

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 September 2024

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Open our Hearts

In today's gospel, we witness a profound moment of healing as Jesus encounters a man who is both deaf and unable to speak clearly. This passage is not merely about physical healing; it is a powerful illustration of the Messiah's mission to restore individuals to fullness of life and community. When Isaiah spoke of the Messiah, he foresaw one who would liberate those isolated by their physical and social conditions, allowing them to rejoin society and live fully. Jesus embodies this prophecy, offering healing that goes beyond the physical and touches the very heart of human dignity and community.

In this specific miracle, Jesus takes the man aside, away from the crowd, and with tender gestures—putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue—He says, "Ephphatha," which means "Be opened." The man's ears are opened, his speech impediment is removed, and he is restored to full participation in the life of his community.

This act of healing invites us to reflect on what it means to "be opened." Jesus's command is not only for the man who was healed but also for all those witnessing the miracle, and by extension, for us today. We are called to be open in the same way—to have our hearts, minds, and lives opened to the reality of others' needs and sufferings.

In our world, there are many who, like the deaf man, are isolated, not necessarily by physical ailments but by circumstances such as poverty, injustice, prejudice, and loneliness. Jesus's healing of the deaf man is a call to us to open our hearts to these individuals, to respond with compassion, and to actively seek ways to help restore them to a place of dignity and community.

Compassion, in this context, is not just a feeling but a movement towards action. It means allowing our lives to be interrupted by the needs of others and doing what we can to alleviate their suffering. It means being attentive and responsive to the cries of those who are often ignored or marginalized.

As we reflect on this gospel passage, may we hear Jesus's call to "be opened" and allow it to transform us.

Based on: *Living the Gospel – Open to compassion*, 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



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday. As a parish community St John the Apostle parish recommits to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more at.

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Relax, Review, Reflect



Jean De Florette

"a captivating and beautifully photographed epic of innocence, evil, greed, envy and revenge"

Friday 27 September at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

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

3rd Sunday of the month gathering
15 September at 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Parish Centre

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER –
7:30AM**

**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

PARISH FORUM

29 August

Copies of minutes and group discussions were emailed out, are available in the foyer and on the webpage.



Pins & Needles

Mon 16 September –

7:15pm

Parish Library



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>

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 25 September

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.

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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

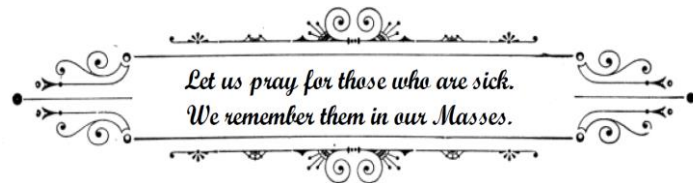
Next gathering: Friday 20 September



St John the Apostle Parish Centre

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality



Friendship with God

Our heart has not only the need to love; it experiences also the need to be loved. Where shall we turn to find a true friend into whose heart we can pour what is overflowing in ours? Jesus Christ has a keen desire to be our friend, so let us turn to him. How precious his friendship is! We can count on his fidelity; he will never fail us, not even when we are in the midst of trials. Jesus shows no favouritism. No matter what our talents, no matter where we may be or what may have happened to us his friendship will always be genuine.

Jules Chevalier msc
Meditations I, p. 414/ Issoudun, 1891

Stewardship

Open our Hearts and Minds

Our readings today offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. This Gospel story we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper — our souls. Oftentimes we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments — through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves. These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us. May our eyes and our ears “be open” to Jesus in our lives.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Brian Robertson fms,
Pat Hogan [husband of Neryl (dec)]

Anniversary: Alvaro del Busto, Meagan 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, Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt, Denise Busch, Mary Prosper, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Kate Fisher, Robert Caskie, Pauline Jones, Therese Le, Don Nicol, Robert Greig, Lynette Katlewski, Anthony Tys, Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, Xavier Munoz

Mass Intentions the week of 9 - 15 September

Mon 09/09	Flaviana
Wed 11/09	Therese Le
Thur 12/09	Ethan Seng
Fri 13/09	John Lenihan

Sat 14/09	
5:00pm	Anne Hartney

Sun 15/09	
8:30am	Anne Hartney
10:00am	Parish Intentions
6:00pm	Peter Fah

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 LIBRARY

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

**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 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:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia

Readings 15 September 2024

First Reading	Is 50:5-9
Psalm	Ps 114:1-6, 8-9
Second Reading	James 2:14-18
Gospel	Mark 8:27-35

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

15 Sept Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Francesca Deklin
10:00am	Rose & Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	Nunga Umaru, Peter Le

15 Sept Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Bernadette Murnane, Dennis Puniard

15 Sept Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Gordon Donnir, Marie McKie
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Charlotte and Lionel D'Cruze

15 Sept Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Barbara Mawson
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Vigi Varghese

15 Sept SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	Sabina Van Rooy
10:00am	
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	8 Sept	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	9 Sept	Edgar and Chioma Nnajide

On a Lighter note



"You caught a virus from your computer and we had to erase your brain. I hope you've got a back-up copy!"