

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 November 2024

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People of Hope

In today's gospel we encounter a passage that speaks of cosmic upheaval and the end times, which can easily evoke fear and uncertainty. The imagery of the sun darkening, stars falling, and the heavens shaking seems overwhelming, even terrifying. Yet, Jesus' message is not meant to inspire fear, but to awaken us to a deeper truth—one of hope and trust in God's ultimate plan.

Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future with fear and apprehension. We face global challenges, personal struggles, and societal shifts that often make us anxious about what is to come. The unknown can seem daunting, and change can make us feel vulnerable. But as Christians, we are called to respond differently. Our faith invites us to look beyond the immediate chaos and turmoil and to see the signs of God's presence and promise even in the midst of uncertainty.

This passage reminds us that, despite the turmoil and trials, God remains sovereign. Christ's return is a promise of renewal and restoration, not destruction. We are not left to face an uncertain future alone, but are held by a loving God who has a dream for us. This is the foundation of Christian hope: the unwavering belief that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally, and that God's purposes for us are ultimately for our good.

The fig tree in the passage becomes a symbol of this hope. Just as the budding of the tree signals the nearness of summer, so too there are signs of God's presence and action in our lives if we have the eyes to see them. Our call is to live attentively and with trust, recognizing that even in times of upheaval, God is at work, bringing about new life.

We are invited to be people of optimism and confidence, knowing that the God who holds the universe in His hands also holds us.

Based on: Living the Gospel – People of Hope, by 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

Let's talk about Mental Health

Social Connection & Mental Health

What does God say?

Thursday – 21 November 2024

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Presenter: Dr. Gordon Donnir

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

RSVP: 18 Nov 2024

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St Thomas More Forum

Beyond Tradition: Envisioning the Role of the Catholic Church in a Changing World

Keynote Speaker: Professor Darius von Güttner

Wednesday 20 November 2024 | 7.30PM - 9PM

St Thomas More Catholic Church

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/stmf-201124>

The Library will display books on "Actions and Themes of Love" for the month of November.

Titles include:

*The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor:
Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus and
The Mystery of Love.*

ADORATION DURING ADVENT

Thursdays in December

5 ● 12 ● 19

Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament

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

Advent Reconciliation

The 1st Rite of reconciliation will be available during

Adoration

Thursday 12 December

7:30 – 8:30pm

FUNERAL NOTICES

Margaret Conlon

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on
Wednesday 20 November 2024
at 10:30am

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

3rd Sunday of the month gathering

17 November at 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Parish Centre



Pins & Needles

Mon 18 Nov – 7:15pm

Parish Library

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER – 7:30AM



BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

*Relax, Review, Reflect
Seven Years in Tibet*

Friday 22 November at 7:00pm



The 2024 Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be launched on the first weekend of Advent, 30 Nov and 1 Dec.

Your donations of food, gifts, time and money will be gratefully received.

Our smart card reader will be operational. Food gift cards and children's gift cards will be available. You can sign on to also help with hamper delivery. Thanks for your support.

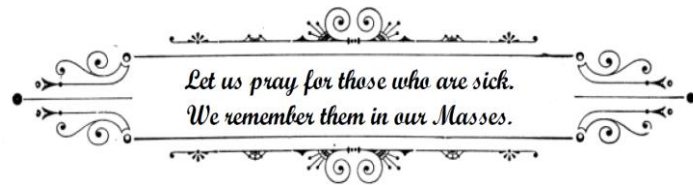
Reconciliation during Advent

Starting on Monday 2 December 2024,

Fr. Chung will be available during
10:00am – 11:00am for Reconciliation
on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality



Heaven

Heaven is the coming together of every possible joy. Supreme happiness of the mind: we shall see God in himself and in his creatures; they will appear so beautiful, so glorious, so perfect, that nothing in the world can give us an idea of it. Supreme happiness of the heart: we shall love God with indescribable love. With God, in God and for God, we shall love all his works, especially his elect, the angels and the saints. Among the elect we shall love with a special love those whom we loved in this world. This twofold happiness of mind and heart will grow forever.

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 260/Paris, 1900

Stewardship

Put God First

Today's readings are in stark contrast to the joy of celebrating the feast of the birth of Christ that is fast approaching, warning us instead of dark times ahead and our inevitable judgment day. However, when we firmly establish for ourselves as individuals — as a family and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — the warnings we read in the Scriptures today should be no cause for alarm.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is that in challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in proper order. And, when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased: *Margaret Conlon*

Anniversary: Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen Randall, Garry Marsh, Nell Clarke, Fransien Ashauer, Matthew Biggs, Joey Griffiths, Marie Corr, Nelson Canas, Irene Collbourne, Constianus Slusser, Patricia McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan, Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Peter Hayes, Phyllis McAllister, Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson, Allan Cockcroft, Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe, Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae

Mass Intentions the week of 18 - 24 November

Mon 18/11	November Masses
Wed 20/11	John Costelloe
Thur 21/11	Jack Guy
Fri 22/11	Deceased members of the SJA Friendship Group

Sat 23/11	
5:00pm	Peter Needham

Sun 24/11	
8:30am	Peace in the Family
10:00am	3 Peter's
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

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

Stay for a cuppa



Join us in the parish foyer after the 10:00am mass on Sunday **24 November** for a cuppa. While you indulge in a coffee catch up with parishioners or introduce yourself to someone you do not know. Feel free to bring something to share. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

Anyone wanting help please leave a message for Jenny McGee on 0481 706 966

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

SJAFriendship 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
Movie Night	4 th Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library
Community Connections	3 rd Sunday of the Month 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before
the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Readings 24 November 2024

First Reading	Dan 7:13-14
Psalm	Ps 92:1-2, 5
Second Reading	Rev 1:5-8
Gospel	John 18:33-37

Bequest: Have you ever thought of leaving a Bequest to your parish?

By remembering your faith community in your Will, you contribute to the spiritual legacy that has enriched your life. Your bequest ensures the continuation of the traditions, teachings, and support that have shaped your journey.

ROSTERS

24 Nov Acolyte Roster

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

24 Nov Lector Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Marini Ignatius, Edgar Nnajide
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

24 Nov Ministers of Communion

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

24 Nov Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Marie McKie
8:30am	Joan Beswick, Pamela Blackwell
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Francesca Deklin

24 Nov SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Judy Mewburn
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	17 Nov	Angela Boreham
Church Cleaning:	18 Nov	Chrisian Perera, Vigi Varghese

On a Lighter note

