives, too. As we celebrate this Christmas season let us deepen our commitment to God through the love and service we give our family members, and the trust and surrender we place in God to take care of us each day.

Stewardship Reflections from – The Catholic Steward
www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: John Dickinson, Patrick Laverty, Paul MacKenzie, Louise Ball, Geoffrey Walsh, Elsa Powel, Jarrod Smith, Dora Roberts, Luis Soria, Cora Newman, Ellen Ottewill, Yvonne Williamson, Ted Murphy, Michael Costello, Walter Hawkins, Robert Wise, Margaret McCallion, Hannah Mecham, Joseph Davis, Clarice O'Callaghan, Nita Smith, Kevin McMahan, Geoffrey Bogg, Willy Raadts, Florence Anthony, Kathryn Jones, Charles Taylor.

BOOKING FOR WEEKEND MASSES

To assist the parish office manage COVID-19 regulations we need parishioers to do two things.

1. Use CBR App
2. Use Trybooking to register

1. CBR App helps ACT Health with tracking the spread of Coronavirus.



2. Trybooking registration for attendance at mass assists the Parish office in the management of numbers allowed to attend Mass within the available space in the church whilst maintaining physical distancing of 2 square metres.



We need you to use both. Please register for Mass using the TryBooking link and sign in using the CBR App and the sign in sheet.

Baptism During Mass

We will be celebrating Baptism during the 10:00am Mass on Sunday 3rd and 10th January.



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 st 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 rd Monday 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 Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 rd 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 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
And the fullness of his message
live with you.
Alleluia!

Readings – 3 January 2021

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

3 January Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mick Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Margaret Luck, Andrew Luck

3 January Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi
6:00pm	VACANT

3 January Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	VACANT
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O'Neill, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	VACANT

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	28 Dec	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	2 Jan	VACANT

Church Cleaning:	28 Dec	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen
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On a Lighter note

