

## Reflection

### **We are called to change the world**

Like all of Jesus' parables, today's story has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency.

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Like the lazy servant, we too can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord we must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in our own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

*Resources used: Gospel Reflection, by Greg Sunter & Reflection, Dianne 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.

## 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 dessert

## 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.

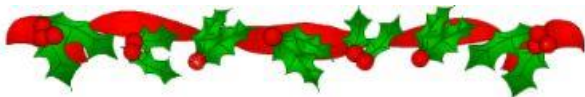
Our service is provided free of charge and is handled with the utmost confidentiality. You can trust that your financial concerns will be treated with the highest level of privacy and sensitivity.

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

## 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.



## St John's Friendship Group Christmas meeting

next meeting on

**Wednesday 29 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.

## Reconciliation during Advent

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

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## Sacrificial Giving Sunday

**18/19 November**

This weekend there will be a talk at all masses about the Parish Finance's and Planned Giving. Members of the Finance Council will be in the foyer after each mass to assist with any enquiries or requests for forms.

## Fr. Kimi's Ministry Appraisal POSTPONED to 9-10 December

As advised, 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 9-10 December, 2023 to undertake a review of Fr. Kimi's ministry during his time at SJA Kippax. Peter assisted by Elizabeth McDonald, and Murray Bruce will conduct a review of Fr. Kimi's ministry during his time at SJA Kippax.

## Christmas 2023



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Saturday 23 Dec – 5:00pm**

**Sunday 24 Dec – 9:00am**

## Mass Times

## Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December

5:00pm

8:00pm

11:00pm

Carols start at 10:30pm

## Christmas Day

Monday 25 December

9:00am

[one mass only]

No evening mass

# Heart Spirituality

## The importance of fervour

Jesus says, is yours the disposition of the apostles, my child? The more closely you seek to follow their example, the more good you will do to souls.

If people run away from sacrifice, seek their own comfort and make no effort to become holy, how will they be effectively able to invite others to practise virtue? "If salt become tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing any more, but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot" (Mt 5:13). So work at your improvement; make generous efforts to grow continuously in virtue. Then what you say and do will be useful in obtaining for your neighbour all the good you want for them.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Ecole du Sacre-Coeur, p. 86. Issoudun, 1892

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

## Stewardship

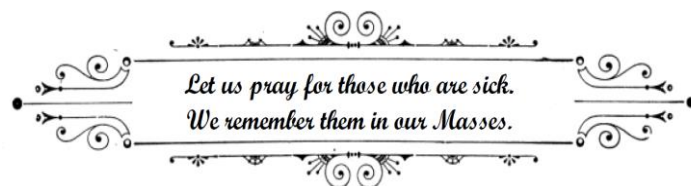
### Using the gifts God has given us.

Stewardship is an active way of life. There is nothing passive about it. The Lord expects us to do things, to take the gifts we receive and to share them and multiply them, as was the case in the first two servants cited in the parable.

If we really wish to hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant" to us when we are finally judged, we need to do something to earn that praise. God has gifted us in a multitude of ways. We need to recognize those gifts; acknowledge those gifts; be grateful for those gifts; and most of all use those gifts to benefit the Church and others.

What have we done with our time, our money, and our abilities? In our Church we recognize and point to sins of omission — that is, things we did not do, but should have. Like the first two servants in the parable, it is not just a case of preserving what God has given us, it is a case of using it, increasing it, and returning it to the Lord.

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## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** 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, Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe, Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae, Alexandre Arekiion, Paul Wilson, Vin Stewart.

## Mass Intentions the week of 20 -26 November

Mon 20/11	November Masses
Wed 22/11	
Thur 23/11	Eileen Nemesi
Fri 24/11	
Sat 25/11	
5:00pm	Hurtis Family
Sun 26/11	
8:30am	
10:00am	Jessica Gaul
6:00pm	

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

## 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**

## Adoration during Advent

Every Thursday  
Commencing 20 November  
**7:30 – 8:30pm**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of reconciliation  
will be available during Adoration on  
Thursday 14 December

## 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 <sup>st</sup> 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>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia  
Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord;  
My branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia

## Readings – 26 November 2023

First Reading	Ez 34:11-12, 15-171
Psalm	PS 23
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46

## ROSTERS

### 26 Nov

### Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Di Bruce, Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Polkinghorne

### 26 Nov

### Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Bernadette Murnane
6:00pm	Caitlyn D'Cruze, Andrew Luck

### 26 Nov

### Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Maureen Burgess
10:00am	Boni Benedictos, Rosa Benedictos
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Priscilla Momi

### 26 Nov

### Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Joy McInerney

### 26 Nov

### SJAShop

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
10:00am	Judy Mewburn
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	19 Nov	Angela Boreham
Grounds	25 Nov	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	19 Nov	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

## On a Lighter note

