

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

First Sunday of Advent
29 November 2020

Year B
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Reflection

Stay Awake

The season of Advent begins this week and continues through the four Sundays of Advent and ends at Christmas Eve. The first week of Advent focuses on the return of the Lord and the following weeks focus more specifically on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Rather than simply commemorating an historical event, Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to 'receive' Jesus into the world each year.

In the midst of the excess of Christmas consumerism, it is often difficult to draw attention to the season of Advent and the need to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. It is important to stay awake, as we are cautioned in this week's gospel. Awake to what is happening around us in the world and awake to what is happening within us.

The goodness of God fills all the gaps of the universe, without discrimination or preference. God is the gratuity of absolutely everything. The space in between everything is not space at all, but Spirit. Grace is what God does to keep all things God has made in love and alive—forever. Grace is not something God gives; grace is who God is.

God's freely given grace is a humiliation to the ego because free gifts say nothing about being strong, superior, or moral. Thus only the soul can understand grace, never the mind or the ego. The ego does not know how to receive things freely or without logic. It likes to be worthy and needs to understand in order to accept things as true.

Experiencing radical grace is like living in a different world. It's not a world in which I labour to get God to notice me and like me. It's not a world in which I strive for spiritual success.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter, Mature Spirituality & Grace Is Key, by Richard Rohr

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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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ADVENT HOPE



To be Advent people is to live in hope right now.

Hope is the being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.

Desmond Tutu

Adoration during Advent



**Friday 4, 11 and 18 December
7:30pm – 8:30pm**

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to refresh our souls. There will be periods of reflective music (Taizé) and silent adoration.

Jesus Laughing and Loving exhibition

“This exhibition is a step towards liberating the person of Jesus from the traditional other worldly image so that his power and relevance for modern living might be rediscovered and enjoyed.”

Reverend Tim Costello AO

12 November – 5 December 2020

Sunday – Saturday 10:30am – 3:30pm

The Chapel - Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Barton

NOTICE - weekday Masses

There will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Monday 30 November.

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December there will be **NO** morning mass or liturgy of the word.

The floor for the Baptismal Font will be laid next week and the tradesmen require this time to complete their work.

SJA Men's Group December Meeting: Friday 11 December

Birrigai at Kangara Waters Dinner at 6pm. Two course meal and BYO drinks at \$25 per head. We need a minimum of 20 takers for this to proceed. RSVP by Monday 7 December
Dennis Ph 0407 220885 (m)

Liturgy of Forgiveness

St John the Apostle
Catholic Community KIPPAX ACT
Thursday, 10 December – 7:30pm

This Liturgy is a communal celebration of God's love and forgiveness. It will be an opportunity to express our sorrow and be open to God's healing as we make our Advent journey towards Christmas.



The Liturgy of Forgiveness is not the 1st or 2nd Rite of Reconciliation [Confession]. Confession is available on Saturday's between 5:00-5:30pm or by appointment with the priests.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Stall

Date: 28-29 November
Time: 8.00am – 5.00pm
Venue: Belconnen Fresh Food Markets
with a huge range of Christmas gifts and homemade goodies will be available.



PARISH BOOKSHOP

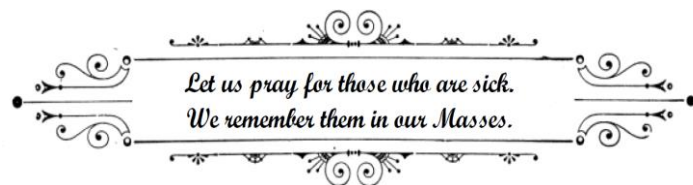


Columban Calendars 2021 \$ 9.00
Majellan Christmas Cards \$ 7.00 (Pk. 10)

VIDEOING OF SUNDAY MASS

The decision has been made to discontinue the filming of the Sunday mass liturgy. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Heart Spirituality



The Large Number of Saints

It is good to think of the network of love with which God at every moment surrounds each soul he created on earth. With each one he acts in a different way. Although their differences are numberless, the attentions of his love are more. Each one's biography is a marvelous history of God's goodness. Could God's limitless, all powerful love allow him in the end to lose most of those he wanted to save? In the implacable duel between love and hatred, life and death, is the final and eternal victory to be won by death and hatred? God did not die on a cross to reap a lean harvest of elect, here and there! His harvest will be rich and superabundant! And the final victory will be his. The Heart of Jesus, to whom we owe heaven, fills us with the most consoling hope, for he is mercy incarnate.

Jules Chevalier msc,
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 299)

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

Stewardship

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Alexandre Arekion, Paul Wilson, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino, John Soetens, Kane Cahill. Lola Boer, John Martin, Martina Forjanic, Brodie McMahan, Ryan Jasczyk, Dinah Muench, David Fitzroy, Leo Hill msc, Margaret Woodland, Maria Gillard, Kevin Hiscock, Winifred Lilley, Bev Purnell, Maria Tabisz.

A blue-themed poster for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. At the top left is a white starburst. To its right, the text reads "Vinnies Christmas Appeal" in white, with "St Vincent de Paul Society" and "good works" below it. The main text in white says: "This weekend 28 & 29 November is the commencement of Advent and the launch of the Vinnies 2020 Christmas Appeal at St John the Apostle Kippax." Below this, a dark blue box contains the text: "There are many ways that you can help and make a difference this Christmas.....". A list of options follows: "MY FOOD GIFT CARDS", "CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS", "HAMPER DELIVERY", and "FINANCIAL DONATIONS". A light blue box contains the text: "This year your gifts will help us provide hampers for about 50 families including more than 80 children." At the bottom, a dark blue box contains contact information: "More information can be obtained from: Michael Blyth at michael.blyth@foursscenes.com.au or on 0419 818410". To the right of this is a stylized white Christmas tree with stars. At the bottom, the text reads: "Thank You & Merry Christmas!".

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St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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Please see the SVdP volunteers in the Church Foyer

Thank You
& Merry Christmas!

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am 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 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Friday of the Month 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
And grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Readings – 6 December 2020

First Reading	Is 40:1-5. 9-11
Psalm	Ps 84:9-14
Second Reading	2 Pt 3:8-14
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8

6 December Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mick Horan, VACANT
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	YOUTH

6 December Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi
6:00pm	YOUTH

6 December Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	VACANT
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O'Neill, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	YOUTH

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	30 Nov	Gabe Culhane
Grounds	5 Dec	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	30 Nov	Marian England, Sharon Greaves

On a Lighter note



ONE SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ONE MONDAY IN ADVENT