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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

Fourth Sunday of Advent
18 December 2022

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Reflection

God is with us

The Incarnation, the mystery for which we long, requires the risk of faith. Incarnation literally means 'to take on flesh'. The incarnation of the Son of God shows that Jesus was fully God and fully human. Despite all of the times that we have celebrated the Nativity, we still do not have full comprehension and understanding. We can only experience the Incarnation through prayer and through our lived lives. The circumstances of our lives influence the way we live out our faith.

It appears from today's readings that Mary's child is to be called both Jesus and Emmanuel. Emmanuel is not intended as a different name for Jesus but rather one of the many titles that will be applied to him. The title means God-is-with-us. That one word, Emmanuel, sums up the essence of Jewish and Christian belief. The Jewish people's faith in God was built on the basis that God travelled with them and through their lives. Christians believe that God took on an even closer sense of being with us through God's incarnation in the life of Jesus.

Emmanuel; God-is-with-us – that's what we celebrate through Christmas and that's what we've been preparing for during Advent. We celebrate God-with-us in a particular time and place through our celebration of the birth of Jesus. But we remember it every year because we also use the Christmas celebration to remind ourselves that God continues to be with us. That is what is so remarkable about the Christmas season: that God-is-with-us **now**, not just in a stable in Palestine so many years ago, but now! Advent is the time to remind ourselves of this incredible truth and prepare ourselves to acknowledge it once again.

Will we step into a life of deeper faith and commitment, or will we merely participate in the external celebration of the feast? Only we can decide, and only we will really know the decision that we make.

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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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URGENT

**CHRISTMAS MASSES –
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

We are looking for current Ministers of Communion to serve at Christmas Masses.

If you are able to serve at the Christmas Mass you will be attending, please write your name on the sheet provided in the Sacristy.

Next week you will be contacted by the parish Office to confirm that you will be serving.

Thank you

Refugee Resettlement Committee

The Red Cross has asked us to mentor some newly arrived refugee families.

If you can help or need more information please contact

Sigi Kropp from the Refugee Resettlement Committee 0400 304 878

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

The parish office will be closed on

Monday 26 December 2022

and reopening on

Wednesday 4 January 2023

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.



Christmas 2022

St John the Apostle Catholic Community



25 Blackham St
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Ph 6254 3236

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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

ADORATION DURING ADVENT

Thursday 22 December

**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*

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

The protection of St Joseph

On earth Saint Joseph watched over and protected Jesus and Mary.

That is why the Church has made him the Protector of the great Christian family.

He regards us as his own children. He surrounds us with the ineffable tenderness of a real father. He knows we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and destined for the happiness of heaven. How then could he forget us? To believe he could so would be to do him a serious wrong. He distributes the treasures of the Heart of Jesus and wishes to enrich us with them. So let us go to him with confidence and ask him for all the help we need. He will give it to us.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Meditations I, p.723f. Issoudun 1891.

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

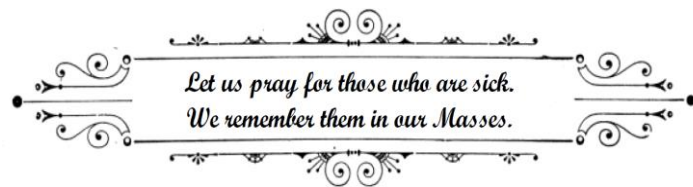
Stewardship

Joseph – A life given in Service

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

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Recently Deceased:

John Dickason [brother of Jan Keenan]

Peter Bird [friend of Rosemary Waters]

Anniversary: Michael Gunning, Amy Carney, Edward Clifford, Gordon Aikman, John MacKay, Marie Cody, Robert Carew, William Roots, Christopher Fitzsimon, Kathleen Edmund, Anne Hudson, Michael Devlin, John Dickinson, Patrick Laverty, Paul MaxKenzie, Louise Ball, Geoffrey Walsh, Elana Powell, Jarrod Smith, Dora Roberts, Luis Soria, Cora Newman, Ellen Ottewill, Yvonne Williamson

Mass Intentions the week of 19 – 25 December

Mon 19/12	Available [contact the office]
Wed 21/12	Available [contact the office]
Thur 22/12	Reginaldo, Lara and Gomez families
Fri 23/12	Peter Bird

Sat 24/12	
6:00pm	Robert Scarr
9:00pm	Sheehan & McGrath Families
Midnight	Available [contact the office]

Sun 25/12	
9:00am	Parish Intentions

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

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

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 st 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 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm 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:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
A virgin will give birth to a son;
His name will be Emmanuel:
God is with us.
Alleluia

Readings – 25 December 2022

First Reading	Is 9:1-7
Psalm	Ps 95
Second Reading	Titus 2:11-14
Gospel	Luke 2:1-14

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

25 Dec Lector Roster

6:00pm	Frank Colley, Elaine Laycock
9:00pm	Andrew Luck, Elizabeth McDonald
Midnight	Bob Raadts, Brian Mahony
9:00am	Shane Murtagh, Sigrid Kropp

25 Dec Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	
9:00pm	
Midnight	
9:00am	

25 Dec Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joan Galpin, Carol Moore
9:00pm	Jenny Maher, Kay Dwyer
Midnight	Libby Kain
9:00am	Clyde and Norma Sloan

25 Dec SJAShop

6:00pm	
8:30am	Norma Sloan
10:00am	Joe Mewburn
9:00am	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	18 Dec	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	24 Dec	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	18 Dec	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

On a Lighter note



“He’s lost his worm again.”