

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 September 2024

Year B
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The real issue lies within us

Jesus addresses the Pharisees and the scribes, who were focused on external rituals, particularly the washing of hands, as a measure of purity. Their concern with outward appearances and traditions took precedence over the state of their hearts. Jesus challenges this superficial approach to righteousness by asserting that it is not what enters a person from the outside that defiles them, but rather what comes from within. The true source of impurity, Jesus teaches, is the heart, from which evil intentions and actions emerge.

In today's culture, we often see a tendency to blame external factors—society, upbringing, or even the influence of others—for our moral failings. There is a pervasive reluctance to accept personal responsibility for our actions, and this mindset allows us to distance ourselves from feelings of guilt or regret. We might be quick to point fingers, to justify our behaviour by circumstances beyond our control, or to adopt a victim mentality. However, Jesus' teaching in this passage confronts this attitude directly.

Jesus presents a stark and sobering truth: the real issue lies within us. The sins that defile us—evil thoughts, greed, malice, deceit, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly—are born from our own hearts. These are not imposed on us by external forces but are the result of our own choices and inclinations. This teaching forces us to look inward, to examine the state of our hearts, and to take responsibility for the evil that originates from within us.

This gospel passages challenges us to confront the darkness within us, or will we continue to blame external factors for our moral failures? Jesus' words compel us to take a hard look at our own hearts, to acknowledge our sinfulness, and to seek God's grace for inner renewal. In doing so, we can move beyond mere appearances and embrace a deeper, more authentic relationship with God—one that is rooted in true repentance and a sincere desire to live according to His will.

Based on: *Gospel Focus – The things within*, 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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Answer to the riddle: DaVinci, Vivaldi, Van Gogh, Rembrandt. Vivaldi is a musician the others are painters.

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



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

1 – 7 SEPT



In 2024, the National Child Protection Week message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be

complemented with the theme 'Every conversation matters'.

Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

Conversations can help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build the brains and social connections of children and young people.

Happy Fathers Day to all our fathers and those who play a fathering roll.

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;

support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.

Archdiocesan Father's Day Appeal

Collection for Archdiocesan retired priests.

You can make a gift today by giving at:

www.cgatholic.org.au/donate



Youth Group

YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

Students in Years 7 - 12

Next Meeting: 1 September 2024

7:00pm – 9:00pm

[after the 6:00pm Mass]

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Contact the Parish Office

for more information kippax@cg.org.au

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

2nd Tuesday of the month Coffee Group

10 September – 2:00pm Ichi Café at

Kippax Contact: Barbara Mawson 6254 7989

CARING FOR CARERS

You are invited to a morning of reflection

with Fr. Tru Nguyen msc

Saturday 7 September

9AM – 12noon

For all who are caring for others

Cast all your anxiety on Him,

because he cares for you 1 Peter 5:7

Morning tea will be provided

RSVP: 4 September

marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

MASS OF THE SACRED

HEART OF JESUS

1st Friday of every month 9:30am

6 September 2024

Sacred Heart Devotion



Thursday Night before 1st Friday

Prayer before the

Blessed Sacrament

Gethsemane Thursday

5 September

7:30 – 8:30pm



110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday,

29 September 2024

The theme of Pope Francis'

Message for this year's World Day of Migrants

and Refugees is "**GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE.**"

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has created online

resources, including the liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers

of intercession, stories, and interviews, to

help celebrate this special day.

Resources available at:

<https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2024>

A big **THANK YOU** to those kind members of

the Parish who helped with last weekend's

morning tea, bringing in some wonderful

home-baked goodies to share.

And thank you to the Parishioners who

stayed and had a cuppa and a chat. Don't

forget to save the date for next month's

morning tea – 29th September ! [Migrants

and Refugees Sunday]

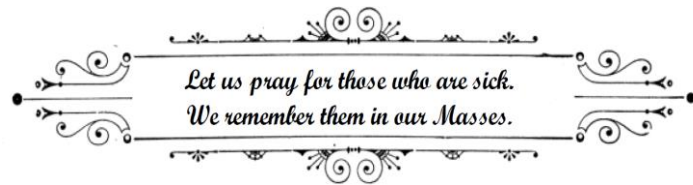
If you would like to get involved please

contact Jenny McGee on 0481-706-966 to

leave a message.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality



The enemy within

Our most formidable enemies, those that should inspire the greatest fear, are not those outside ourselves but those within. Our nature is a centre of concupiscence that ceaselessly bears us towards evil. The passions, the bad habits that fill our hearts are the greatest obstacle to salvation. How many Christians, how many priests and religious, after having lived in fervour, slackened and abandoned the way of virtue because of the fickleness that is natural to us. "Those who think they stand should take heed lest they fall" (1 Cor. 10:12).

Jules Chevalier msc
Meditations I, p. 218 Issoudun, 1891

Stewardship

Through the Lens of Gratitude

Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day. Often, we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love. Our faith has obligations to provide us opportunities to love, honour, and praise the Lord. They are meant to aid us on our personal journey with Jesus Christ. St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return. If we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love. This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards — by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Barry Cormack, Gladys Anderson, Melinda Davis, Virginia Matera, Annete Polak, William Wiegold, Philip Smith, Mary Huon Nguyen, Mary Telford, Ralph Dunn, Gaye Walmsley, Susan O'Dwyer, Andre Domjan, Josephine Smith, William Scholfield, Ivan Jones, Dorothy Hush, Kathleen MacKay, Collin McEvoy, Anton Mrsnik, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Wesley Dunn, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer, Alvaro del Busto, Megan Pigram, Christopher Halloran, Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham, Giuseppe Scalora, John O'Neill, Leslie Collins, Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb, Taya Quade, Marie Happ, Susan Ferguson, Honoria Kelly

Mass Intentions the week of 2 – 8 September

Mon 02/09	Megan Pigram
Wed 04/09	Magdalen Suh
Thur 05/09	Doris Galea
Fri 06/09	Sheehan & McGrath family
Sat 07/09	
5:00pm	Maria Pham
Sun 08/09	
8:30am	Joseph Nguyen Van Phong
10:00am	Special Intention
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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!

THANK YOU to those wonderful parishioners who have been able to contribute to **Vinnies' "One thing more"** on-going appeal. People are thinking 'outside the square' and have donated basic toiletry items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste etc) which we hadn't actually thought of, but are finding very useful. Your generosity inspires us and is helping to make a real difference to those in need living in our immediate area.

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	1st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia

Readings 8 September 2024

First Reading	Is 35:4-7
Psalm	Ps 145:7-10
Second Reading	James 2:1-5
Gospel	Mark 7:31-37

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

8 Sept Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Peter Kain, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Carl Madsen, Joy McInerney

8 Sept Lector Roster

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

8 Sept Ministers of Communion

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

8 Sept 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

8 Sept SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	1 Sept	Margaret Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	2 Sept	Joseph Le Van Hai, Lanh Dang, Sam Van Nguyen

PARISH LIBRARY

Books on display for the month of September are on the theme of Migrants and Refugees.

On a lighter note

Can you solve the riddle?

**ICNIDVA
DVIALIV
GAOVHGN
MTDABNRRE**

find out what these last names are and identify the odd one out

Answer somewhere in COMPACT