

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C
22 December 2024 #4.25

Mary visits Elizabeth

Mary's visit to Elizabeth is a profound moment of faith, trust, and joy. Mary, having just accepted the extraordinary message of the angel Gabriel, sets out "with haste" to visit her cousin. This journey was not made in hesitation or second-guessing but in confidence and readiness to serve. Her faith was not dependent on receiving further assurance. Instead, her trust in God's promise propelled her forward into action.

When Mary arrives, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, confirms what Mary already believed. The child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy, and Elizabeth proclaims Mary as "blessed... because she believed that what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled." Notice the sequence: Mary's acceptance and action come first; the confirmation follows. This reminds us that faith does not wait for certainty or guarantees but steps forward in trust.

Often, we may find ourselves hesitating, waiting for a "sign" from God before we take the next step. We want reassurance that we're on the right path, that our choices align with God's will. Yet, this passage challenges us to act first in faith. When we embrace God's call with trust and courage, the signs we long for often emerge—not as prerequisites but as affirmations of the faith we have already exercised. The flow-on effects of our faithful actions become the signs of God's presence and guidance.

Mary's journey to Elizabeth exemplifies what it means to live out faith with confidence. It is a reminder that trust in God leads us to encounter His blessings in unexpected ways. Elizabeth's greeting and the joy of the unborn John reveal the beauty of what happens when faith is set into motion.

As we reflect on Mary's example, let us ask ourselves: What step of faith is God calling me to take today? May we, like Mary, respond with trust, allowing our actions to pave the way for the signs of confirmation that will come in God's time.

Based on: Living the Gospel – Looking for signs,
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

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE FEAST DAY

27 DECEMBER

9:30am Mass followed by
morning tea
Please bring a plate

WEEKDAY MASSES

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH KIPPAX &
ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
CHARNWOOD

As of 1 January 2025, weekday masses will be celebrated at 9:30am as outlined below:

Monday	Kippax
Tuesday	Liturgy of the Word Kippax
Wednesday	Charnwood
Thursday	Charnwood
Friday	Kippax

Anointing of the Sick outside of Mass will take place at Kippax on the last Friday of the month.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD Wednesday 1 January 2025

Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 at both parishes of
St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood and
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from
Wednesday 25 December 2024 and
reopening on
Monday 6 January 2025

THANK YOU to the
parishioners who prayed for me
during the last few weeks. Your
prayers have made a difference
and I am recovering well from
my heart surgery.
Joe Catazariti

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

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 attend a rehearsal on Tuesday 24 December at 10:00am the Church



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

December 25th – 9:00am

Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Many thanks to parishioners who donated food, money, gifts and time to the Christmas Appeal. We delivered 75 hampers on Saturday. See the next KIT for a detailed wrap of the Appeal. Christmas blessings from Vinnies' companions.

2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

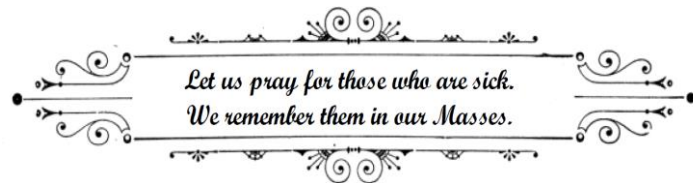


The 2025 Jubilee will be centered on the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope.**"

The Jubilee begins on December 24, 2024, with the official Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, and runs to January 6, 2026, the Feast Day of Epiphany, with the Closing of the Holy Door.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

ySeason of Advent



Love

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, known as the "Angel's Candle" or the "Candle of Love," is lit.

May the light of the Angel's Candle illuminate your heart, reminding you of the boundless love of God, who sent His Son to dwell among us. As you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, may your spirit be filled with His peace, your heart overflow with His joy, and your life reflect His compassion. May the love of Christ inspire you to be a beacon of hope and kindness, sharing His grace with all you meet. And as this holy season draws near, may you be wrapped in the tender embrace of Emmanuel, God with us, now and forever. Amen.

Stewardship

Hospitality and Service

Our Blessed Mother takes centre stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.

Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modelling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Julie Finigan, John MacKay, Marie Cody, Robert Carew, William Roots, Christopher Fitzsimon, Kathleen Edmunds, Anne Hudson, Michael Devlin, John Dickinson, Patrick Laverty, Paul MacKenzie, Louise Ball, Geoffrey Walsh, Elana Powell, Jarrod Smith, Dora Roberts, Luis Soria, Cora Newman, Ellen Ottewill, Yvonne Williamson, Ted Murphy, Michael Costelloe, Walter Hawkins, Robert Wise, John Suckling, Margaret McCallion, Hannah Mecham, Joseph Davis, Kevin McMahon Clarice O'Callaghan

Mass Intentions the week of 23 – 29 December

Mon 23/12	Isabella D'Souza Leander D'Souza
Wed 25/12	
Thur 26/12	
Fri 27/12	
Sat 28/12	
5:00pm	Kevin McMahon
Sun 29/12	
8:30am	Elizabeth Hallahan
10:00am	Mary Hogan
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Register your interest for your child/children for the 2025 Sacramental Program.

Use the QR Code to register.

Registration Night details will be advised soon



For students in Year 3 for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist and Year 6 for the Sacrament of Confirmation
For students attending non catholic schools who have not received these Sacraments from Year 3-6

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	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre</i>

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Readings 29 December 2024

First Reading	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm	Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
Second Reading	1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel	Luke 2:41-52

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

29 Dec Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony and Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Maxime Kpudzeka, Anthony Noakes
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Nunga Umaru

29 Dec Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Ots, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Marian Crowley

29 Dec Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Bernadette Murnane

29 Dec Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Helen Murphy
8:30am	Agnes Pham
10:00am	Manel Seneviratna, Judy Kenny
6:00pm	

29 Dec SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	22 Dec	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	23 Dec	

On a Lighter note

