

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
17 December 2023

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Reflection

Christians are called to be living testimonies to the Truth.

John the Baptist came as a witness to testify about the light. He declared that he was not the light but came to bear witness to the true light, who is Jesus Christ.

The concept of witness in John's gospel aligns with the idea of providing testimony through action and lifestyle. John the Baptist serves as an exemplar of this form of witnessing. He not only proclaimed the coming of the Messiah but lived a life that reflected the beliefs he preached. His actions drew others to wonder about the truth he proclaimed and ultimately to accept the message of Christ.

For Christians today, this passage encourages a reflection on the nature of their witness. It challenges believers to go beyond verbal declarations of faith and instead embody their beliefs in their daily lives. Christians are called to live in a way that reflects the teachings of Jesus, engaging with others in a manner that draws them to question and explore the Christian faith. This means manifesting love, compassion, humility, and integrity in all aspects of life.

Furthermore, the emphasis on truth in the paragraph resonates with the Gospel of John's overarching theme of Jesus as the embodiment of truth. Christians are called to hold to certain truths, not just as intellectual beliefs, but as guiding principles that shape their behavior and interactions. This truth is not only to be professed but demonstrated through the witness of one's life.

In a world where actions often speak louder than words, this understanding of witnessing is particularly relevant. Christians are called to be living testimonies to the transformative power of their faith, inviting others to inquire about the source of their hope, joy, and ethical values. This requires consistency between what one professes and how one lives, fostering a curiosity in others that may lead them to explore and accept the motivating beliefs of the Christian faith.

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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

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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.

CHRISTMAS MASS



**Sunday 24
December
5:00pm**

Would your child like to be involved in the Christmas Nativity at this mass?

If so, register your interest at

kippax@cg.org.au or 6254 3236

Plus – attend a practice at the church on Friday 22 December at 11:00am

ADORATION DURING ADVENT

**Thursdays in December
21**

**Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament
7:30pm – 8:30pm**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS TIMES

The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday 24 December.

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



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Masses will be celebrated on December 24th - 5:00pm, 8:00pm and 11:00pm

December 25th – 9:00am

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

The parish office will be closed on **Monday 25 December 2023** and reopening on **Wednesday 3 January 2024**

Community Connections

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

LEAVING COLLECTION FAREWELL GIFT

A leaving collection for Fr. Kimi's farewell gift will take place **THIS** weekend 16/17 December

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER – 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

Relax, Review, Reflect



Friday 22 December at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

**Anointing after Mass
Friday 29 December**



“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Advent – Action in Waiting

God-with-us.

No one can celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor.

The self-sufficient, the proud, those who, because they have everything, look down on others, those who have no need even of God-for them there will be no Christmas.

Only the poor, the hungry, those who need someone to come on their behalf, will have that someone.

That someone is God.
Emmanuel.
God-with-us.

Without poverty of spirit there can be no abundance of God.

Oscar Romero

Stewardship

God is the source of our Joy

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Bernadette Anetts, Brank Kukolic, Kathleen Randall, Michael Gunning, John Dickson, Amy Carney, Edward Clifford, Gordon Aikman, John MacKay, Marie Cody, Robert Carew, William Roots, Christopher Fizsimon, Kathleen Edmunds, Anne Hudson, Michael Devlin, John Dickinson, Patrick Lavery, Paul MacKenzie, Louise Ball, Geoffrey Walsh, Elana Powell, Jarrod Smith, Dora Roberts, Luisa Soria, Cora Newman, Ellen Ottewill

Mass Intentions the week of 18 – 24 December

Mon 18/12	
Wed 20/12	Barbara Gardiner
Thur 21/12	
Fri 22/12	Tanya Jackson

Sat 23/12	
5:00pm	Isabella D'Souza

Sun 24/12	
9:00am	
5:00pm	Reginaldo & Lara Families
8:00pm	Peter and Suzi Momi
11:00pm	

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



"That can't be right! I distinctly heard you say Gold, Frankincense and Fur!!!"

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
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	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

My soul rejoices in my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

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

Readings – 24 December 2023

First Reading	2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Psalm	Ps 85:2-5, 27, 29
Second Reading	Romans 16:25-27
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	17 Dec	
Grounds	23 Dec	
Church Cleaning:	17 Dec	

ROSTERS – 4th Sunday of Advent

24 Dec

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Murray and Di Bruce
9:00am	Sigrid Kropp, Anthony Noakes

24 Dec

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
9:00am	Shane Murtagh, Pam Connor

24 Dec

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
9:00am	Carmel Screen, Maria Scarr

24 Dec

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore
8:30am	Carmel Screen

24 Dec

SJAShop

5:00pm	
9:00am	

ROSTERS

The Nativity of the Lord

24/25 Dec

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Maria Scarr, Anthony and Chitra Jayawardena
8:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Polkinghorne
11:00pm	Rosa and Boni Benedictos
9:00am	Anthony Noakes, Francesca Deklin

24/25 Dec

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Family Mass
8:00pm	Elizabeth McDonald, Andrew Luck
11:00pm	Pam Connor, Carmel Screen
9:00am	Dennis Puniard, Edgar Nnajide

24/25 Dec

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Laurine Smeaton
8:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Judy Netting
11:00pm	
9:00am	Janet Almond

24/25 Dec

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Kay Dwyer
8:00pm	Christine Lancaster, Terry Fewtrell
11:00pm	Brian Mahony, Pam Connor
9:00am	Christine Lancaster

24/25 Dec

SJAShop

5:00pm	Joe Ots, Therese Kercher
8:00pm	Elizabeth McDonald
11:00pm	Colleen Reed, Frank Colley
9:00am	Brian Mahony, Margaret Luck