

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**Second Sunday of Advent  
4 December 2022**

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#02.23**

## Reflection

### We are saved - "As a People"

In today's Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much.

Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation. They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptised. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy a little of everything, just to be sure. John attacks them violently and in doing so condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility.

In Christianity there is an important distinction between personal and private faith. Personal faith knows that God is close and intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about 'me and Jesus against the world'. Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God's children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is 'we and Jesus for the world.'

If we have no interest in justice, development and peace for our world. If we don't care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again.

Resource used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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

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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

Principal: Matthew Garton

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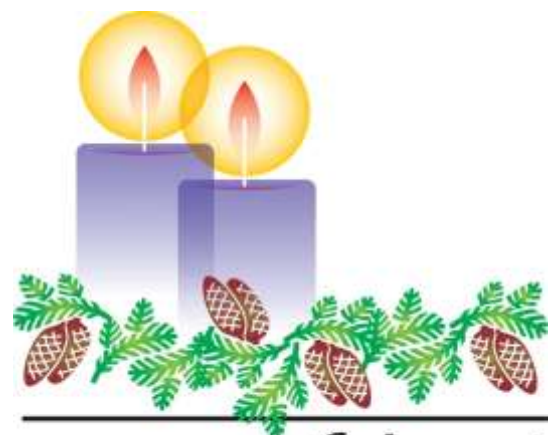
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# Peace



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Thank you for your generous support for the 2022 Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Food and gift donation cards are available in the foyer again this weekend. Donations can be made to the Appeal including by EFTPOS. Please return gifts for children unwrapped or in a gift bag with the gift card by Sunday 11 December. Return food items by 11 December. Sign on at our table to help with hamper deliveries. Contact Mike on 0419 818 410 or James on 0432 563 299.

### ADORATION DURING ADVENT

Thursdays in December

● 8 ● 15 ● 22

Contemplative Prayer with  
the Blessed Sacrament

7:30pm – 8:30pm

### Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Next gathering: Friday 9 December

Presbytery Deck

### Women's Breakfast



Tuesday 20 December – 7:30am

Bean Origin Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen

*Please note breakfast is a week early  
this month because of Christmas*

### SJAYouth ● YCS Group

Christmas Gathering

Sunday 4 December

7:00pm – 9:00pm

### 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 .....

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

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Please bring a salad or a dessert.  
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.

**Christmas 2022**  
St John the Apostle Catholic  
Community



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**Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve**  
Saturday 24 December  
6:00pm  
9:00pm  
Midnight  
Carols start at 11:30pm

**Christmas Day**  
Sunday 25 December  
9:00am  
[one mass only]  
No evening mass

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**Feast of St John the Apostle**  
Tuesday 27 December

Mass: 11:00am  
BBQ Lunch: 12 noon

# 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 to make us live with 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 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 -  
*Meditations I, p. 25f., Issoudun 1891.*

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

## Stewardship

### Make straight your path

This Sunday we are encouraged to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us. During this advent season we can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish.

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)

### Recently Deceased:

Belinda Banfield (friend to Sharon Greaves)  
Margarita Jaliue (Merci Clark's mother)

**Anniversary:** 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, John Ashton, Ian Loiterton, Michael Allars, Andre Domjan, Daniel Morris, Raymond Kernan, Patricia Jacobs, Yvonne Dunn, Bernadette Anetts, Branko Kukolic, Kathleen Randall.

### Mass Intentions the week of 5 – 11 December

Mon 05/12	Doris Galea
Wed 07/12	Available [contact the office]
Thur 08/12	Available [contact the office]
Fri 09/12	Available [contact the office]

<b>Sat 10/12</b>	
6:00pm	Bernadette Anetts

<b>Sun 11/12</b>	
8:30am	Elizabeth Hallahan
10:00am	Mary Magoffin
6:00pm	

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

### 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)

### BOOKSTORE

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

Columban Calendars \$10.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$7.00 per pack

POS machine available or cash.





## 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:**

Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace forever.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia

## Readings – 11 December 2022

First Reading	Is 35:1-6, 10
Psalm	Ps 145:6-10
Second Reading	Jas 5:7-10
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-11

## ROSTERS

### 11 Dec Lector Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Margaret Luck, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

### 11 Dec Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, James Nield
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

### 11 Dec Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	4 Dec	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	10 Dec	Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, Rob Breen, Sabina Van Rooy
Church Cleaning:	4 Dec	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

**KIT** was emailed out on  
Friday. If you did not  
receive a copy please  
telephone the parish office.

### On a Lighter note



"CAN YOU OPERATE ANY OTHER OFFICE EQUIPMENT  
BESIDES THE CANDY MACHINE AND THE SODA MACHINE?"