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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

Third Sunday of Advent
11 December 2022

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Reflection

Joyful Anticipation

Today's readings emphasise the joy that lies in the anticipation and expectation of what is coming.

Advent is not the time when we pretend that Jesus hasn't come into our world and that we are the first to anticipate his coming at Christmas. It's a richer season than that. It is the time when we recall what it was like before he came and how much we need him to keep coming again and again in our daily lives.

Advent reminds us that by welcoming Christ we have an obligation to care for all his children. Everywhere is our back yard because that's where our brothers and sisters live.

Jesus declares that the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater even than John whom he has just finished praising as greatest of all men. It is an indication that in the kingdom, things are not as they are on earth. The blind, lame, deaf, poor and lepers that Jesus named earlier would have been seen as the very lowest of society. Their afflictions were seen as punishments from God and so it was assumed that they, or their parents, had done something to deserve this punishment. Jesus rejects this interpretation and shows these people to be the most open to responding to his message.

We are ridiculously generous to others because God in Jesus has been lavishly good to us and our goodness remains a most powerful sign of God's salvation that is always seen in deeds not words.

May we gain from Christ this Christmas the generosity to see that the desert is meant to bloom for all people everywhere, not just a few of us lucky to live in an oasis.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ, & *Least & Greatest*, 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

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Matthew Garton

Pawsey Circuit Florey

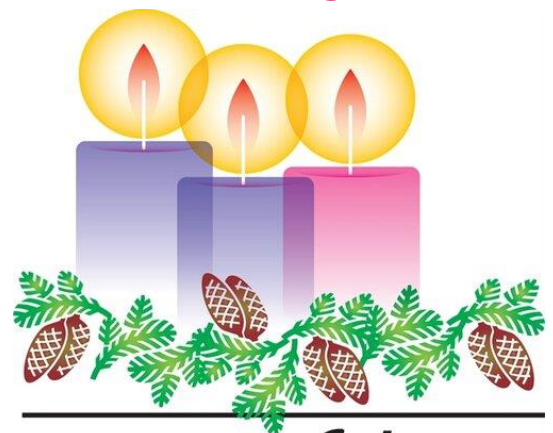
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Joy



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

ADORATION DURING ADVENT

Thursdays in December

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Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament

7:30pm – 8:30pm

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*

Fr. Michael's Farewell

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

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 this weekend.

THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

invites you and your friends to

THE 16th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL

Where: St Brigid's Church
Address: 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson
Date: Saturday 31st December 2022
Time: 8.00pm

8.00pm - First Cenacle (Joyful Mysteries)

9.00pm - Second Cenacle (Luminous Mysteries)

10.00pm - Third Cenacle (Sorrowful Mysteries)

11.00pm - Fourth (Glorious Mysteries)

Exposition from 8.00pm until Benediction just
before Midnight. For further inquiries: Phone
Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

Christmas 2022

St John the Apostle Catholic
Community



25 Blackham St

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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

Feast of St John the Apostle

Tuesday 27 December

Mass: 11:00am

BBQ Lunch: 12 noon

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

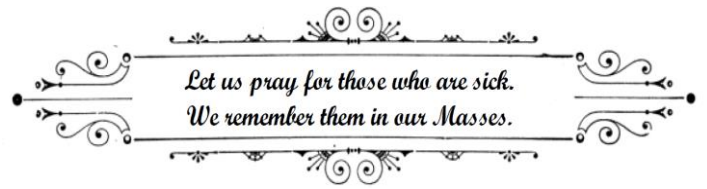
The parish office will be closed on
Monday 26 December 2022
and reopening on
Wednesday 4 January 2023

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you for your generous support for
this year's appeal. Please return gifts for
children, unwrapped with the tag, and
donations of food by Sunday 11 December.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality



Come, Lord Jesus

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 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 for ever.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Méditations 1, p 25f. Issoudun 1891

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

Stewardship

Rejoice

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday and is filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples. Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming.

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life, by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Michael Gunning, Amy Carney, Edward Clifford, Gordon Aikman, John MacKay, Marie Cody, Robert Carew, William Roots, Christopher Fitzsimon, Kathleen Edmunds.

Mass Intentions the week of 12 – 18 December

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| Mon 12/12 | Available [contact the office] |
| Wed 14/12 | Available [contact the office] |
| Thur 15/12 | Available [contact the office] |
| Fri 16/12 | Available [contact the office] |

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| Sat 17/12 | |
| 6:00pm | Sheila Lay |

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| Sun 18/12 | |
| 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.

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

SJAShop

The Shop 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

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| 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

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| Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326 | Thursday 10:00am |
| Meditation | Friday 5:15-6.30 pm |
| Rosary | Monday – Friday 9:05am |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm |
| Adult Choir | Wednesday 7:30pm |

SOCIAL LIFE

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| St Johns Friendship Group | Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea |
| Pins & Needles | 3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library |
| Book club | 3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library |
| Women's Breakfast | 4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen |
| Men's Group | 3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre |

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, come and save us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
He sent me to bring Good News
to the poor.
Alleluia

Readings – 18 December 2022

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| First Reading | Is 7:10-14 |
| Psalm | Ps 23:1-6 |
| Second Reading | Rom 1:1-7 |
| Gospel | |

ROSTERS

18 Dec Lector Roster

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| 6:00pm | Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting |
| 8:30am | Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj |
| 10:00am | Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence |
| 6:00pm | Matthew Garton, Anna Cirocco |

18 Dec Ministers of Communion

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| 6:00pm | Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir |
| 8:30am | Fay Stephenson, Theresia Suh |
| 10:00am | Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds |
| 6:00pm | Brian Mahony |

18 Dec Hospitality Roster

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| 6:00pm | Carol Moore, Marie McKie |
| 8:30am | Clyde & Norma Sloan |
| 10:00am | Vacant |
| 6:00pm | Brian Mahony |

18 Dec SJAShop

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| 6:00pm | Laurine Smeaton |
| 8:30am | Caroline Gibbons |
| 10:00am | Margaret Sheehan |
| 6:00pm | Vacant |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society | 11 Dec | Mary Cruickshank |
| Grounds | 17 Dec | David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton |
| Church Cleaning: | 11 Dec | Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena |

On a Lighter note



“That’s fantastic! I can’t keep up with all this modern technology.”

