



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA



**12 May
2024**

**Seventh
Sunday
of Easter**

Today's services
are at
7am, 8am,
9.30am, 5.00pm,
6.00pm

Jesus prayed, 'Holy
Father, protect them
in your name that
you have given me,
so that they may be
one, as we are one.'

John 17.11

Lazarus (Lazare), is by the French Canadian artist, Jean-Paul Lemieux (1941).

***St John's exists to bear public witness to Jesus Christ,
the source of life.***

PARISH NOTICES



NEW ASSISTANT BISHOP: Bishop Mark has announced the appointment of a new Assistant Bishop – the Venerable Vanessa Bennett. Currently Archdeacon of Essendon and Vicar of the Parish of Moonee Ponds in the Diocese of Melbourne, Rev'd Vanessa previously served in our Diocese as Rector of Christ Church West Goulburn and Chaplain at Goulburn Hospital. Vanessa is married to Paul, who works in IT. We look forward to celebrating her consecration as bishop in due course.

YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP MEETING TODAY.

Current and new members wanting to join the Young Adults Fellowship (for ages 17 - 22) are invited to attend a brief planning meeting in the Upper Room after the 9.30am service.

MAINLY MUSIC: Do you have 2.5 hours to spare one Wednesday morning each month? Mainly Music needs one additional helper to prepare and serve morning tea, offer a friendly smile and a listening ear to the parents and carers of the children. Please contact Mary de Lautour if you can help (mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org).

TIMOR LESTE MISSION: Our missions team is preparing for the visit to Timor Leste in July. Please keep this group, and our missions committee, in your prayers as we seek to expand our parish's involvement in the work of the gospel throughout our world. (It may still be possible for latecomers to join provided they email the Rector ASAP.)

2024 HERITAGE FUND APPEAL: Parishioners and friends are invited to donate to this year's Heritage Fund Appeal which aims to restore the pews by removing unsightly scratches and creaky joints and recondition the timber kneelers. Conservation work on the altar rails in the sanctuary and the pulpit will also form part of the project. Donations of \$2 or more to the Heritage Fund are tax deductible. You can donate via our stjohnscanberra.org/giving. Your support for this year's project would be greatly appreciated. Randall Wilson, Chair of Trustees

SJC CRAFT SESSIONS: St John's Care is seeking to set up regular craft sessions. Are you a knitter (or similar) who would like to share your enthusiasm for craft with others? St John's Care would like to hear from you! Please contact Wendy on (02) 6248 7771 or casemanagement@stjohnscare.org.au.

FUNDRAISER FOR RICHA: Friends of Richa William (9.30am service) are raising money to help purchase an insulin pump and other supports to assist with the significant changes she is facing following recent major surgery. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. If you would like to support this fundraiser, go to <https://gofund.me/95738524>

KNEELERS: The beautiful kneelers in the church were sewn by loving hands some 60 years ago and are showing their age. If you could assist in the process of unpicking, washing, re-stretching, embroidering etc, please contact our Sacristan, Jennifer Lawson. jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org

Please also be mindful that they need to be hung on their hooks such that they don't touch the heater, especially over winter. (Plans are in place to prevent this problem, but in the meantime please avoid bending them and, if necessary, hang them with the inside facing you. Thanks for your cooperation.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: The Canberra ecumenical Christian gathering for the National Day of Prayer (NDOP) is on **Saturday 18 May 24 from 1-4pm** at St John's. All are welcome. Register at www.australiaprays.com.au

'PENTECOST CUPPA' IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE: Thanks to all who supported our Schoolhouse Museum's efforts over the Heritage Festival period. There will be an additional 'parish viewing' of the Schoolhouse's heritage display after the 8am and 9.30am services on **Pentecost Sunday (19 May)**, over morning tea. All welcome.

PENTECOST ABM APPEAL: Next **Sunday, 19 May**, we will be promoting a special appeal by the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM), a St John's Mission's partner. Please consider a donation.

CHRISTIAN BOOTCAMP: This year's 'Bootcamp' commences this month. The program is ideal for those (16+) seeking baptism or confirmation, as well as new Christians or enquirers. Our first session ('Who - or What - is God?', 7.30pm, **Wednesday 29 May**, in Robertson Room) might help you decide if this is for you. Contact Rev'd Dave (rector@stjohnscanberra.org) to register your interest. Flyers with more detail are available in the porch.

PATRONAL DINNER: A dinner to celebrate our Patronal Festival will be held on **Thursday 13 June**. Join members from all congregations from 6pm to 8.30pm for a three-course alternate setting dinner (plus tea and coffee) at the CIT student-run restaurant (next door to St John's). The cost per head is \$40. Book through TryBooking (copy and paste this link to your browser <https://www.trybooking.com/CROGH>) or contact the parish office for payment alternatives. Please book early.

EQUIP WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Feel free to invite friends to join us as we join this video conference, hearing teaching on Revelation 1-5. **Saturday 22 June** from **9:30am** in the Robertson Room. RSVP to Mary de Lautour (<mailto:mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org>)



OTHER MATTERS

MARRIAGE COURSE: The Marriage Course offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your relationship. Participate from the comfort of your home via zoom, **7-9pm Thursdays over May & June**. The Final Dinner is on **Thursday 27 June**). Hosted by the Catholic & Anglican Parishes of Inner North Canberra. (Enquiries: helenazobec@cg.org.au or 0405 440 463. Register at: tinyurl.com/y3fw859r)

BILLETS SOUGHT: A parishioner is seeking billets to assist with a Rotary program in Canberra in June. If you are willing to help, please email Suzanne suzanne.a.howarth@gmail.com

WOMEN, THE BIBLE AND THE FREEDOM OF GOD: In April, St Mark's hosted a forum on the subject of women in the life of the church. It included an address by St John's parishioner Dr Amy Erickson. You can listen to the evening's stimulating talks at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3t4posYjWQ&t=565s>

MISSED A SERMON?: Most weeks, the audio of the Sunday sermon is uploaded to our website. Feel free to re-listen, share with a friend, or connect with us when you are out of town. See <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/sermons>

Long term battle

A fortnight ago, we received a call from a new client (J) who wanted to talk to someone in hope of finding solutions to his concerns. I asked J if he could come and visit me, and he said he would be there around midday.

J arrived and I invited him inside for a cup of hot coffee. We started talking about J's life and he told me that he arrived in Canberra more than six months ago.

Since arriving in Canberra, J has been living in friends' houses, sometimes in a temporary shelter and many times in the street. J told me that he has been dealing with his alcohol addiction for many years and described it as something he can't stop. He says that he needs to drink every day to be well because if he doesn't, he breaks down, feels bad, doesn't feel like doing anything and his body starts to shake.

J was seeking information about where he can go to receive support for his addiction in a safe place where he would be free of judgement. After he signed a consent form, I began looking for the most appropriate services for J. There were a number of organisations that we identified as being helpful for him.

As J and I continued our conversation I identified that he also required some support with basics such as food. A bag of food was organised for him with everything he needed, as well as other pantry items such as toiletries. J disclosed feeling stressed and anxious about sleeping on the streets with little or no sleeping gear. We provided him with a sleeping bag, a fleece liner for the bag, a pillow that could be folded compactly, a thermal jacket, beanie, socks, and gloves.

We also provided J with information on other places he could go for help (Emergency and Food Relief guide). Whilst at our Centre, he saw the flyer for our community lunch and said he would invite his friends and come along to the next lunch.

We are continuing to work closely with J. He will commence his rehabilitation at an organisation next week and is eager to receive the support he so desperately needs. SJC will continue to support him in his battle with addiction.

Kind regards.

Karen Medrano

SJC Case Manager

Items Required: Pasta, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo

Upcoming services

Sunday 19 May

Day of Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21 or Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 104.26-36; Romans 8.22-27;
John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

- 8am** **Sung Eucharist**
9.30am **Family Eucharist** (Kids' Church & Youth Group)
11.15am **Matins** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6pm **stjohns@6** (Holy Communion)

Sunday 26 May

Trinity Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8.12-17;
John 3.1-17

- 7am** **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
8am **Sung Eucharist**
9.30am **Family Eucharist** (Kids' Church & Youth Group)
6pm **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Sunday 2 June

Second Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139.1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12;
Mark 2.23-3.6

- 8am** **Sung Eucharist**
9.30am **Family Eucharist** (Kids' Church & Youth Group)
11.15am **Choral Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
6pm **stjohns@6** (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Each Wednesday

- 10am** **Eucharist** (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org

SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH

The best way to support our ministry is to (annually) prayerfully consider an appropriate amount, and then set up automatic regular transfers using our 'giving' account:

BSB: 702 389 **ACCOUNT:** 0520 9450 **NAME:** St John the Baptist Reid

Contacts

Rector	Rev'd David McLennan	rector@stjohnscanberra.org	0468 634 351
Senior Associate Priest	Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron	andrew.cameron@stjohnscanberra.org	0477 689 421
Curate	Rev'd Anna Krebs	anna.krebs@stjohnscanberra.org	0411 367 817
Honorary Priest	Rev'd Vicky Cullen		0476 777 203
Honorary Deacon	Rev'd Chris Murray		0433 322 206
Youth Leader	Kirsten Lamb	kirsten.lamb@stjohnscanberra.org	
Children & Families Worker	Mary de Lautour	mary.delautour@stjohnscanberra.org	
Sacristan	Jennifer Lawson	jennifer.lawson@stjohnscanberra.org	0407 286 572
Schoolhouse Museum	Jennifer Garden	schoolhouse@stjohnscanberra.org	0414 551 821
Office Administrator	Kimberley van Leeuwen	admin@stjohnscanberra.org	6248 8399
Operations Manager	Alison Hosking	alison.hosking@stjohnscanberra.org	6248 8399
Friends of St John's, Chair	Matthew Neuhaus	friendsofstjohnscanberra@gmail.com	



SJC Emergency Relief Centre 6248 7771

SJC Executive Officer	Jason Haines	executive.officer@stjohnscare.org.au	6248 7771
SJC Operations Manager	Robbie Speldewinde	programs@stjohnscare.org.au	6248 7771

Parish Office: 6248 8399

Opening Hours: 9.30am to 2.30pm Tuesday to Friday

www.stjohnscanberra.org

45 Constitution Avenue, Reid 2612 GPO Box 219, Canberra 2601

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.
Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



X	W	V	D	J	Q	R	I	B	S	O	A	E	U	C	P	K	N	H	L	G	M	Y	Z	F	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 25-14-20-25-8-20-20-13-4 _____
- 11-16-13-18-13-4 _____
- 22-8-18-4-10 _____
- 10-15-7-8-16-26-14-7-13 _____
- 7-8-10-13 _____
- 7-13-16-13-18-26 _____
- 9-20-13-10-10-8-18-21 _____
- 26-12-17-13-18 _____
- 19-13-12-3-13-18 _____
- 2-11-7-10-19-8-16-13-4 _____

SCRIPTURE	RISE	REPENT	HEAVEN	BLESSING
MINDS	TAKEN	OPENED	WORSHIPED	FULFILLED