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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
15 December 2024

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A Spirit of Generosity

Today, we encounter John the Baptist challenging his listeners to lives of justice and generosity. His responses to the crowd, the tax collectors, and the soldiers are practical and direct: share what you have, take no more than what is fair, and treat others with respect. These simple yet profound instructions call us to embrace both a spirit of generosity and a generosity of spirit.

A spirit of generosity invites us to act, to give from what we have to meet the needs of others. As John highlights, it isn't about extraordinary gestures but everyday actions—sharing food and clothing with those who have none. In the lead-up to Christmas, this message resonates deeply. For many, the season of joy is overshadowed by worry—parents wondering how they'll provide gifts for their children or put a special meal on the table. A practical act of generosity, no matter how small, can transform fear into hope and isolation into connection.

Yet John's challenge goes further. A generosity of spirit transcends material giving; it is about the attitude we bring to our interactions. It invites us to approach others with kindness, positivity, and a hope-filled perspective. When we embody this spirit, our presence becomes a gift in itself. A warm smile, a listening ear, or a word of encouragement can shift the tone of a conversation, dissolve tensions, and create opportunities for grace to flow.

As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, we are reminded that God's gift to humanity—the Incarnation—is the ultimate expression of both generosity and a generous spirit. Jesus came not only to give but to walk with us, showing us the depth of God's love. Inspired by this, we too can seek ways to be generous in practical and spiritual ways, making the season brighter for those around us.

This Advent, let us ask: How can we be a sign of hope and joy to those in need? May we live out John's call in a way that prepares the way for Christ in our hearts and our world.

Based on: Living the Gospel – Generosity of spirit, 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

Parish News

Fr. Gerard has been appointed by the MSC provincial as Superior for the Community at Douglas Park NSW. He will finish ministry at Charnwood and Kippax parishes and commence his new role in at the beginning of next year. We wish him well.

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

If you would like your child to receive Sacraments in 2025 it is necessary for you to register. Please register using the included QR Code.



Register before 31 January 2025.

Registration Night details will be advised soon

- Students in year 3 for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist
- Year 6 for the Sacrament of Confirmation

For students attending non catholic schools who have not received these Sacraments from Year 3-6

PARISH OFFICE

Fr. Tru has been and continues to be unable to access his emails. If you have sent Fr. Tru and email please forward to kippax@cg.org.au or if confidential contact the parish office.



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

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

LIBRARY NEWS

The display for the month of December includes titles: Jesus of Nazareth a person like us? And Do monkeys go to heaven?

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

3rd Sunday of the month gathering
Next Gathering: 15 December – 3:00pm
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Children's Christmas Mass-Nativity Christmas Eve 24 December – 5:00pm



We invite the children of the parish who would like to be involved in the Nativity re-enactment during the 5:00pm mass to Register with the parish office, kippax@cg.org.au



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

ADORATION DURING ADVENT

Thursday 19 December
Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament
7:30pm – 8:30pm

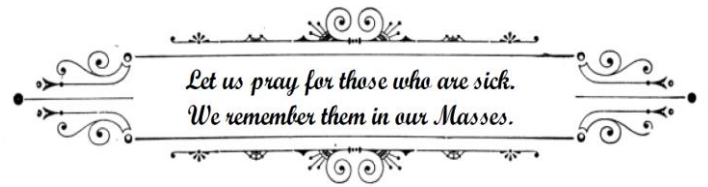
Come for 15 or 30 minutes – whatever time you can spare – there is no requirement to stay for the whole hour

Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

We will deliver over 70 hampers and provide gifts for 80 children, thanks to your wonderful generosity. Please return unwrapped gifts in a bag with the tag by Sunday 15 Dec. Hamper items should be left near the Christmas tree by Sunday 15 Dec. Hampers will be delivered on 21 Dec. You can sign on to help in the church foyer. Merry Christmas. More details from Mike 0419 818 410.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Season of Advent



Joy

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as "Gaudete Sunday," a day of rejoicing. The word "Gaudete" means "rejoice" in Latin, reflecting the joyful anticipation of Christmas. On this day, the pink (or rose) candle on the Advent wreath is lit, symbolizing joy. You will also see that priests and deacons dress in rose-colored vestments.

*May joy fill your heart with gladness,
as we rejoice in the nearness
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
May your days be bright with hope,
your spirit lifted in thanksgiving,
and your life shine as
a witness to Jesus' love.
As we prepare for His coming,
may you find peace in His promise,
and may His joy dwell within
you always. Amen.*

Stewardship

The Lord is Near

The third Week of Advent, the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Saviour's birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all...." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him *along with our thanks*. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

As Christmas draws near, let us avail ourselves of the peace Jesus longs to give us.

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Recently Deceased:

*Mary Cody [sister to Bernadette Cody],
Fr. Max Blumenthal*

Anniversary: Raymond Kernan,
Patrick Jacobs, Yvonne Dunn, Bernadette Anetts,
Branko Kukolic, Kathleen Randall,
Michael Gunning, John Dickson, Amy Carney,
Edward Clifford, Gordon Aikman, Julie Finigan,
John MacKay, Marie Cody, Robert Carew,
William Roots, Christopher Fitzsimon, Kathleen
Edmunds, Anne Hudson, Michael Devlin, John
Dickinson, Patrick Laverty, Paul MacKenzie

Mass Intentions the week of 16 – 22 December

Mon 16/12	Mary Cody, Michael & Marie Cody
Wed 18/12	Joe Galea
Thur 19/12	
Fri 20/12	
Sat 21/12	
5:00pm	
Sun 22/12	
8:30am	
10:00am	Malraj Peiris
6:00pm	

**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!**

THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

invites you and your friends to
THE 18th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL

Where: Mary Help of Christians Parish

Address: 115 Hodgson Crescent PEARCE

Date: Tuesday 31st December 2024 : 8.00pm

First Cenacle : 8.00pm (Joyful Mysteries)

Second Cenacle : 9.00pm (Luminous Mysteries)

Third Cenacle : 10.00pm (Sorrowful Mysteries)

Fourth Cenacle : 11.00pm (Glorious Mysteries)

Benediction just before Midnight.

For more information – visit the website:

mmp-ocania.net

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

SJA 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
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:

Cry out with joy and gladness:
For among you is the great and Holy One
of Israel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Readings 22 December 2024

First Reading	Micah 5:1-4
Psalm	Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Second Reading	Heb 10:5-10
Gospel	Luke 1:39-45

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

22 Dec 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

22 Dec Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Marini Ignatius, Edgar Nnajide
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

22 Dec 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

22 Dec Hospitality Roster

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

22 Dec SJAShop

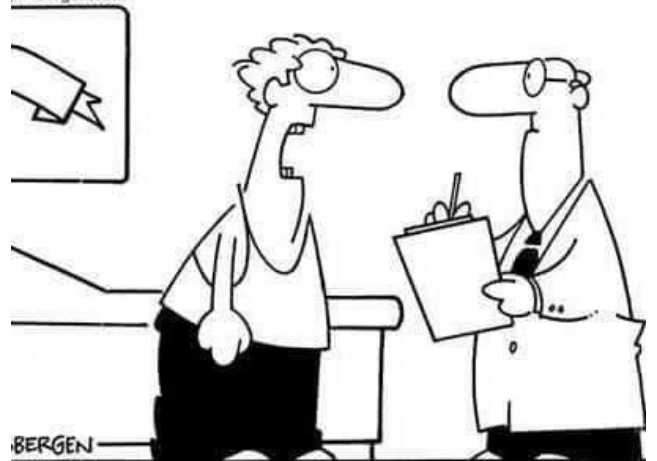
5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Judy Mewburn
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	15 Dec	Mary Cruickshank
Church Cleaning:	16 Dec	Carol Blyth, Dushy and Nishan Upasena

On a Lighter note

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"I'm learning how to relax, doctor — but I want to relax better and faster! I want to be on the cutting edge of relaxation!"