

Reflection

Preparing for the Reign of God

In every generation we have had people tell us that the sun, moon, stars, wars, famine, tidal waves and earthquakes, mentioned in today's Gospel, all demonstrate that Jesus is about to return. Clearly, we are still waiting.

Luke's community thought that Jesus would return quickly and spectacularly. They were surprised that the first generation of Christian believers was dying without seeing it all happen. Given the terrible suffering they were enduring for Jesus, the early Christians no doubt hoped that the end of the world would be soon and would demonstrate to everyone that they were not foolish to cling to Christ in the face of all opposition and persecution. The early Christians knew that there was no point professing faith in Jesus Christ unless our daily behaviour reflects his kingdom.

If every Christian lived out the Gospel in his or her daily life, the world would be transformed and Christ would come in spectacular fashion.

We do not have a clue when the world will cease to exist, but on this, the first day of the Church's Year, the Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another. It may not be as grand as dancing suns and tidal waves, but the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough for me to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment.

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, sure. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God – in our lives and in our world.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard, & *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

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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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Parish Pastoral Council

As 2021 is drawing to a close the PPC is looking forward to 2022 when we will celebrate our 50th anniversary. With this in mind we are asking parishioners to give their prayerful consideration to joining the Pastoral Council. Ideally our Pastoral Council should reflect the diversity of our parish. If you feel you are being called to share your time and talents in serving the parish through this ministry, please telephone the parish office to register your interest.

Eucharistic Adoration in Advent



Will be held on the following Thursday's in December
2 ● 9 ● 16 ● 23 ● 7:30-8:30pm

CHRISTMAS SINGERS

If you are interest in singing at the 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass, please contact the parish office.



Eucharistic Ministers Required

Eucharistic Ministers are needed at Calvary John James, Deakin. Available shifts on all 7 days, one hour per month. WWVP card required + COVID vax, Police Check done on acceptance.

Email the Volunteer Coordinator on samantha.thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au (preferred) or call 6281 8112. Be the hands & feet of Christ in the world.

CATHEDRAL SECRETARY POSITION –

Parish Secretary. Position requires applicants to be available from Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm. Starting date, December 1, 2021. If you would like more information please inquire at the parish office via email cathedral@cg.org.au or phone (02) 6239 9846 (bh).

Part Time – Ministry Support Officer

The Archdiocese is looking for skilled applicant, able to provide organisational and administrative support to a dynamic team within the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation. The MFR team run faith-based relationship formation programs for students, parents, families, engaged & married couples throughout the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn.

Applications close Monday 29th November 2021.

Full information at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/>

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

This weekend marks the commencement of the **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**. The Christmas Tree in the foyer is adorned with gift cards for children and food donation gift cards are available. Please take a card or two. You can sign on to help with hamper deliveries. There will be a leaving collection after all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your generous support. Full details are in the November KIT.



Vinnies Poor Box donations

During November all money placed in the Poor Box at the back of the church will go to support the work of our Twin Conference of Sts Peter and Paul in Tamil Nadu, India. Your donations will make a big difference to their lives.

Advent program – Walking Together

The Archdiocese has put together a 4 week program that has a focus on Pope Francis writings for "Year of the Family". Resources, videos and workbook are accessible online at no cost; [Walking Together Advent Program - The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn](https://www.cgcatholic.org.au/advent-program-the-catholic-archdiocese-of-canberra-goulburn) (cgcatholic.org.au)

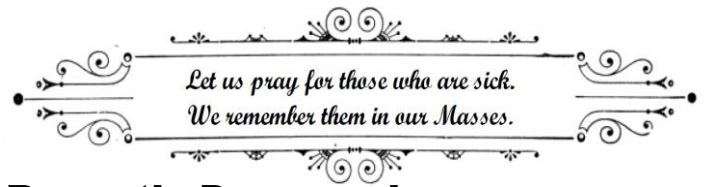


The Walking Together Advent program is designed for running in small groups or join the group online on Sundays 4pm or Tuesdays 10am. Some info and printed resources will also be available in parish foyer this weekend

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) – Parish Plan.

Are you interested in being part of Aboriginal Reconciliation efforts and actions focused for our Parish community? The PPC is looking for interested people who may want to be part of developing our own St John's RAP. More info about RAPs - www.reconciliation.org.au Please contact Parish office if you would like to be part of this work.

Heart Spirituality



Jesus' plan in coming among us

What does our divine Saviour want in coming among us? To be born anew in our hearts! In other words, he wanted us to participate in his life, to communicate his Spirit; he wanted to give us his Heart, with all the treasures it contains, and to transmit into us all the sentiments that animate it. Let us prepare ourselves therefore to receive such great gifts. Let us turn to our Saviour and say: Come, Lord Jesus! Come and be born in our souls; establish there the kingdom of your love. We want only your Sacred Heart to rule over us. You will be our light, our strength, our guide and our support. We shall follow the law of your Heart, and submit to your reign forever.

Jules Chevalier msc -
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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

"Wake up! Get ready!"

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae, Alexandre Arekion, Paul Wilson, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino, John Soetens, Kane Cahill, Lola Boer, Peter Needham, 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

Mass Intentions the week of 29 November – 5 December

Mon 29/11	David Mather
Wed 01/12	All Souls
Thur 02/12	Eileen Nemesi
Fri 03/12	Tran Van Thanh
Sat 04/12	
6:00pm	Bev Purnell
Sun 05/12	
8:30am	Amy Stephenson
10:00am	Doris Galea
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

To ensure that a mass time is available please
telephone the parish office to make a booking.

Sacrament of Penance Formation evening for Parents

Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in lent 2022 is commencing now.

Formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 6 December

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

If you have a child in year 2 or above and they have not made this sacrament please contact the parish office to register

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Keeping in Touch
Without YOU KIT will not exist.

November KIT will be emailed on
Wednesday 1 December

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

SOCIAL LIFE

Over 45's	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Book club	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Youth Group	<i>AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>

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**



Check In CBR App is mandatory
<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-businesses#Using-the-app-at-your-business-or-venue>

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 Ad grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia!

Readings – 5 December 2021

First Reading	Bar 5:1-9
Psalm	Ps 125
Second Reading	Phil 1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6

5 Dec Lector Roster

6:00pm	Paul McGrath, Fay Padarin
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	YOUTH

5 Dec Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Arie De Bear
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

5 Dec Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Rob Breen, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	28 Nov	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	4 Dec	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	29 Nov	Marian England, Sharon Greaves

On a Lighter note

