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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

Mary, The Holy Mother of God
1 January 2023

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Reflection

Let there be Peace on Earth

Today is celebrated as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The first of January was always a special day for honouring Mary and the Church has confirmed that by making this day a special celebration of Mary's role as mother of Jesus. This day also concludes the Octave of Christmas, the eight days from Christmas Day to 1st January that provide a special focus to the whole Christmas liturgical season. 1st January is also recognised by the Church as World Day of Peace.

Despite what would appear to be a lot of excitement around the birth of her child, Mary is portrayed as remaining very calm, and *'treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart'*. Mary accepted with enormous grace the role she was asked to play in the salvation of the world. Perhaps it is Mary's calm in the midst of great events that makes this day an appropriate one to mark as World Day of Peace.

Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy.

It is traditional around New Year's Day to make resolutions for the upcoming year: changes that affect the way you live; the way you treat others; setting goals to aim for and work towards. In this context, it is interesting that the Church marks this day as a World Day of Peace. Perhaps, in amongst the self-promises to give up smoking, get a bit more fit, work and study harder and treat little sisters better, we might find time to consider ways in which we can bring about a more peaceful world – even just my little bit of it.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR

May 2023 be filled with
God's blessings for you
and your loved ones.

A New Year Blessing

May I live this year -

Compassionate of heart,
Clear in word,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love.

Adapted from *Matins*, in *Benedictus*, by
John O'Donohue



Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament First Thursday of the Month

5 January- 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.

Becoming Catholic

If you, or if you know someone who is
interested in becoming Catholic please
contact the parish office.

Phone: 6254 3236 or

Email: marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

SJAShop

The Shop is now open
before and after Masses on
the weekend.



POS machine available or cash.

Blessing of Candles

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 2 February 2020

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to
mass. The “blessing of candles ceremony” will
take place during all of the masses. Your candle
can be placed on the table provided in front of the
altar before mass. You will then collect your
blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

St John the Apostle Parish 51st Anniversary

A Parish Picnic will be held on
Sunday 26 February.

More details will be provided.

Dates for your diary

8 January	The Epiphany of the Lord
26 January	Australia Day
2 February	The Presentation of the Lord
22 February	Ash Wednesday

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



Pins & Needles
Mon 16 January– 7:15pm
Parish Library

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information
contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 20 January
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 24 JANUARY – 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 25 January

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by
morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all
most welcome.

Please bring a plate to share.

Anointing after Mass Friday 27 January



“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

Feast of the Divine Motherhood

God's power knows no limits. He can draw from nothingness worlds more beautiful and vast than ours. But he cannot, according to Saint Bonaventure, raise a creature to a greater dignity than that of being the mother of God. Her title Mother of God is beyond compare. It enables her to say to Jesus, like God the Father: "You are my Son." The divine Motherhood is the cause and purpose of all her extraordinary privileges. O Mary, you are the glory of human nature. Everything that exists come under you, God alone excepted. When we call Mary Mother of God, no further praise is possible, and we exalt at the same time the greatness and power of the Most High.

Jules Chevalier msc. Méditations II p. 682f Issoudun 1891.

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

Stewardship

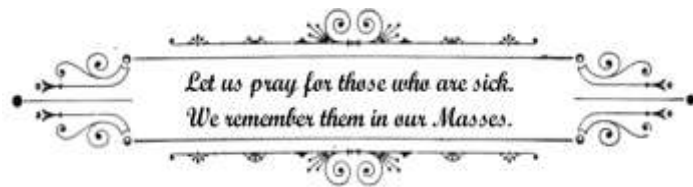
BLESSINGS

All blessings come from God. One error we make is to conclude that blessings always mean happiness or security or prosperity. God knows what blessings we need, even if we do not. The key for us is to be grateful for whatever blessings we may have.

To be "kept" by the Lord is to turn our lives over to Him, to know that He is with us and that He loves us, blesses us, and does indeed "keep" us ever in His care. The truth is that to be blessed by God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive. It is available to all of us without exception.

Knowing all blessings come from the Lord, and our need to be appreciative of them.

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Recently Deceased:

Margaret Armstrong

Anniversary: Ted Murphy, Michael Costelloe, Walter Hawkins, Robert Wise, Margaret McCallion, Hannah Meham, Joseph Davis, Clarice O'Callaghan, Kevin McMahon, Nita Smith, Geoffrey Bogg, Bill Raadts, Florence Anthony, Kathryn Jones, Charles Taylor, Terry O'Gorman, Therese Markham, Barry Dwyer, Ken Lorraway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Machin, John Burt, Mary Costelloe

Mass Intentions the week of 2 - 8 January

Mon 02/01	Available [contact the office]
Wed 03/01	Ken Lorraway
Thur 04/01	Available [contact the office]
Fri 05/01	Doris Galea

Sat 06/01	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

Sun 07/01	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Available [contact the office]
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

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

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

The parish office will be closed on
Monday 26 December 2022
and reopening on
Wednesday 4 January 2023

The office will be closed on
Friday 6 January 2023 from 12:30pm
for a staff planning day

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

The Parish office will closed on
Thursday 26 January 2023
Australia Day Public Holiday

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
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	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

May God bless us in his mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;
Now he speaks to us through his Son
Alleluia

Readings – 8 January 2023

First Reading	Is 60:1-6
Psalm	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Second Reading	Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12

ROSTERS

8 Jan Lector Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Margaret Luck, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

8 Jan Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, James Nield
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

8 Jan Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena

8 Jan SJAShop

6:00pm	
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	
6:00pm	John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	1 Jan	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	7 Jan	Vacant
Church Cleaning:	1 Jan	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

