

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C

26 December 2021

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## Reflection

### Called to a change of heart

Jesus is born outside the town because there is no room for Joseph and Mary within the safety of the inn. Like those he will minister to later in life, Jesus is born 'on the edge' – even outside the boundaries. Rather than the impressive 'Wise Men' of the Matthew infancy account, the witnesses to Jesus' birth in the Luke account are lowly shepherds. Unlike the somewhat romantic notion we may have of shepherds, in Jesus' time they were regarded as little better than thieves and cut-throats. All they could be trusted to do was tend sheep outside of townships and away from 'civilised' society. They held one of the lowest positions in Jewish society. The gospel writer's choice of these witnesses to the birth of Jesus is a very deliberate one that clearly announces the purpose and direction of Jesus' mission.

Only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.

*Yearning for a new way will not produce it.  
Only ending the old way can do that.  
You cannot hold onto the old,  
all the while declaring that  
you want something new.  
The old will defy the new;  
The old will deny the new;  
The old will decry the new.  
There is only one way to bring in the new.  
You must make room for it.*

—Neale Donald Walsch

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant,  
& *All Things New*, 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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## Mandatory face masks reintroduced for indoor settings

from 11.59pm Tuesday  
21 December 2021



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Keep CBR  
safe &  
strong

## Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendour of true love,  
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of  
communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again  
experience violence,  
rejection and division:  
may all who have been hurt or  
scandalized find ready  
comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may the approaching  
Synod of Bishops  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and  
inviolability of the family,  
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
graciously hear our prayer.

*Written by Pope Francis*



**26<sup>th</sup>**  
**February**  
**2022**

### Friday 25 February

11:00am Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick within Mass. A luncheon will be served in the foyer

### Saturday 26 February

5:00pm Mass followed by dinner.  
Venue to be advised.

### Sunday 27 February

8:30am Mass

10:00am Multicultural Mass.

We encourage you to wear your traditional dress. A potluck lunch will be celebrated in the Parish Centre. Please bring a traditional dish from your culture/

6:00pm Mass

More information regarding the 50 years celebrations will be advised in the new year.



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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**



# Heart Spirituality



## Christmas and the Sacred Heart

We all know that the mystery of the Incarnation is the fruit of the love of God for the human race.

This love that is immense, beyond measure, took flesh in a heart, that will pour out on us the treasures of heaven; and that Heart was given to us through the Incarnation of Jesus which we celebrate on the Feast of Christmas.

O day forever to be remembered, when the human ear, pressed on the bosom of God, incarnate in a little child, has heard for the first time the beating of the Heart of God, and the human hand has felt this gentle throb.

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

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

## Stewardship

### Family life is important

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

Mary and Joseph carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

## Recently Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Anne Hudson, Michael Devlin, John Dickinson, Patrick Laverty, Paul MacKenzie, Louise Ball, Geoffrey Walsh, Elana Powell, Jarrod Smith, Dora Roberts, Luis Soria, Cora Newman, Ellen Ottewill, Yvonne Williamson, Ted Murphy, Michael Costelloe, Walter Hawkins, Robert Wise, Margaret McCallion, Hannah Mecham, Joseph Davis, Clarice O'Callaghan, Kevin McMahon, Nita Smith, Geoffrey Bogg, Bill Raadts, Florence Anthony.

## Mass Intentions the week of 27 December – 2 January

Mon 27/12	Available [contact the office]
Wed 29/12	Elizabeth Hallahan
Thur 30/12	Available [contact the office]
Fri 31/12	Mary Hogan

Sat 01/12	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

Sun 02/12	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Available [contact the office]
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

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

## Parish Office Hours Christmas ● New Year



The parish office  
will be closed from  
25 December and  
will reopen  
Wednesday  
5 January 2022.

We wish you a blessed and holy Christmas

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

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 Bean Origin Belconnen
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**



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## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

How happy they who dwell in your house,  
O Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## Readings – 2 January 2022

First Reading	Is 60:1-6
Psalm	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Second Reading	Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12

## 2 Jan Lector Roster

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

## 2 Jan 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

## 2 Jan 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:	26 Dec	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	1 Jan	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	27 Dec	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen

## On a Lighter note

