

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4 August 2024**

**Year B**  
**#36.24**

### **Become what you receive.**

Following the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, the crowd, driven by their physical hunger and the memory of the miraculous bread, seek Jesus, hoping for more material provision. Jesus, aware of their motives, redirects their focus from the temporal to the eternal.

Food that perishes symbolizes all material and temporal desires that, while necessary for survival, do not satisfy the deeper longings of the human soul. The modern world, much like the crowd in the gospel, often prioritizes these temporal needs—success, wealth, and comfort—over spiritual nourishment. Jesus invites us to transcend these ephemeral concerns and seek what truly sustains us.

The “food that endures to eternal life” represents the spiritual sustenance found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. To “work for food that endures” involves reorienting our lives around this truth. It calls for a shift in priorities from merely fulfilling physical and material needs to cultivating a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus. This means engaging in practices that nurture our faith.

This passage also invites reflection on the nature of eternal life. It is not merely a future promise, but a present reality experienced through a relationship with Jesus. Eternal life begins now, as we partake in the “bread of life,” growing in intimacy with Christ and experiencing the transformative power of His presence.

Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, ‘Be what you see, and receive what you are.’ We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, but we are also called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.

*Based on: The Body of Christ, 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

# SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

“Truth and Peace: A Gospel  
Word in a Violent World”

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*Come and celebrate the  
Feast of St Mary of the Cross*

Mary MacKillop

● Thursday ● 8 August ● 9:30am mass

Following mass, we will celebrate this  
feast day with morning tea.  
Please bring a plate to share

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## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday - 15 August 2024

Mass times 9:30am – 6:00pm

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**Pins & Needles**  
Mon 19 August – 7:15pm  
Parish Library

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

*Connecting with people living alone*

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month Coffee Group  
13 August – 2:00pm Ichi Café at Kippax  
Contact: Barbara Mawson 6254 7989

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month gathering  
18 August at 4:00pm – 5:30pm  
Parish Centre

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SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**For more information  
contact the parish office.**

Next gathering: Friday 16 August



St John the Apostle Parish Centre

## MSC Missions

Fr Roger Purcell msc director of MSC  
Missions will be in our parish this weekend  
the 3-4 August.

MSC Missions supports the MSC  
missionaries in their efforts to serve the most  
vulnerable and marginalised communities in  
Asia, Africa, and the Pacific.

**There will be a collection at each mass.**

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**Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in  
Public and Political Life 2024**  
7 August – 6:00pm

**Speaker: Professor Helen Alvare**

Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin  
Scalia Law School, George Mason University  
Virginia USA.

**Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV  
Presenter **For more information & tickets visit**  
[www.tfo.org.au](http://www.tfo.org.au)

The Archdiocese has FREE TICKETS  
available for any full-time STUDENT at  
University or in Years 10-12 for the  
Tim Fischer Oration night.  
You may know a student who might be  
interested.  
Contact Cathy Madsen 0422 117 210

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**Archdiocesan Women's breakfast with  
Dr Helen Alvare**

Thursday, 8 August, 7.30 - 9.00am

Join us as we explore meaningful  
connections, marriage, family, career,  
mission and community-building.

<http://www.tfo.org.au/women-breakfast/>

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## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 27 AUGUST – 7:30AM**

**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**

**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Heart Spirituality

## The Eucharist, memorial of all the miracles of Jesus.

The Eucharist is the centre of the Sacraments that communicates to us the power of our redemption. It is a mysterious abyss where resides the source of all graces; it prolongs and multiplies in this valley of tears the presence of God incarnate. It renews the sacrifice of calvary; it extends the incarnation of the Word in each of the members of his mystical body. It is the glorification on earth of nature and of humanity. It is the pledge of our resurrection and of our glorification in heaven.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 214/ Issoudun. 1900

## Stewardship

### What am I giving to God?

The servant and the little boy in our readings today are excellent examples for us as Christian stewards. The servant gave the very best of what he had, and the boy gave all that he had, then God did the rest.

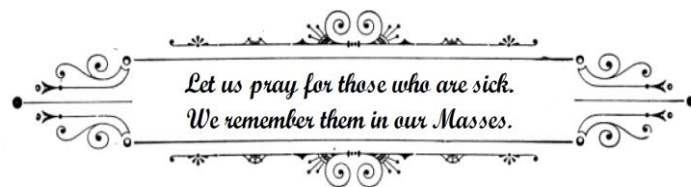
A key component of living as a good steward is constantly evaluating our lives, particularly our relationship with God to ensure we are not just scraping by but rather giving God our entire lives.

We should ask ourselves — ‘how am I giving God my time, using my talents, and sharing my treasures?’

We are called to give God adequate time each day. If we don't plan for this time, likely, He won't get any. We need to find what works best for us so that God can become a more significant part of our daily lives. We are also called to put our gifts and talents to good use too.

Let us spend some time evaluating our relationship with God by asking, ‘what is my very best, and am I giving it to God?’

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Cizek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, John McGee, Jean Tierney, Alfred Clynch, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Maria Van Rooy, Lidia DeMontis, Derick Brice, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran

## Mass Intentions the week of 5 – 11 August

Mon 05/08	Doris Galea
Wed 07/08	
Thur 08/08	Mieke Van Rooy
Fri 09/08	Dominic Pham
<b>Sat 10/08</b>	
5:00pm	John Pham
<b>Sun 11/08</b>	
8:30am	Lesley Givens
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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!

## PARISH OPEN FORUM

Thursday 29 August

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Discussing the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus pastoral ministry to SJA Kippax and STA Charnwood

## CLAIM THE DATE

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Saturday 2 November



# 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 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

# SOCIAL LIFE

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

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia  
No one lives on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes from the mouth  
of God.  
Alleluia

## **Readings 11 August 2024**

First Reading	1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm	Ps 33:2-9
Second Reading	Eph 4:30 - 5:2
Gospel	John 6:41-51

### **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

## 11 Aug Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Di Bruce, Murray Bruce
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Peter Kain, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Carl Madsen, Joy McInerney

## 11 Aug Lector Roster

5:00pm	Paul McGrath, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Marianna Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

## 11 Aug Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Frank Colley
6:00pm	John McGee, Marian Crowley

## 11 Aug Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher, Mercia Needham
8:30am	Mandy Lalor, Wendy Wade
10:00am	Shovin Weerawarnakula, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Joy McInerney

## 11 Aug SJAShop

5:00pm	Mercia Needham
8:30am	
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	John McGee

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	4 Aug	Margaret Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	5 Aug	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne

## On a Lighter note

