

## Reflection

### The Reign of God

The world has suffered much from the various forms of Christian colonialism. Yet the Reign of God is an alternative to domination systems and all “isms.” Jesus teaches that right relationship (i.e., love) is the ultimate and daily criterion. If a social order allows and encourages strong connectedness between people and creation, people and each other, people and God, then you have a truly sacred culture: the Reign of God. It is not a world without pain or mystery, but simply a world where we are connected and in communion with all things.

The Kingdom is about union and communion, which means that it is also about mercy, forgiveness, nonviolence, letting go, solidarity, service, and lives of love, patience, and simplicity. Who can doubt that this is the sum and substance of Jesus’ teaching? In the Reign of God, the very motive for rivalry, greed, and violence has been destroyed. We know we are all part of God’s Beloved Community.

Jesus did not come to impose Christendom like an imperial system. Every description he offers of God’s Reign—of love, relationship, non-judgment, and forgiveness, where the last shall be first and the first shall be last—shows that imposition is an impossibility! Wherever we have tried to force Christianity on people, the long-term results have been disastrous. The Gospel flourishes in the realm of true freedom.

But it is a freedom we must choose for ourselves. Jesus has forever changed our human imagination, and we are now both burdened and gladdened by the new possibility. There is good news to counter the deadening bad news, but one first has to be turned away from a conventional way of understanding.

Jesus’ truth about right relationship and his proclamation of the power of powerlessness will save the world from self-destruction.

Resource used: *The Reign of God as Community*, 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

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## Singing at Mass



**During the season of Advent commencing**

the weekend of 28/29 Nov, we will reintroduce congregational singing at mass. The 8:30am mass will not have singing.

## SJA Women's Breakfast



7:30am Tuesday – 24 Nov 2020

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*

Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

## PARISH BOOKSHOP



Columban Calendars 2021 \$ 9.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$ 7.00 (Pk. 10)

## VIDEOING OF SUNDAY MASS

The decision has been made to discontinue the filming of the Sunday mass liturgy. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Adoration during Advent



**Friday 4, 11 and 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.*

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass. **Next anointing will be 27 November.**

## Christmas Masses 2020 Thursday 24 December [Vigil]

- ✧ Family Mass - 5:00pm & 7:00pm
- ✧ Youth Mass - 9:00pm
- ✧ Midnight Mass [Carols at 11:30pm]

## Friday 25 December

- ✧ Christmas Morning -9:00am.

**COVID-19 means we need to organise Christmas masses differently this year:**

- ✧ there are 2 family masses this year- 5:00 & 7:00pm.
- ✧ if families are booked and seated together our church can accommodate a maximum of 130 individuals at the family masses.
- ✧ families will be allocated designated seating, which requires that you book & register the total number of family members attending.
- ✧ the remaining vigil and Christmas day masses will revert to 100 attendees for each mass with our usual seating arrangements.



**The Try booking link was sent out on Tuesday 17 November.**

## Jesus Laughing and Loving exhibition

"This exhibition is a step towards liberating the person of Jesus from the traditional other worldly image so that his power and relevance for modern living might be rediscovered and enjoyed."

Reverend Tim Costello AO

12 November – 5 December 2020

Sunday – Saturday 10:30am – 3:30pm

The Chapel - Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Barton

## Concerned Catholics

**Public Zoom Forum: 5:00pm-6:30pm**

**Thursday 26 November 2020**

**The Pope's Revolution:**

**The Implications of Laudato Si**

**SPEAKERS** Dr Trish Hindmarsh (Tasmania)  
Dr Paul Collins (ACT)

Contact: [concerned.catholics.cangbn@gmail.com](mailto:concerned.catholics.cangbn@gmail.com)

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Heaven

Heaven is the coming together of every possible joy. Supreme happiness of the mind: we shall see God in himself and in his creatures; they will appear so beautiful, so glorious, so perfect, that nothing in this world can give us an idea of it. Supreme happiness of the heart: we shall love God with indescribable love. With God, in God and for God, we shall love all his works, especially his elect, the angels and the saints. Among the elect we shall love with a special love those whom we loved in this world. This twofold happiness of mind and heart will grow forever. God is infinite, inexhaustible, he can give of himself forever without impoverishing himself. Since he is infinitely good, that is what he wants to do forever. Forever! We should meditate on that word: the eternity of heaven.

Jules Chevalier msc,  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus. Paris 1900

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

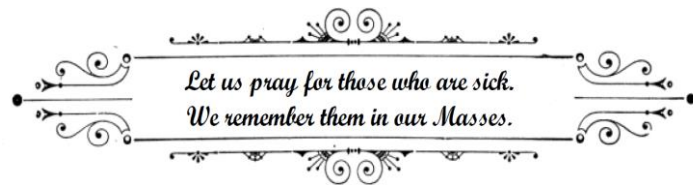
## Stewardship

As we prepare for Advent, which begins next weekend, and as we end our liturgical year this week, we need to dedicate ourselves anew to being good stewards — to realizing that we are children of God, that Christ is our King, that we are gifted, and that we are called to share those gifts.

We also need to join with the forgiven thief who was crucified next to Jesus and place our total trust in God. While we attempt to be disciples of the Lord, all we must utter is "Thank you, God" and "Lord, remember me."

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

**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson, Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe, Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae, Alexandre Arekion, Paul Wilson, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino, John Soetens, Kane Cahill

## Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Once again Vinnies will provide Christmas hampers to families in our local area that are struggling to make ends meet. The Appeal will commence on the first weekend of Advent, 28 -29 November. Gift cards and food cards will be available.

**Giving Tree**

Parishioners can sign-on to help with hamper packing and delivery. There will be some changes to operations this year in accordance COVID-19 safe operating procedures.

**For more information contact**

**Mike Blyth 0419818410.**

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**Calvary Hospital Auxiliary**

**Christmas Stall**

Date: 28-29 November  
Time: 8.00am – 5.00pm  
Venue: Belconnen Fresh Food Markets  
with a huge range of Christmas gifts and homemade goodies will be available.



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**KIT @ Kippax**

Calling all budding photographers  
Please send photos. [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

## Becoming Catholic

**Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]**  
please contact the parish office for more information.

## 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:

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 –29 November 2020

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 Mark 13:33-37

## 29 November Reading Roster

6:00pm	Paul McGrath, Fay Padarin
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Nunga Umaru
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Margaret Luck

## 29 November Ministers of Communion

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

**Vacant**

## 29 November Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	Vacant
6:00pm	Vacant

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	23 Nov	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	28 Nov	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	23 Nov	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen

## On a Lighter note

