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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Second Sunday of Advent  
5 December 2021**

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## Reflection

### Jesus is Coming

John the Baptist is the first to see Jesus for who he really is for the world. He recognises that Jesus' sacrificial love can fill our valleys, lay mountains low, make crooked paths straight and rough ways smooth.

Advent is not a season where we have to pretend that we do not know Jesus is coming and then put on mock surprise at Christmas. Advent is the season which celebrates a 'patient yes'. Every year all of us in the Church stand in a queue and remind ourselves of how blessed we are to have seen our salvation in Jesus. We remember the faith of those who longed to see what we see and to know what we know. And we cultivate our patience for life's valleys, mountains and crooked paths where sometimes we can feel Jesus' absence more than his presence, where only when we look back we can see he was with us all the way.

So, as we all wait together in line this Advent let's say yes to all that salvation holds for us: yes to God's personal love; yes to Jesus' kingdom of justice and peace; yes to every opportunity to serve the Gospel and yes to knowing that our God is a companion to us at every step of our journey, even in the most unexpected ways.

Scottish poet John Bell expresses it this way:

*'Light looked down and saw the darkness.  
"I will go there", said light.  
Peace looked down and saw war.  
"I will go there", said peace.  
Love looked down and saw hatred.  
"I will go there", said love.*

*So he,  
the Lord of Light,  
the Prince of Peace,  
the King of Love,  
came down and crept in beside us.'*

Resources used: Homily, by Richard Leonard

## Parish Administration

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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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Mask 

## ENCOURAGED

Whilst the regulations regarding the wearing of masks has been relaxed, you are encouraged to wear masks in the church.



If you choose not to wear a mask please be mindful of others around you.

## CHRISTMAS SINGERS

If you are interest in singing at the 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass, please contact the parish office.



### Eucharistic Ministers Required

Eucharistic Ministers are needed at Calvary John James, Deakin. Available shifts on all 7 days, one hour per month. WWVP card required + COVID vax, Police Check done on acceptance.

Email the Volunteer Coordinator on [samantha.thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au](mailto:samantha.thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au) (preferred) or call 6281 8112. Be the hands & feet of Christ in the world.

### Advent program – Walking Together

The Archdiocese has put together a 4 week program that has a focus on Pope Francis writings for "Year of the Family".

Resources, videos and workbook are accessible online at no cost;

[Walking Together Advent](#)

[Program - The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn \(cgcatholic.org.au\)](#)



The Walking Together Advent program is designed for running in small groups or join the group online on Sundays 4pm or Tuesdays 10am. Some info and printed resources will also be available in parish foyer this weekend

### St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

21<sup>st</sup> December – 7:30am  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month – a week earlier due to Christmas*



### Bean Origin

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

There is a leaving collection after Mass today to support struggling families in our local community at Christmas. Your donations will be used to purchase supermarket vouchers which will be included in Christmas hampers. Food cards and gift cards are still available in the foyer. Thank you for your donations.



### FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS



Friday 24 December – 6:00pm

To comply with COVID restrictions the 6:00pm family mass will be held outdoors. This will allow us to accommodate as many families as possible.

### Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) – Parish Plan.

Are you interested in being part of Aboriginal Reconciliation efforts and actions for our Parish community?

The PPC is looking for interested people who may want to be part of developing our own St John's RAP.

More info about RAPs - [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au)  
Please contact Parish office if you would like to be part of this work.

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Heart Spirituality



## Communion

God is love, says the beloved disciple. God proved this by creation, but more so by the mysteries of his life and death. He never showed it more forcibly than in the institution of the Blessed Eucharist.

Since a self-giving love wants to be repaid only by love, I shall go to the altar, pouring out my gratitude and I shall say to Jesus: Come, dwell in my heart. Purify it by your presence and make it holy. Kindle in it the fire of your love. My heart is yours; make it love you ever more and more.

Jules Chevalier msc -  
Retraite de huit jours selon la méthode de St Ignace  
p. 95 Issoudun 1904

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

## Stewardship

### We are called to prepare for eternal life

Until Jesus comes again, we are called to remain faithful to him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts he has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now.

Paul reminds us of two important realities that should greatly encourage us. First, that the stewardship way of life is very much a journey. We don't have to have every aspect of our life perfectly nailed down; we are all "works in progress" called simply to take one step at a time closer to Christ. Second, it is God who started this good work in us — on the day of our Baptism — He cares deeply about this journey of ours and He will give us all the grace and strength we need to stay faithful to Him and continue growing in love and imitation of Christ.

## Recently Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Lola Boer, Peter Needham, John Martin, Martina Forjanic, Brodie McMahon, Ryan Jasczyk, Dinah Muench, David Fitzroy, Leo Hill msc, Margaret Woodland, Maria Gillard, Kevin Hiscock, Winifred Lilley, Bev Purnell, Maria Tabisz, John Ashton, Ian Loiterton, Michael Allars, Andre Domjan, Daniel Morris, Raymond Kernan, Patricia Jacobs, Yvonne Dunn, Bernadette Anetts, Branko Kukolic, Kathleen Randall

## Mass Intentions the week of 6 – 12 December

Mon 06/12	Ian Loiterton
Wed 08/12	Bernice deDassel
Thur 09/12	Parishioners in need
Fri 10/12	Amy Stephenson
Sat 11/12	
6:00pm	Angelo Sciacca
Sun 12/12	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Available [contact the office]
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

## Eucharistic Adoration in Advent



Will be held on the following Thursday's in December  
2 ● 9 ● 16 ● 23 ● 7:30-8:30pm



## 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 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**



Check In CBR App is mandatory  
<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-businesses#Using-the-app-at-your-business-or-venue>

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
All people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 12 December 2021

First Reading	Zep 3:14-18
Psalm	Ps 12:2-6
Second Reading	Phil 4:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:10-18

## 12 Dec Lector Roster

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

## 12 Dec Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Agnes Pham
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

## 12 Dec Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	5 Dec	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	11 Dec	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Church Cleaning:	6 Dec	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Ted & Debbie Milne

## On a Lighter note

