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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
26 November 2023**

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Reflection

A Call to Action for Justice

Today's Gospel serves as a clarion call to action for justice, emphasizing the importance of tangible, compassionate deeds over mere words or beliefs. It challenges believers to translate their faith into concrete actions that alleviate the suffering of others, particularly those who are marginalized, oppressed, or in need. The call to justice in Matthew 25 is not theoretical; it is a summons to engage actively in the world and respond to the cries of the vulnerable.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. The times when our positive interaction with another person made a difference between hope and despair for that person. But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? That irritating person who we have never been able to get along with?

The imagery of the sheep and the goats underscores the idea that the way we treat others reflects our relationship with God. The righteous are those who have lived out the love and mercy of Christ in their daily lives, while the unrighteous are those who have neglected or ignored the needs of their neighbours. The passage reinforces the interconnectedness of humanity and the responsibility we have to care for one another.

For believers, this call to action for justice is a reminder that faith is not passive; it requires a commitment to social justice and an active pursuit of righteousness. It challenges individuals and communities to examine their priorities, values, and actions, prompting them to strive for a more just and compassionate society. It encourages a holistic understanding of salvation that encompasses both personal piety and social engagement.

Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

Resource used: *Gospel Reflection, Greg Sunter*

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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.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Coinciding with the start of Advent, the Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be launched next 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.



Sausage sizzle and morning tea

(Fr Kimi's last one in our parish)

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 email: jemapm59@gmail.com

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.

Adoration during Advent

Every Thursday

Commencing 20 November

7:30 – 8:30pm

The 1st Rite of reconciliation will be available during Adoration on Thursday 14 December

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

“Be on earth the Heart of God”



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.

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. This meeting will be held in the Church.

Reconciliation during Advent

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

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

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 ONLY – no evening Mass

Heart Spirituality

The Heart of Jesus revealed in the gospels

If we follow our Lord in his public life, we see his heart pour itself out on every sort of misfortune, on every sort of misery, moral and physical. That so tender compassion he shows for those who suffer comes from his Heart. What inspired him to heal so many sick people who appealed to his power; to raise so many dead at the prayer of their desolate parents? His Heart, always his Heart. All the kindnesses that Jesus sowed along his path, all the miracles he worked are so many outpourings of the ineffable goodness of his Heart. Thus, the Gospel that relates them could be called the *gospel of the Sacred Heart*.

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

Stewardship

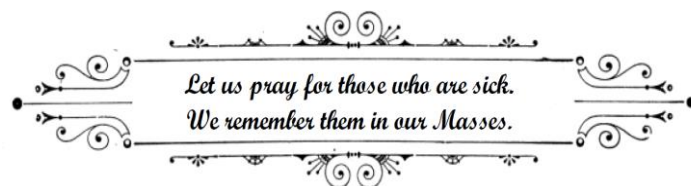
Aligning our priorities with God's

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him." Then the moment of judgment will come. Some will be invited into the Kingdom of Heaven — the others to eternal punishment.

This judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, or any "worldly" achievements. Rather our judgment will be based on how we treated the least of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, and caring for the ill and imprisoned.

The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with God's.

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Recently Deceased:

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

Mass Intentions the week of 27 November - 3 December

Mon 27/11	November Masses
Wed 29/11	Peter Needham Deceased members of SJA Friendship Group
Thur 30/11	Steve Smith
Fri 01/12	

Sat 02/12	
5:00pm	Peter Needham
Sun 03/12	
8:30am	David Mather
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

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.

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	1st 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:

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
Blessings on him who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of
our father David!
Alleluia

Readings – 3 December 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

3 Dec Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rodney Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Elaine Carter, Maxime Kqudzcha
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

3 Dec Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

3 Dec Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Judy Netting
8:30am	Bernadette Murnane, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Caitlyn D'Cruze

3 Dec Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen
10:00am	Libby Kain
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

3 Dec SJAShop

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	Marilyn Calliess
10:00am	Chris Gray
6:00pm	Margaret Ferguson

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	26 Nov	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	2 Dec	
Church Cleaning:	26 Nov	Joseph Le Van Hai, Lanh Dang, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note



"Your X-ray showed a broken rib,
but we fixed it with Photoshop."