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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
1 December 2024

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God is Near

In today's Gospel, we encounter Jesus speaking about signs, anxieties, and the call to be vigilant—a message that powerfully resonates with Advent's themes of preparation and hope.

In these verses, Jesus paints a dramatic picture of cosmic turmoil, signs in the heavens, and the reactions of people caught in fear and uncertainty. It's not hard to relate this imagery to moments in our own lives, when external pressures or inner anxieties make us feel like we're facing our own storms. Yet, Jesus doesn't stop at describing fear. He encourages his disciples to "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." This call to courage and resilience captures the essence of Advent—it's a time not of idle waiting, but of intentional, hope-filled preparation.

Advent is far more than a countdown to Christmas. While we anticipate celebrating Christ's birth, the season also reminds us to look forward with expectation and urgency to his promised return. It's easy to fall into a passive waiting, treating Advent as a nostalgic ritual or a season to be endured until we can finally celebrate. But Advent is about being ready—not just for a single day but for the transformation of our hearts and lives.

Jesus warns his followers not to let their hearts be weighed down by "the worries of this life." These words hit close to home because we all have daily struggles that threaten to distract us from the deeper, spiritual work we're called to do. Preparing for the reign of God means looking beyond distractions and staying focused on God's love and presence, even when it's challenging.

As we journey through Advent, may we resist the temptation to "pointlessly wait." Instead, let us embrace the spirit of anticipation, allowing it to renew our commitment to God's work in our lives and the world. By preparing our hearts and attuning ourselves to God's call, we can move through Advent with a spirit of active readiness, knowing that in all our waiting, God is near.

Based on: Have you thought? – Waiting, waiting, waiting ...
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

Children's Christmas Mass- Nativity



We invite the children of the parish who would like to be involved in the Nativity during the mass to register with the parish office, phone 6254 3236

Sunday 15 December Youth Group - 6pm Mass followed by Adoration

After the 6pm Mass, there will be a 20-minute period of quiet adoration at 7pm. Following this time of prayer, Fr. Chung will lead Benediction. All parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to remain after Mass to join in this special time of prayer alongside the youth.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS CHURCH CAR PARK FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 7:00PM – 8:30PM



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Masses will be celebrated on
December 24th - 5:00pm, 8:00pm
and 11:00pm

December 25th – 9:00am

KIT @ KIPPAX

KIT was emailed out during this week. If you didn't receive a copy, it is available on our web page at the link below

<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=kit-2024>

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER
– 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN



Church Evaporative Cooling Update

Half of the chill pads in our aging [22 years old] evaporative cooler units needed to be replaced to ensure the system operates effectively during the summer months. This job was completed this week at a cost of \$545.64. Thank you for your support in maintaining our church facilities!

Reconciliation during Advent

Starting on Monday 2 December 2024, Fr. Chung will be available from 10:00am – 11:00am for Reconciliation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during December

ADORATION DURING ADVENT

Thursdays in December

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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

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your generous gift of money supports the ministry and care of our priests

Our gifts remind us of the gifts the Magi brought to the child Jesus, and reminds us that as we present gifts to each other our lives are to be our gift to Jesus.

Receiving gifts reminds us in some small way of the ultimate gift we receive in salvation through Jesus.

Envelopes are available in the foyer.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Season of Advent

Hope

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first candle on the Advent wreath, often called the "Prophet's Candle" or the "Candle of Hope," is lit. This candle symbolizes the hope of the people of Israel who waited for the Messiah and the hope of Christians today for Christ's return.

*May the light of the Prophet's Candle
awaken in you a steadfast hope,
as we wait in joyful expectation
for the coming of Christ.*

*May His promise bring strength to your
journey, faith to your waiting,
and courage to your heart.*

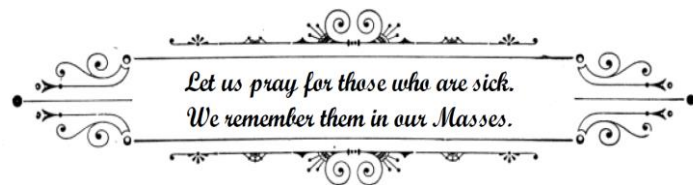
*As the people of Israel hoped for the Messiah,
may we, too, be filled with hope
for His presence in our lives and
His return in glory. Amen.*

Stewardship

"Wake up! Get ready!"

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. It is a season of preparation as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. It is a time to be mindful that there will be a time when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. It is easy to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? Let us prepare for Christ's coming with awe and wonder.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Paul Wilson, Alexandre Arekion, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino, John Soetens, Kane Cahill, Lola Boer, Peter Needham, John Martin, Martina Forjanic, Adam Suckling, Brodie McMahon, Ryan Jasczyk, Dinah Muench, David Fitzroy, Fr. Leo Hill msc, Margaret Woodland, Maria Gillard, Kevin Hiscock, Winifred Lilley, Bev Purnell, Maria Tabisz, Ray Bergsma, John Ashton, Ian Loiterton, Michael Allars, Andre Domjan, Daniel Morris

Mass Intentions the week of 2- 8 December

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| Mon 02/12 | Deceased members of the Fuller family |
| Wed 04/12 | |
| Thur 05/12 | Doris Galea |
| Fri 06/12 | Ian Loiterton |
| Sat 07/12 | |
| 5:00pm | Bernadette Anetts |
| Sun 08/12 | |
| 8:30am | Parish Intentions |
| 10:00am | |
| 6:00pm | Joachim |

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!

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm - 8:00pm



**For more information
contact the parish office.**

**Next gathering: Friday 13 December
Christmas Gathering
St John the Apostle Parish Centre**



Pins & Needles

**Mon 16 Dec - 7:15pm
Parish Library**

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grants us your salvation.
Alleluia

Readings 8 December 2024

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| First Reading | Bar 5:1-9 |
| Psalm | Ps 125 |
| Second Reading | Phil 1:3-6, 8-11 |
| Gospel | Luke 3:1-6 |

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

08 Dec Acolyte Roster

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| 5:00pm | John Drury, Helen Kennedy |
| 8:30am | Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock |
| 10:00am | Peter Kain, Marini Ignatius |
| 6:00pm | Carl Madsen, Joy McInerney |

08 Dec Lector Roster

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| 5:00pm | Paul McGrath, Therese Kercher |
| 8:30am | Sigrid Kropp, Marianna Rollgejser |
| 10:00am | Pam Connor, Dennis Puniard |
| 6:00pm | Meg Millband, Brian Mahony |

08 Dec Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | Maria Catanzariti, Marian England |
| 8:30am | Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen |
| 10:00am | Frank Colley, Margarete Gill |
| 6:00pm | John McGee, Marian Crowley |

08 Dec Hospitality Roster

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| 5:00pm | Jenny Maher, Mercia Needham |
| 8:30am | Mandy Lalor, Wendy Wade |
| 10:00am | Shovin Weerawarnakula, Francesca Deklin |
| 6:00pm | Sabina Van Rooy |

08 Dec SJAShop

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| 5:00pm | Mercia Needham |
| 8:30am | |
| 10:00am | Margaret Sheehan |
| 6:00pm | John McGee |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society | 1 Dec | Margaret Ferguson |
| Church Cleaning: | 2 Dec | John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne |

On a Lighter note

