

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR. B

Mass readings are on the screen

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Desert Voices

The people around John are odd. What seems to attract them is who he is not: not the anointed Saviour of Israel, not Elijah come to announce the end of the world, not the great prophet the Samaritans were expecting. But the evangelist John also tells us who the Baptist is: the testimony to the great light to follow.

What is your life testimony? Does it proclaim fidelity, honesty, generosity? If you had to name ten things you stand for, would any of them be holy? These are hard questions. If I pose them to myself, my answer is wishy-washy: depends on when you ask. Some days are less exemplary than others. Sometimes I'm a shining example of Christian virtue, and I wish my Mum were here to see me. Other times I'm grateful she isn't and wish no one was. John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus and the fruit of a miracle birth, may have had a head start on his testimony. Or maybe he had to work out all the bugs like the rest of us in the years before he turned up at the Jordan. But the truth is: whatever our origins, they can't be an excuse for who we are or are not, "what we've done, or failed to do". John's desert voice summons me to train mine, to learn to present another clear testimony to the light.

Describe one element of your Christian witness that is particularly strong. What element of your witness needs work?

How do you refine your 'desert voice,' your independence from the temptations of a secular world view? Consider a time of retreat, an afternoon or recollection, or a regular practice of prayer and meditation to keep you "in the desert". (gpbs.com.au)

The Light Shines in
the Darkness



Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal 12th/13th December, 2020

Parish Sec: Roxy Locke

(Mon. Thurs. Fri. 9am-2pm)

Pastor: Fr John Baptist (Mob 0415 371 627)

Parish Council Sec: Marsha Reilly

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Sunday Mass Times:

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8am and 10am

Daily Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday: Friday 5:45pm

Tuesday-Thursday 7am. Saturday: 9.30am

Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

Parish Pastor Email: koorungalchurch@sacredheartparish.net.au

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Web Site: <https://kooringalchurchsacredheartparish.net/>

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WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard, Eileen Gaynor, Theresa Gallucci, Rosalind Lim, Terry Phegan, Camilla McLaughlin (Dublin). Dorothy Waterford, Frances Melloney Wade, Peter Koth

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:

SICK: Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, , Mary Condell, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Brianna Papworth, Harry Edmonds, Jeff Edwards, Joan Taylor.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Thank you to the parishioners who have expressed interest in joining the Parish Pastoral Council. An information session will be held on Tuesday February 9th 2021 at 7.30 pm. Any others who wish to find out more about the roles and responsibilities of the PPC are welcome to attend.

On behalf of the whole parish, PPC wish to express our gratitude to our wonderful Parish Secretary Roxy for her amazing work keeping everything going in this COVID year.

FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES YOU ARE INVITED TO COME EARLY TO AVOID LONG QUEUE AT ENTRANCE.

Christmas Mass Times

If you have tickets to the 6:30pm Christmas Eve at Mater Dei Primary Hall, that you do not need, please consider returning these to the parish as some Mater Dei Primary students, who need them to be in the hall.

6:30pm Christmas Eve Mater Dei Primary Outdoor viewing via video screen

8:30pm Christmas Eve Sacred Heart Parish Centre Max 300 people

8am Christmas Day Sacred Heart Parish Centre Max 300 people

10am Christmas Day Sacred Heart Parish Centre Max 300 people

Bookings are required for Christmas Masses
Ticket will be required for entry
To obtain a ticket go to:

Christmas Eve

<https://6-30pm.eventbrite.com.au> 6:30pm

<https://outdoor-6-30pm.eventbrite.com.au> 6:30pm

<https://8-30pm.eventbrite.com.au> 8:30pm

Christmas Day

<https://8-00am.eventbrite.com.au> 8am

<https://10-00am.eventbrite.com.au> 10am

If you are unable to obtain a ticket contact the parish secretary with your details the amount of tickets required. Tickets will be printed on your behalf.

QR Code for registration at mass

We now have a QR Code for registration at mass

1. Open the QR Code reader or camera on your phone.
2. Hold your device over a QR Code so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen.

Two things can happen when you correctly hold your smartphone over a QR Code.

1. The phone automatically scans the code.
2. On some readers, you have to press a button to snap a picture, not unlike the button on your smartphone camera.
3. If necessary, press the button.

Your smartphone reads the code and navigates to the intended destination, where you fill in your contact details. This may NOT happen instantly. It may take a few seconds on most devices.



MASS ROSTER

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Date	Time	Commentator	Lector	Music	Minister	Minister	Data
19-Dec	5:30pm	Goonan	Sutton	Adams	Edis	Mullins	Moses
20-Dec	8:00am	Harris	Lieschke	Dewhirst	Gibson	Lieschke	Brady
	10:am	Martens	Donebus	McAuliffe	Baker	Martens	Locke
26-Dec	5:30pm	Goonan	Sutton	Adams	Edis	Mullins	Moses
27-Dec	8:00am	Hollis	Reilly	McAuliffe	Harris	Gibson	Volunteer
	10:am	Temple-Brown	Locke	Dewhirst	Brown	Terry	Locke
2-Jan	5:30pm	Masterson	Munn	Dewhirst	Goonan J	Masterson	Evans
3-Jan	8:00am	Reilly	Gibson	Edis	Lieschke	Carrol	Volunteer
	10:am	Baker	Martens	Carrroll	Martens	Vanlierup	Locke

Volunteers required for Christmas Masses
Please put your name on the list in the foyer.

RECONCILIATION IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS:

Monday 21 Dec. South Wagga Wagga 10am;
 Sacred Heart 7.30pm

LAST WEEKS COLLECTIONS INCLUDING DIRECT GIVING

1st Collection \$840.20 2nd Collection \$2,248.40

SVDP Meeting Tuesday 15th December at 6pm in the White House.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS. Volunteers will be needed for packing & delivery.

Packing is on Monday 14th at 10am at Rugby League rooms at Equex Centre. Delivery day is Sunday 20th at 9am from Rugby League rooms at Equex Centre. From Copland Street take the 2nd entrance labelled "Rugby League".

Contact Maryanne 0428389090.