

MASS TIMES

Tuesday – Saturday 9:15am

Weekend Mass Times

6.00pm Saturday Evening

9.30 am Sunday Morning

Reconciliation

Please contact our office.

Church will be open on:

9.45am - 11.45 am Friday

9.45am—11.45 am Saturday

Baptisms

Please refer to our website

<https://shkew.org.au>.

Sacramental Programme

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REAL LISTENING HAS

THE POWER TO HEAL

Responsorial Psalm

R: My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy is his name!

His mercy is from age to age,

On those who respect him.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich empty away.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.

R: My soul rejoices in my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He
has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Sacred Heart Parish, Kew

3rd Week of Advent Year B December 17th. 2023



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Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Lord, may we the parishioners of Sacred Heart strive to be people of the gospel and prayer. Imprint in our hearts a deep desire for your Word and a love of the Eucharist. Motivate us to be an engaging, welcoming, and supportive community. Help us to be a people of compassion and justice for all.

*Hold on to everything that is good—
God has called you and he will not fail you!*

Your Parish: Your Financial Support

1st Collection—

This money is to support Fr John,
Priests of the Archdiocese & Archbishop.

Bank account: BSB: 083 347

Account #: 663 832 561

Reference: Full name

2nd Collection—

This money is used to pay for the running
of and the upkeep of our Parish.

Bank details: BSB: 083 347

Account #: 682 606 383

Reference: Full name

**1st Collection—this money is used to support Fr John
and the priests of the Archdiocese.**

**2nd Collection—this money is used to pay for the running
Costs for the upkeep of our Parish.**

**The donations for last week was \$2,2027. We need \$4K per
week just to meet our everyday running cost.**

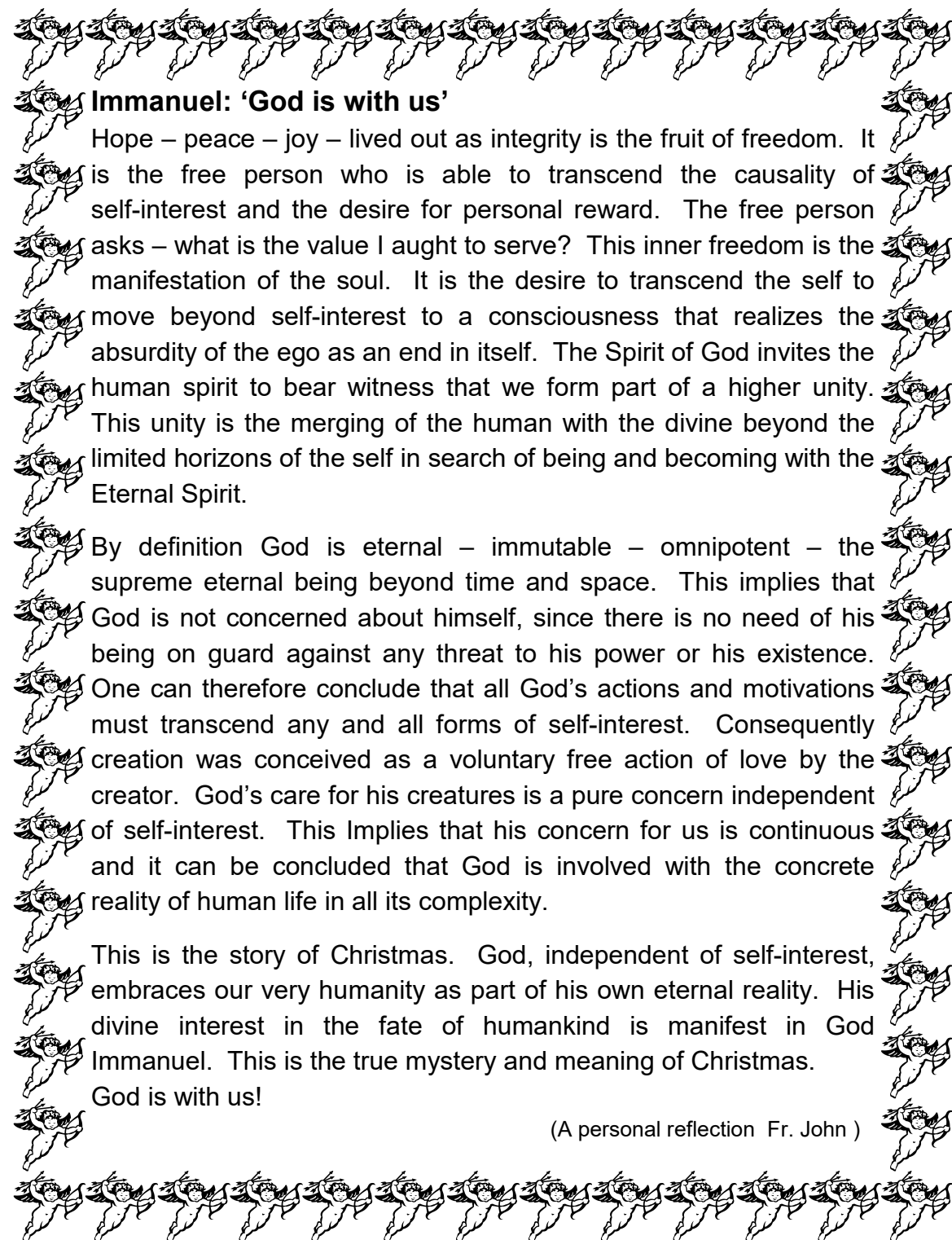


JOY



The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that dates back to 1839 and consists of four candles, each with a specific meaning. The first candle, known as the Prophet's Candle, represents **hope**. The second week of Advent is a time to reflect on the theme of **peace**. The second candle of the Advent wreath, also known as the Bethlehem Candle, It is lit during this week to symbolize the peace that Jesus brings to the world. The third candle, known as the Shepherd's Candle, represents joy. The fourth candle, known as the Angel's Candle, represents love.

During the second week of Advent, we are reminded of the prophecy that Jesus would be called the "Prince of Peace".



Immanuel: 'God is with us'

Hope – peace – joy – lived out as integrity is the fruit of freedom. It is the free person who is able to transcend the causality of self-interest and the desire for personal reward. The free person asks – what is the value I ought to serve? This inner freedom is the manifestation of the soul. It is the desire to transcend the self to move beyond self-interest to a consciousness that realizes the absurdity of the ego as an end in itself. The Spirit of God invites the human spirit to bear witness that we form part of a higher unity. This unity is the merging of the human with the divine beyond the limited horizons of the self in search of being and becoming with the Eternal Spirit.

By definition God is eternal – immutable – omnipotent – the supreme eternal being beyond time and space. This implies that God is not concerned about himself, since there is no need of his being on guard against any threat to his power or his existence. One can therefore conclude that all God's actions and motivations must transcend any and all forms of self-interest. Consequently creation was conceived as a voluntary free action of love by the creator. God's care for his creatures is a pure concern independent of self-interest. This implies that his concern for us is continuous and it can be concluded that God is involved with the concrete reality of human life in all its complexity.

This is the story of Christmas. God, independent of self-interest, embraces our very humanity as part of his own eternal reality. His divine interest in the fate of humankind is manifest in God Immanuel. This is the true mystery and meaning of Christmas.

God is with us!

(A personal reflection Fr. John)

Riddles for Young and Old

1. I am who I am. Who am I?
2. In the bible I killed one fourth of all humankind. Who am I?
3. What runs, but never walks, murmurs, but never talks, has a bed, but never sleeps and has a mouth, but never eats?
4. The more of me there is, the less you see. What am I?
5. Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain on Earth?

I felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery. The GPS blurted out "you haver reached your final destination".

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

- Christmas Children's Mass
- 5.00pm Carols 5.30pm Mass
- Christmas Family Mass
- 8.00pm

Christmas Day

- Mass 9.30 am



Christmas Children's Mass

We aim to bring the Nativity to Life by inviting children to dress up as beloved characters and animals from the Nativity story! Let the spirit of Christmas flourish as our children are warmly invited to portray the cherished figures that make this story so special. Dress up as:

Characters:

- Baby Jesus (Wrapped in swaddling clothes)
- Mary (White or blue robe, head covering)
- Joseph (Long robe, head covering)
- Angels (White robe, wings, halo)
- Shepherds (Simple robes, carrying a shepherd's crook)
- Magi/Wise Men (Elaborate robes, crowns)

Animals:

- Sheep/Lamb (White costume with fluffy features)
- Donkey (Brown costume with ears and a tail)
- Ox/Cow (Brown or black costume)



Thank you to everyone involved in the Kew Community Carols last night. It was a huge success in bringing the Kew community together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

1. God 2. Cain (who killed Abel) 3. A River 4. Darkness 5. Mount Everest.