

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**22 September 2024**

**Year B**  
**#43.24**

### Called to a different way of Living

Today, Jesus presents a profound lesson that challenges the common understanding of greatness and power. The disciples, much like us today, were caught up in concerns about status and position, debating who among them was the greatest. Jesus, aware of their preoccupations, redirects their thinking by stating that true greatness is not about being first, but about being last and serving others.

This teaching is countercultural, both in the time of Jesus and in our world today, where success is often measured by how much power, influence, or wealth one can accumulate. Society tends to celebrate those who climb the ladder of success, often at the expense of others, valuing individuals based on their achievements, possessions, and status.

However, Jesus flips this notion on its head by advocating for a leadership that is rooted in humility and service. He invites His disciples, and us, to redefine what it means to be powerful. True power, according to Jesus, lies not in lording over others but in uplifting them. When we serve others, we honour their dignity, give them respect, and, in a way, empower them. By placing ourselves last, we create space for others to be seen, heard, and valued.

Jesus' call to servanthood is a reminder that our worth is not determined by our rank or achievements but by our willingness to serve others with love and humility. It is in serving others that we truly reflect the heart of Christ and participate in His mission of bringing God's kingdom to earth—a kingdom where the last are first, and the humble are exalted.

In this passage, Jesus also uses the example of a child, one who had little status or power in society, to illustrate His point. By welcoming a child, we welcome Jesus Himself, for in caring for the least among us, we are living out the very essence of the Gospel.

We are challenged to examine our own lives and attitudes. In a world obsessed with self-promotion and competition, Jesus' words call us to a different way of living—a way that values others above ourselves and finds true greatness in humble service.

**Based on: *Have you thought? Last of all?* 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

# KIT @ KIPPAX

**Invitation:** we welcome your contributions to KIT. Please email [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au) no later than Thursday 26 September.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – 7:30AM**  
**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**  
**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

## 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.

## 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.*

## MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month ■ 9:30am  
4 October 2024

### Sacred Heart Devotion

The heart is the centre of our being, and the seat of our emotions and love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes his great love for humanity. Jesus initiated this devotion out of his great love for us.

## Thursday Night before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

**Prayer before the**  
**Blessed Sacrament**  
**Gethsemane Thursday**  
**3 October**  
**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."**

*"... God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation. ..."*

Pope Francis



We will celebrate Migrants and Refugees at the 10:00am mass. You are invited to come dressed in the national dress of your origins. Following the mass there will be morning tea in the church foyer. Please bring a dish, cakes, bickies or 'Aldi special' to share.

## PARISH LIBRARY

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



Women's Retreat day,

**God's love transforms**

hosted by 'Call to Connect'.

Guest speakers: Sharon Brewer & Rachel Fleurant MGL  
Saturday 12 October  
10am-3.15pm

St Monica's Evatt ACT.

Scan the QR Code with your phone camera for more details and to register.



## CLAIM THE DATE PARISH ASSEMBLY

**2 November 2024 11:00am – 3:00pm**

## Parish Pastoral Council

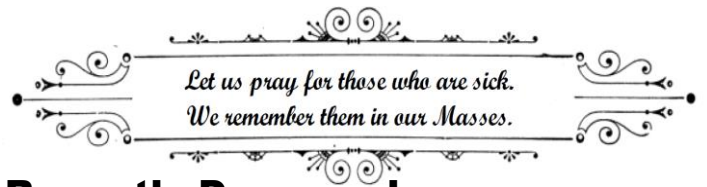
Minutes from Meeting on

Thursday 12 September are now available on the website

<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/uploads/PARISH%20PASTORAL%20COUNCIL/2024/9.24%20PPC%20minutes%2012%20September%202024.pdf>

**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**

# Heart Spirituality



## Humility of Heart

In a spirit of faith, we will follow that other lesson our Lord gives us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart" (Mt. 11:29). Let us not forget that gentleness wins hearts and that, according to the Holy Spirit, the world belongs to the gentle (Mt 5: 4).

Let us remember that humility attracts grace, and that the acceptance of our own humiliation raises us up to God. These two virtues must be the distinctive mark of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To acquire them we should: try to keep out of sight of others what God deigns to do in us and through us. And if this is not always possible, we should rightly attribute everything to God's mercy and to the merits of others. The one who possesses this humility possesses every good, but the one who lacks it, lacks everything. "He resists the proud, gives his grace to the humble."

Jules Chevalier msc

The first Règles Communes, p. 36/ Issoudun, 1877

## Stewardship

### Being Grateful

Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through gratitude. Like the disciples we can fall into the trap of competing with, and constantly comparing ourselves to others. Out of pride we feel the need to point out another's faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another. The apostle's vision was clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift of being so close to our Saviour, and that they were chosen to be His closest followers. When we compete and compare, we overlook the blessings God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us. Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us.

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** John Haley, Jana Nassir, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Luke White, Magdalen Ripszam, Marijon Grybaitis, Bernard Roberts, Beryl Mannix, James Sharah, Josephine Mulligan, Zoila Wait, Aileen Antcliffe, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Fr. John Rate msc, Carol Gibb, Joyce Smith, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Victor Bitterman, Robert Smith, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Bernard Roberts, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy.

## Mass Intentions the week of 23- 29 September

Mon 23/09	Giù
Wed 25/09	Frank Hurtis
Thur 26/09	
Fri 27/09	Remi Van Den Brink
<b>Sat 28/09</b>	
5:00pm	Max and Isabella D'Souza
<b>Sun 29/09</b>	
8:30am	Maria and Robert Scarr
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!**

## MSC Mission Office Appeal 2024.

This is a belated thank you note for your generosity during my Mission Appeal last month. I intended to write at the time but life gets busy and I was overseas to visit the Congo to see our projects there.

Your generous contribution of \$5,350.00 was a very pleasing result which will help us to continue our work. We only continue as a result of such support and encouragement from you, our partners, in this great work.

All blessing on you all individually and as a faith community.

Sincerely in His Heart  
Fr Roger Purcell MSC  
Director

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

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Alleluia!

## Readings 29 September 2024

First Reading	Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm	Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14
Second Reading	James 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### 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

## 29 Sept Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Di Bruce, Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Elaine Carter, Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Nunga Umaru

## 29 Sept Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Ots, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Pam Connor
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Marian Crowley

## 29 Sept Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Bernadette Murnane

## 29 Sept Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Helen Murphy
8:30am	Agnes Pham
10:00am	Manel Seneviratna, Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

## 29 Sept SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	22 Sep	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	23 Sept	

## On a Lighter note

