

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**3 December 2023**

**YEAR B**  
**#01.24**

## Reflection

### Receiving Jesus Anew

In today's gospel passage, Jesus emphasizes the importance of staying alert and watchful, comparing it to a master leaving his house and entrusting his servants with specific tasks. The call to "watch" is a call to remain vigilant and attentive to the signs of the times. It is important for each of us to stay awake. Awake to what is happening around us in the world and awake to what is happening within us.

One of the great challenges to faith today is the complacency that has taken hold of many in our society. In times of comfort and convenience, the urgency of faith may fade, especially in a culture driven by instant gratification. The rapid pace of modern life, characterized by instant communication and quick satisfaction, can make the patient and reflective work of faith appear burdensome.

However, the call to stay awake during Advent is a reminder that faith is an ongoing journey, not a fleeting experience. The complacency that might arise in comfortable times is precisely what Jesus warns against. It's during these moments of ease that the call to faith becomes more crucial, as it requires a deliberate effort to stay connected with God and to continue the work of bringing about the Kingdom.

The comparison with Advent as a time of preparation is apt. Advent is not just a ritualistic observance but a profound opportunity to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus anew into our lives. The call to stay awake echoes the sentiment of active anticipation and readiness for the coming of the Lord, not just as a historical event but as a continuous presence in our lives.

The clarion call to stay awake calls us to be vigilant. It challenges the prevailing complacency and encourages a deeper engagement with faith, especially in a world that often values immediacy over contemplation. As we enter the season of Advent, the call to stay awake serves as a timely reminder to actively participate in the ongoing work of bringing the Kingdom of God into our lives and the world.

*Resources used: Gospel Reflection, by Greg Sunter*

## Parish Administration

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:  
Tues 9:30am

### Ministry

**Sacristan:** Maryanne Ferguson

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**St John the Apostle Parish Kippax**

is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Coinciding with the start of Advent, the Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be launched this weekend. Donations of food items, gifts for children and money will be gratefully received. We will have a smart card reader for donations and receipts can be issued. Also, you can sign on to help with hamper delivery. Thank you for your support.

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## Reconciliation during Advent

Fr. Chung will be available during  
10:00am – 11:00am for Reconciliation  
Monday, Wednesday - Friday

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## ADORATION DURING ADVENT

Thursdays in December

7 ● 14 ● 21

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

## Advent Reconciliation

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

Thursday 14 December

7:30 – 8:30pm

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## YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS [YCS]



Sunday 10 December

7:00pm – 9:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre  
Enquiries to the parish office 6254  
3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## PARISH MEETING INFORMATION

“The Parishes of Charnwood and Kippax – will operate under combined administration of the MSC’s from January 2024. Fr Tru is appointed Moderator from Kippax, and Fr Gerard will become Priest in Residence at Charnwood. Both parishes will operate with their current Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils for the foreseeable future. Financial arrangements will continue in the present model.”

*Fr. Richard Thompson Vicar General*

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## Farewell Fr. Kimi

3 December 2023

After the 10am Mass

Tropical Theme

Dress Code: Hawaiian Style

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

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## Sausage sizzle and morning tea

after the 10:00 am mass

Sunday December 10

Everyone’s invited.

Feel free to bring a plate to share.



Anyone who is willing to help Jenny McGee set up and serve on the day please contact her text 0481 706 966 or [jemapm59@gmail.com](mailto:jemapm59@gmail.com)

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## WOMEN’S BREAKFAST



CHANGE OF  
DATE DUE

TO CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

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## Community Connections

Change of Date

We held our first gathering of this group back in September. Parishioners who live alone are now invited to Christmas Drinks on

Sunday 17 December

3:00 – 4:30pm

in the Parish Centre

# Advent: Action in Waiting

## Stay Awake – Be Alert

The message of Advent is, be alert, vigilant and industrious, so that the arrival of the Christ child will be an experience of overwhelming joy. What we are in fact celebrating is the awe-inspiring humility of God, and no amount of familiarity with the trappings of Christmas should ever blind us to its quiet but explosive significance. For Christians believe that so great is God's love and concern for humanity that God became one of us.

Advent is a time of waiting. Waiting for God to be born anew in us. The secret of waiting is the faith that the seed has been planted, that something has begun. We can only really wait if what we are waiting for has already begun for us. Active waiting means to be present fully to the moment, to be awake. A waiting person is someone who is present to the moment, who believes that this moment is *the* moment. So waiting is never a movement from nothing to something. It is always a movement from something to something more.

*Taken from: Waiting for God, by Henri Nouwen*

## Stewardship

### There is no time to waste.

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbour, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

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

*Let us pray for those who are sick.  
We remember them in our Masses.*

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** 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, Kevin Hiscock, Winifred Lilley, Bev Purnell, Maria Tabisz, John Ashton, Ian Loiterton, Michael Allars, Andre Domjan, Daniel Morris, Raymond Kernan, Patricia Jacobs, Yvonne Dunn

## Mass Intentions the week of 4 – 10 December

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| Mon 04/12  | Doris Galea        |
| Wed 06/12  |                    |
| Thur 07/12 |                    |
| Fri 08/12  |                    |
| Sat 09/12  |                    |
| 5:00pm     | Bernadette Anetts  |
| Sun 10/12  |                    |
| 8:30am     | Elizabeth Hallahan |
| 10:00am    |                    |
| 6:00pm     |                    |

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS TIMES

The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday 24 December.

Masses will be celebrated on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> VIGIL Mass 5:00pm and Sunday 24 Mass at 9:00am.



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Masses will be celebrated on December 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm, 8:00pm and 11:00pm  
December 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am ONLY – no evening Mass

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Baptisms                              | 1st & 3rd Sun during Mass           |
| Reconciliation                        | Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm                 |
| Sacramental Program                   | Contact Parish Office               |
| School of Religion<br>(Parish Centre) | Sunday 9.15am<br>during school term |

## PRAYER LIFE

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

## SOCIAL LIFE

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

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord will strengthen us  
to the end.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

## Readings – 10 December 2023

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| First Reading  | Is 40:1-5, 9-11 |
| Psalm          | PS 84:9-14      |
| Second Reading | 2 Peter 3:8-14  |
| Gospel         | Mark 1:1-8      |

## ROSTERS

### 10 Dec

### Acolyte Roster

|         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 5:00pm  | Joe Catanzariti                  |
| 8:30am  | Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock      |
| 10:00am | Peter Kain, Eman Basheer         |
| 6:00pm  | Anthony Jayawardena, Nunga Umaru |

### 10 Dec

### Lector Roster

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 5:00pm  | Therese Kercher, Paul McGrath     |
| 8:30am  | Sigrid Kropp, Marianna Rollgejser |
| 10:00am | Pam Connor, Kelechi Nnaji         |
| 6:00pm  | Meg Millband, Brian Mahony        |

### 10 Dec

### Ministers of Communion

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 5:00pm  | Maria Catanzariti, Marian England |
| 8:30am  | Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen      |
| 10:00am | Frank Colley, Margarete Gill      |
| 6:00pm  | John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena    |

### 10 Dec

### Hospitality Roster

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 5:00pm  | Jenny Maher                       |
| 8:30am  | Mandy Lalor                       |
| 10:00am | Judy Kenny, Shovin Weerawarnakula |
| 6:00pm  | Sabina Van Rooy                   |

### 10 Dec

### SJAShop

|         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| 5:00pm  |                  |
| 8:30am  |                  |
| 10:00am | Margaret Sheehan |
| 6:00pm  | Jenny McGee      |

## Weekly Rosters

|                     |       |  |
|---------------------|-------|--|
| Altar Society       | 3 Dec | Margaret Ferguson                                    |
| Grounds             | 9 Dec | Rob Breen, Mike Blyth,<br>Dennis Puniard, David Momi |
| Church<br>Cleaning: | 3 Dec | John O'Heir, Pat Keenan,<br>Ted & Debbie Milne       |

## On a Lighter note

