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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C**  
**20 November 2022 #52.22**

## Reflection

### Remembered by God

Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt.

We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that sometime in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is *today* that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

Being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ & *Gospel Focus*, 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

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## *Heart Spirituality* *"Called by God"*

**Second follow Up Session to the  
Heart to Heart Retreat**

**Sunday 20 November**

**3:00pm – 4:30pm**

**St John the Apostle Parish Centre**

Even if you did not attend the Heart to Heart retreat you are invited to attend this Heart Spirituality session. Please contact the Parish Office

# SJAYouth ● YCS

Young Christian Students

## CHANGE OF DATE

20 November 7:00pm – 9:00pm

SJA Parish Centre

*Do you want to meet others and have fun?*

*Do you believe in equality and justice?*

*Do you care about the environment?*

Enquiries please contact the Parish Office – Phone 6254 3236 ● [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

## 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)



## Pins & Needles

Mon 21 November

7:15pm Parish Library

## Women's Breakfast



Tuesday 22 November – 7:30am

Bean Origin Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen



## 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.

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# 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)

## Advent Reconciliation

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

Adoration

Thursday 1 December

7:30 – 8:30pm



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

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

Coinciding with the commencement of Advent, the Vinnies Christmas Appeal will begin next weekend. The theme is helping families survive the cost of living crisis. Food and gift donation cards will be available. There will be a leaving collection after each Mass and we will have an EFTPOS machine for credit card donations.

## 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.



## CHRISTMAS STALL

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding its annual Christmas Stall in the foyer of Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

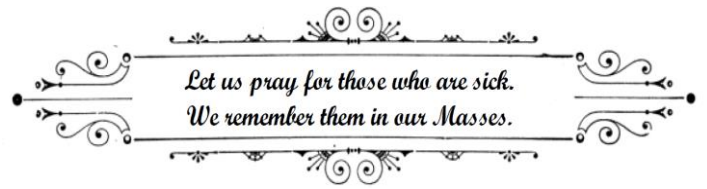
**Wednesday 30 November and**

**Thursday 1 December 2022,**

**8am-4pm both days**

All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital Patients and staff.

# Heart Spirituality



## Eternity

How can we obtain some idea of eternity? Figures are not enough; what are billions and billions of centuries in comparison with eternity that never ends? Someone said, imagine that the world would become an extremely hard diamond globe nine thousand miles in circumference, and that a bird would come once every thousand years touching slightly that diamond with its wing. After an unimaginable number of centuries that enormous diamond would have been worn away by that slight touch, but eternity would have hardly begun. Even if you multiply the number of earths and add a number of suns that are to be touched slightly by the wing of that bird, and you make the time between each visit as long as you want, all stars, however many, however enormous, would disappear like a stone worn away by water, and eternity would be equally far removed from its end, because it will never end.

There simply is no proportion between our calculations and eternity. Forever, eternally..... these words are, like God, a bottomless abyss.

Jules Chevalier msc,  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 361. Paris, 1900.

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

## Stewardship

### Servant Leadership

Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. Though he is mocked, sneered at and taunted to save himself, he does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.

## Recently Deceased:

*Philomena D’Cruze*

**Anniversary:** Corstianus Slusser, Patrica McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan, Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Peter Hayes, Phyllis McAllister, Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson, Allan Cockroft, Winifed O’Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe, Susan Sutch, Darren O’Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae, Alexander Arekion, Paul Wilson, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino.

## Mass Intentions the week of 21 - 27 November

Mon 21/11	November Mass Intentions
Wed 23/11	Available [contact the office]
Thur 24/11	Available [contact the office]
Fri 25/11	Available [contact the office]
<b>Sat 26/11</b>	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]
<b>Sun 27/11</b>	
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.

## 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 weekend **3 / 4 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

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia

## Readings – 27 November 2022

First Reading	Is 2:1-5
Psalm	Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9
Second Reading	Rom 13:11-14
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44

## ROSTERS

27 Nov

**Lector Roster**

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Wendy Wade, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, James Nield
6:00pm	Andre Luck, Marian Crowley

27 Nov

**Ministers of Communion**

6:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Margaret Stanford, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Marie McKie

27 Nov

**Hospitality Roster**

6:00pm	Joan Glapin
8:30am	Beatrice Williams
10:00am	Vacant
6:00pm	Erin Trevaskis

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	20 Nov	Angela Boreham
Grounds	26 Nov	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	20 Nov	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

## 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.

### On a lighter note



"I'm still going with our textbook. I  
don't care what Wikipedia says!"