

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 August 2024

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Choosing to stay.

Today's gospel presents a moment of crisis and decision among Jesus' disciples. After Jesus speaks about being the bread of life and the necessity of eating His flesh and drinking His blood for eternal life, many disciples find His words difficult to accept. They grumble, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" (John 6:60). As a result, many turn away and no longer follow Him.

The disciples' reaction to Jesus' message highlights a common human tendency to dismiss or reject difficult truths, especially when they come in unexpected or uncomfortable ways. Jesus' teaching challenged their understanding and expectations, revealing their reluctance to accept divine wisdom that didn't conform to their preconceptions.

In our lives, we often encounter Jesus' message through ordinary people and everyday situations. Yet, we might overlook or reject it because it doesn't come in a form we expect or from a person we find credible or appealing. This passage invites us to cultivate a posture of openness, recognizing that God can speak to us through anyone and any circumstance.

The turning point in this passage is Peter's response: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69). Peter's declaration embodies faith and trust, acknowledging that even when the message is challenging, it remains the truth because it comes from Jesus.

We are reminded that true discipleship requires humility and a willingness to receive God's word, regardless of how it is delivered. It calls us to listen deeply and discern the presence of Jesus in all our interactions, whether they occur in expected religious contexts or in the ordinary moments of our daily lives. By being open to the message of Jesus in all its forms, we can grow in faith and understanding, much like Peter and the other disciples who chose to stay despite the difficulty of the teaching.

Based on: Gospel Reflection, 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

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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



Now available to download!
Download the latest Social
Justice statement by scanning
the QR Code or bit.ly/sjs-ojep



WARNING BIRD NESTING AREA BIRDS MAY DISPLAY AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

There is a family of plovers on the church grounds. They swoop to protect their eggs and young.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 27 AUGUST – 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 28 August

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

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

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

PARISH OPEN FORUM

Thursday 29 August

7:00pm – 8:00pm

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

Heart of Jesus (MSC)

Register your interest.

Scan your phone camera on the QR Code and complete the online form.



CLAIM THE DATE PARISH ASSEMBLY Saturday 2 November

PPC MEMBERSHIP

Why the Parish Pastoral Council needs YOU
(or someone you know...)

The Parish Pastoral Council's (PPC) responsibility is to assist the parish priest discern the present and future direction of the Parish through research, prayer, reflection and dialogue.

There are nomination forms in the foyer for you to complete and return to the parish office no later than Sunday 1 September.

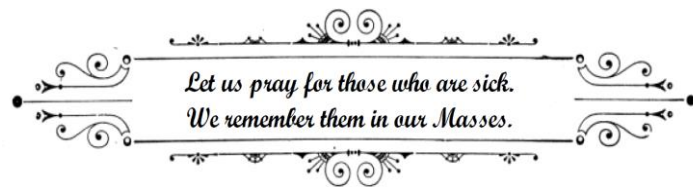
The Jamison **Trash and Treasure Market** has been run by **Belconnen Rotary** for the last 50 years every Sunday of the year. As part of the celebrations, we are running a raffle, the proceeds of which will be given to the Beryl and Doris Women's Refuges and Karinya House. The tickets are \$5.00 for 1 and \$10 for 3 – please help us to raise as much money as possible to assist these organisations, please ring Mary Cruickshank 62544084 or email handwcruickshank@gmail.com

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday Night before 1st Friday
Gethsemane Thursday
5 September 7:30 – 8:30pm



MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
6 September 2024 ■ 9:30am
1st Friday Mass
every month

Heart Spirituality



Reasons for trust in Jesus Christ

Our trust in Jesus Christ is based on his goodness.

Jesus loves us and gave his life for us. After so many signs of love, could we hesitate in showing him boundless trust?

Moreover, we shall obtain from his Father everything that we ask for in his name. Whatever our weakness, our temptations and even our failures, let us drive away all discouragement and open our hearts to trust.

Why are you fearful?

Let us cast ourselves without hesitation into his Heart.

He will not let us perish.

Jules Chevalier msc
Meditations I, p. 223f Issoudun, 1891

Stewardship

Intentionally live as disciples of Christ

Our readings offer us examples of how we should be living, and they present us with an opportunity to make a radical change in our lives.

We are constantly bombarded with endless distractions around us. It can be very easy to serve other 'gods' in our lives. For instance, putting technology (phone, internet, TV), kids' extracurricular activities, our jobs, or our social lives before the Lord. We also might be putting these things above our loved ones, and if we are doing that, then we are putting them above our relationship with God.

With this in mind, we must strive each day to intentionally live as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment — incorporating personal daily prayer and increasing that prayer week by week, incorporating prayer into our marriages and families, frequenting the sacraments, and serving others. Through this time with the Lord and service to those around us, He will reveal to us where to go next.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Alfred Niquet, Jill McNevin, Majorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Ann Yoo, Alexander Aikman, Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifred Bridges, Joseph Weinheber, Bill Fearon, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon, Sheila Dignam, Antonia Mrsnik, Armando Cavuoto, Patrick Sheehan, Barry Cormack, Melinda Davis, Gladys Anderson, Virginia Matera, Annete Polak, William Wiegold, Mary Huon Nguyen, Philip Sith, Mary Telford, Gaye Walmsley, Susan O'Dwyer, Ralph Dunn, Josephine Smith, William Scholfield, Dorothy Hush, Andre Domjan, Ivan Jones, Kathleen MacKay, Collin McEvoy, Anton Mrsnik, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Wesley Dunn, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer

Mass Intentions the week of 26 August – 1 September

Mon 26/08	
Wed 28/08	Mary & John the Baptist
Thur 29/08	Annesley Jayawardena
Fri 30/08	Steve Smith
Sat 31/08	
5:00pm	Sonia Mewburn
Sun 01/09	
8:30am	Steve Smith
10:00am	Magdalen Suh
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!

Stay for a cuppa



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

mass on **this Sunday 25 August** 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 (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 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia

Readings 1 September 2024

First Reading	Deut 4:1-2, 6-8
Psalm	Ps 14:2-5
Second Reading	James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

1 Sept Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rodney Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Elaine Carter, Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Peter Le

1 Sept Lector Roster

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

1 Sept Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Judy Netting, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Peter Igoe-Taylor

1 Sept Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster, John McGee

1 Sept SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	25 Aug	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	26 Aug	

On a Lighter note

