

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Year B 24 November 2024 #52.24

#### Jesus - the embodiment of truth

Today we encounter a striking moment in the trial of Jesus. Pilate, the powerful Roman governor, questions Jesus about his identity, asking, "Are you the king of the Jews?" But Jesus' response shifts the conversation from earthly power to a deeper, spiritual realm. He says that his kingdom is "not of this world" and that he came into the world "to bear witness to the truth."

The truth that Jesus speaks of is not just a set of doctrines or moral teachings. It is the truth of his life – a life that reveals the very heart of God. Jesus' entire mission, his healings, his teachings, his compassion for the marginalized, all bear witness to a God who is love, who desires reconciliation with humanity. This truth, which transcends human understanding and the power structures of the world, is so radical that it leads Jesus to this moment – on trial, facing the power of the Roman Empire.

When Pilate asks, "What is truth?" the question is left unanswered in the gospel, but the answer has already been given. Jesus himself is the embodiment of truth. He is the living revelation of God's love, a love that challenges human notions of power and control, a love that is willing to sacrifice itself for the sake of others.

Pilate's inability to grasp this truth reflects the struggle of many who encounter Jesus. His kingdom does not conform to worldly expectations, and his message calls for a transformation of the heart. Those who are "on the side of truth" are those who are willing to listen to Jesus' voice, to allow his life and teaching to shape their own. To listen to his voice means to recognize that the truth Jesus offers is not an abstract idea, but a way of living rooted in love, service, and sacrifice.

In our own lives, we are invited to consider where we stand in relation to this truth. Are we on the side of truth, listening to Jesus' voice? Or are we, like Pilate, caught in the tension between worldly power and the deeper truth of God's love? The challenge of this passage is to align our lives with the truth Jesus has borne witness to – the truth of God's love, which calls us to love one another and to seek justice and peace in our world.

Based on: Gospel Focus-Truth, 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

#### Ministry

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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

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER- 7:30AM



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#### St John's Friendship Group Christmas meeting Wednesday 27 November

Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

This will be our final meeting for the year and we will resume in January.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Ministries at SJA - Thank You

All parishioners who serve in a ministry are invited to a thank you mass and supper.

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November - 6.15pm. Please bring a plate to share (finger food)

#### **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

5 ● 12 ● 19 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 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of reconciliation will be available during **Adoration** Thursday 12 December 7:30 – 8:30pm

#### 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.



#### Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Next weekend marks the start of Advent and the launch of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal for 2024. Gift cards for children will be available on the Christmas tree. Food gift cards for hamper items can be collected. You can sign-on to help with hamper delivery which is on Saturday 21 December. You can donate to the Appeal using our smart card reader or you can donate cash. Thank you for your generosity. For more info contact Mike on 0419 848 110

#### Library News

For the month of November, the library will display books on "Actions and Themes of Love"

Titles include:

The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbour: Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus and
The Mystery of Love.

**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.

## Heart Spirituality

#### The act of creation takes place within us

God does not create from a distance, sending existence to us like the sun its rays. God is in us, in our most intimated depths more present to us than we are to ourselves.

Our God is everywhere; equally everywhere; fully present in an angel and a grain of sand. He could not be more present in one than the other. But God is not active in all beings equally. His intimate, creative action gives existence with a variety of characteristics. To the plant, it gives life; to the animal, a more perfect life; to a human being and to an angel, intelligence in various degrees.

Creation is a divine discourse expressing in space all the perfections of God. Blessed are those who listen to this discourse and understand something of it.

Jules Chevalier msc Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 281/ Paris, 1900

## Stewardship

#### **To Serve**

Today's feast is needed now more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths.

First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just.

Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me.

Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others,

The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?



#### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** John Welfare, John Patterson, Allan Cockroft, Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe, Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae, Paul Wilson, Alexandre Arekion, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino, John Soetens, Kane Cahill, Lola Boer, Peter Needham, John Martin, Martina Forjanic, Adam Suckling, Brodie McMahon

#### Mass Intentions for the week of **25 November – 1 December**

Mon 25/11	November Masses	
Wed 27/11	Ruki Peries	
Thur 28/11	Irene Jayawardena	
Fri 29/11	David Mather	

Sat 30/11	
5:00pm	Steve Smith
Sun 01/12	
8:30am	Recently deceased family
10:00am	Marto Siviric, Jo Zosivric,
	Elisabeth Dojcinov,
	Asen Dojanov
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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!

#### Stay for a cuppa

Join us in the parish foyer after the 10:00am



mass on Sunday 24 November for a cuppa. While you indulge in a coffee catch up with parishioners or introduce yourself to someone you do not know. Feel free to bring something to share. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

Anyone wanting help please leave a message for Jenny McGee on 0481 706 966

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion	Sunday 9.15am
(Parish Centre)	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 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month
	7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

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

#### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM**:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

#### Readings 1 December 2024

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First Reading	Jer 33:14-16
Psalm	Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Second Reading	1 Thes 3:12-42
Gospel	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## 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

01 Dec		Acolyte Roster
	5:00pm	John Hogan, Rod Gardiner
	8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
	10:00am	Elaine Carter, Anthony Noakes
	6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

#### 01 Dec Lector Roster

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	6:00pm	Joe Ots, Busi Nkomo
	10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
	8:30am	Darren Maharaj, John O'Heir
	5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England

# 5:00pm Judy Netting, Chitra Jayawardena 8:30am Pat Cowburn, Angela Boreham 10:00am Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula 6:00pm Joy McInerney, Peter Igoe-Taylor 01 Dec F:00pm Key Dug

## 5:00pmKay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena8:30amCarmel Screen, Rob Breen10:00amLibby Kain, Margaret Sheehan6:00pmSabina Van Rooy, John McGee

#### 01 Dec SJAShop

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	5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien	
	8:30am	Marilyn Calliess	
	10:00am		
	6:00pm		
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#### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	24 Nov	Margaret Stanford	
Church Cleaning:	25 Nov		

#### On a Lighter note



"Be on earth the Heart of God"