

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**27 November 2022**

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**#01.23**

## Reflection

### Divine light that darkness cannot overcome

Night and day is the dominant image presented to us in today's readings. The season of Advent is for the Church the time just before the dawn of Christmas, when the fullness of God's love took human flesh in Jesus.

The moments before dawn are often special: cities are still, the air is damp, noise is at a minimum and, at least on clear days, there is an anticipation of the sun bursting forth into daylight.

Through darkness and doubt often come the greatest creativity and faith. Our faith is strengthened every time we go through a period of questioning: "Why do I believe this? Do I believe this at all? What do I base my life on?" When we are at rock bottom, everything becomes clearer: self-image, God-image, worldview.

It takes a long time to purify the experience of dysfunctional family life, abuse, manipulation, shaming, negativity, or judgmental attitudes. To allow and fully experience the darkness is an immense act of courage "an act of the heart". Our natural instinct is to pull back from others, to move into a self-chosen exile. But when we are cut off or alienated from others, wounds are exacerbated rather than healed.

In the darkness, it's hard to feel courageous. We resist love. "I will prove that I'm unworthy. I will not let you get to me." Yet we must turn toward the very people we are pushing away, those who love us and who see meaning in our life when we can't. It sounds naïve and simplistic, but love is the greatest healer.

Darkness is sacred ground. The God who calls us into darkness will also sustain us and lead us through it. However, God is always calling us to the light, transforming what feels like bleak emptiness into a joy-filled abiding with God, a divine light that the darkness cannot overcome.

Resources used: *Changing Our View of God*, By Richard Rohr OFM, & *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ.

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## Advent Reconciliation

The 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of reconciliation  
will be available during  
**Adoration**

**Thursday 1 December**  
**7:30 – 8:30pm**



## ADORATION DURING ADVENT

**Thursdays in December**  
**1 ● 8 ● 15 ● 22**

**Contemplative Prayer with  
the Blessed Sacrament**  
**7:30pm – 8:30pm**

Come for 15 or 30 minutes – whatever  
time you can spare – there is no  
requirement to stay for the whole hour



## BOOKSTORE

The Bookstore is now open  
before and after Masses on  
the weekend.

Columban Calendars \$10.00  
Majellan Christmas Cards \$7.00 per  
pack, assorted Sacramental and  
Religious items available.

POS machine available or cash.



## Becoming Catholic

If you, or if you know someone who is  
interested in becoming Catholic please  
contact the parish office.

Phone: 6254 3236 or

Email: [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)



## St John's Friendship Group Christmas meeting

next meeting on

**Wednesday 30 November**

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning  
tea in the parish centre.

This will be our final meeting for the year  
and we will resume in January.

Please come and join us, you are all most  
welcome. Please bring a plate to share.



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society  
CANBERRA/COULBURN  
*great works*

*Helping families survive the cost-of-living crisis.*

● There is a leaving collection after each Mass  
this weekend. ● Food and gift donation cards are  
available in the foyer. ● EFTPOS facilities for  
credit card donations are available. ● Donations  
can be made on 3rd and 4th December as well.  
Receipts are available.

Gifts for children must be returned unwrapped  
with the gift card by Sunday 11 December.  
Return food items by 11 December. Sign on at our  
table to help with hamper deliveries. Thank you  
for your generosity.

Contact Mike on 0419 818 410 or  
James on 0432 563 299.

## KIT @ Kippax

We are looking for front cover photos for  
KIT plus any articles you may have for KIT.  
If you have a photo that would be a  
great cover photo, please send it in.

Email your contributions to Marian at  
[marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



**Saturday 24 December 2022**

No Confession available Saturday Evening

6:00pm Family Mass

9:00pm Youth Mass

Midnight Mass

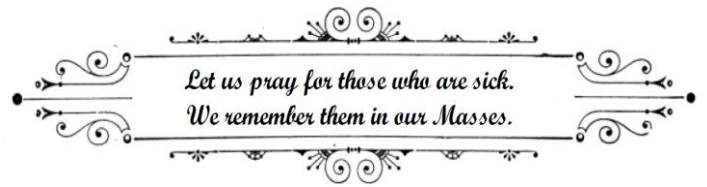
**Sunday 25 December 2022**

9:00am Mass

No evening Mass Sunday 25 December

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# 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,  
*Méditations 1*, p. 36. Issoudun 1891.

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

## Stewardship

### Preparing to Celebrate

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a “perfect” Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church’s guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb.

We are called to use the gift of time wisely. do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, and acts of kindness. In the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, and we will be ready to welcome the Christ child again.

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### Recently Deceased:

Bill Fry (husband of Elizabeth Greig, Pauline & Robert’s daughter)

**Anniversary:** John Burns, John Costelloe, Susan Sutch, Darren O’Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae, Alexander 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

## Mass Intentions the week of 28 November – 4 December

Mon 28/11	Peter Needham
Wed 30/11	David Mather
Thur 01/12	Irene Jayawardena
Fri 02/12	Available [contact the office]
<b>Sat 03/12</b>	
6:00pm	
<b>Sun 04/12</b>	
8:30am	Bev Purnell
10:00am	Shelagh Colley
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

### Fr. Michael Stephan msc– 2023

In January 2023 Fr. Michael will start his new placement as Assistant Priest in Randwick NSW Parish.

We give thanks for Fr. Michael’s 3 years with us with a pot luck lunch on .....

**Sunday 18 December 2022 - 11:30am for 12 noon**

*Please bring a salad or a desert.  
Meat and drinks will be supplied.*

As a sign of our thanks there will be a leaving collection for Michael at all masses on the weekend **10 / 11 December.**

## 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 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	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
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
And grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia

## **Readings – 4 December 2022**

First Reading	Is 11:1-10
Psalm	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Second Reading	Rom 15:4-9
Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12

## ROSTERS

### **4 Dec Lector Roster**

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

### **4 Dec Ministers of Communion**

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawaunkula
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

### **4 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	27 Nov	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	3 Dec	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	27 Nov	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen

## **CatholicCare Retirement Villas - Aranda and Campbell**

CatholicCare currently has several vacancies at our retirement villas based in Aranda and Campbell. For further information on the vacant villas and to view the villas please contact Dominica McNamara, Retirement Villas Manager, on 6162 6100 or [property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au](mailto:property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au) to indicate your interest.

### On a Lighter note

