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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 November 2023

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Reflection

Wisdom cautions us to be Vigilant

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God.

It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

Resource used: Gospel Reflection, Greg Sunter, & Reflection, by Diane Bergant CSA.

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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.

Fertility Care Program

Do you want to know more about how your menstrual and fertility cycle works?

Are you looking for something to manage your fertility that is entirely natural?

The FertilityCare, Creighton Model System (CrMs) is based upon the knowledge and understanding of naturally-occurring phases of a woman's fertility and infertility.

Learning how to observe and chart your biological markers, empowers you to know your cycle and use this information to maintain your health, it allows couples plan and build a family together. In addition, you can combine the Creighton Model with a medical treatment program, NaPro Technology to help you reach a full procreative health. Based on thirty years of research and practical application, NaPro Technology is a woman's health science which has the ability to work cooperatively with the woman's menstrual and fertility cycle.

To find out more or arrange a consultation please text 0474 728 868 or email mianuovicare@aol.com. Further information available at <https://www.fertilitycare.org/>

Prayer Support for COP28

UN's Climate Conference, COP28 starts in Dubai on 30-Nov. Public multi-faith prayer support for global action on climate (as a mainstream faith issue) will be on the lawns in front of Parliament House.

2.30-4pm Sunday, 26-Nov & 8-9.30am Monday, 27-Nov.

All invited or offer prayer support off-site. Enquiry: LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com

CAP Money Mentors

Are you facing financial challenges and seeking guidance to regain control of your finances? At St. John the Apostle Parish, our dedicated money mentors are ready to accompany you on your journey toward financial well-being.

Our service is provided free of charge and is handled with the utmost confidentiality. You can trust that your financial concerns will be treated with the highest level of privacy and sensitivity.

Reach out to a money mentor through the parish office. Your path to financial wellness begins with a simple phone call.

Sacrificial Giving Sunday

18/19 November

Church finances are essential for supporting various ministries and programs that serve the community, spread the gospel, and provide for the needs of the less fortunate. Giving allows you to participate in these important endeavours.

There will be a talk at all masses about the Parish Finance's and Planned Giving the weekend of 18/19 November. Leading up to that weekend we ask that you prayerfully discern your commitment towards the parish's financial responsibilities.

Fr. Kimi's Ministry Appraisal

As advised last weekend, Fr. Iokimi Vunivesilevu, (Kimi), will complete a six-year term at St John the Apostle Parish on 31 December 2023.

Fr. Peter Hendriks will visit the parish on the weekend of 18-19 November, 2023 to undertake a review of Fr. Kimi's ministry during his time at SJA Kippax. Fr. Peter will be assisted by two parishioners, Elizabeth McDonald, and Murray Bruce. There will be an opportunity during that weekend for you to speak with either Peter, Elizabeth or Murray.

Parish Meeting

Thursday 30 Nov – 7:00pm

Fr. Richard Thompson, Vicar General and Patrick McArdle, Chancellor will address this meeting regarding the future of St John the Apostle, Kippax and St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood parishes.

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 10 December

3:00 – 4:30pm

in the Parish Centre

Heart Spirituality

Created in the likeness of God

The nature of a being is its likeness to God. Its nature is more or less perfect in so far as it more or less resembles God. In fact, it is impossible for a created being not to resemble God; for God is all. Not to resemble him in anything would mean not to exist.

How does God communicate to beings this likeness to himself? By that continual and intimate act called creation. I say continual for creation is not a passing act that ceases while the effect continues to exist.

If God should cease to create, even merely for an instant, in the very instant the world would be no more.

"To be created means to be continually made by God. Conservation is continual creation".

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacre-Coeur de Jésus, p. 281. Paris, 1900.

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

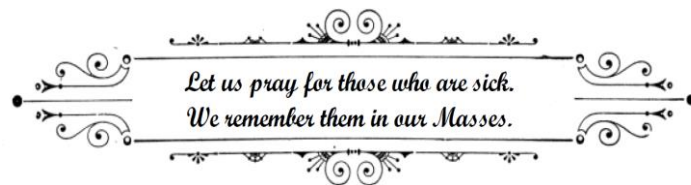
Stewardship

Be Awake and Ready

Jesus could not be clearer about the necessity of preparedness on our part. The Lord reminds us in the Gospel from St. Matthew "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Jesus wants His followers, His disciples, to be ready and prepared. He also makes it clear the price for failing to be ready is high: "Amen, I say to you I do not know you."

Holy Scripture prompts us often to be awake and ready. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul paralleled Christ's message, stating, "Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now, salvation is nearer to us than we ever believed." Disciples of Jesus need to think often about the fact that He may come any time. We will stand before Him and give an account of our lives, of our stewardship really. He has entrusted us with many gifts. Are we ready to justify how we have used those gifts?

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Recently Deceased:

Rex Sutherland, (Helen Tremayne's brother)

Anniversary: Margaret Webster, Gary Williams, Marie-Jeanne Shatzman, Veronica Tippet, Frances Stow, Maria van Audenaerde, Brenden Keir, Cornelia Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witrzens, Gloria Hunter, Jordan Blachfield, Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen Randall, Garry Marsh, Fransien Ashauer, Nell Clarke, Matthew Biggs, Joey Griffiths, Marie Corr, Nelson Canas, Irene Collbourne, Corstianus Slusser, Patricia McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan, Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Peter Hayes, Phyllis McAllister, Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson, Allan Cockroft.

Mass Intentions the week of 13- 19 November

Mon 13/11	November Masses
Wed 15/11	Philomena Murtagh
Thur 16/11	Graham Scarlett
Fri 17/11	Deceased family members, John Baptist and All Souls

Sat 18/11	
6:00pm	Francesca & Caterina Catanzariti

Sun 19/11	
8:30am	Robert & Karen Bower
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Monday 20 November
Pins and Needles



Friday 24 November
Anointing of the Sick
after 9:30am Mass



Friday 17 November
Men's Group



Friday 24 November
Movie Night – Children of Men

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 is thirsting for you, O Lord
my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is
coming.
Alleluia

Readings – 19 November 2023

First Reading	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm	PS 127:1-5
Second Reading	1 Thes 5:1-6
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

ROSTERS

19 Nov

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Francesca Deklin
10:00am	Rose Benedictos, Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	John McGee, Carl Madsen

19 Nov

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Dennis Puniard, Margaret Luck

19 Nov

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Charlotte D'Cruze, Lionel D'Cruze

19 Nov

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore
8:30am	Clyde & Norma Sloan
10:00am	Pam Connor, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

19 Nov

SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	12 Nov	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	18 Nov	
Church Cleaning:	12 Nov	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula

On a Lighter note

**“MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE, SEE ME
AFTER CLASS.”**



**“YOUR BOOK REPORTS ARE SURPRISINGLY
SIMILAR.”**