

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**29 September 2024**

**Year B**  
**#44.24**

### "Whoever is not against us is for us"

Jesus offers a powerful teaching about the seriousness of sin and the importance of aligning our actions with the values of the Kingdom of God. The passage begins with the disciples' concern about someone casting out demons in Jesus' name without being part of their group. Jesus' response, "Whoever is not against us is for us," reveals an inclusive approach to the work of God. It emphasizes that the mission of spreading goodness and defeating evil transcends human boundaries and affiliations. What matters is the alignment with God's will, not necessarily the group to which one belongs.

The more intense part of this passage comes with Jesus' imagery of cutting off a hand, a foot, or tearing out an eye to avoid sin. Taken literally, these commands are shocking and seem extreme. However, Jesus isn't advocating for physical mutilation but rather using hyperbolic language to stress the gravity of sin and the need for radical action in overcoming it. If a particular behaviour or habit leads us away from God or harms others, it must be decisively "cut out" of our lives. The invitation is to remove what is damaging and to make room for what is life-giving'

This teaching resonates deeply with the principles of Reconciliation. Just as in the sacrament, we are called to honestly examine our lives, identify what is destructive, and seek God's grace to turn away from sin. Often, we know when our actions are harmful, yet we continue to engage in them, sometimes out of habit, fear, or pride. Jesus' message is clear: we must take serious and deliberate steps to remove these obstacles from our lives.

We are also challenged us to be mindful of how we judge others. We are called to recognize the good in others, even if they do not fully align with our perspectives.

Ultimately, this gospel calls us to radical honesty with ourselves and to the courageous action of removing what hinders our relationship with God and others. It's a call to ongoing conversion, to continually seek the path of life, and to trust in the grace of Reconciliation to guide us back when we stray.

**Based on: *Living the Gospel – Cut it out!*, 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



**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

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.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

*Connecting with people living alone*

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month gathering  
**Next Gathering: 20 October**

This month we will be attending the Speakers Forum at Kangara Waters, Community Hall, 2:00pm



**Chevalier Day  
Monday  
21 October 2024**

120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Fr. Jules Chevalier – founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Morning tea will be served after 9:30am mass

**[Please note there will be NO ADORATION]**

**May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!**

**FUNERAL NOTICE**

Fr. Len Helm msc

***Sharing of memories***

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7:00 pm  
Jenkins Chapel, St Mary's Towers,  
Douglas Park.

***Funeral Mass and burial***

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 11:00 am  
The Church at St Mary's Towers,  
followed by the burial in the  
MSC Community Cemetery  
at St Mary's Towers.

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

**Prayer before the  
Blessed Sacrament**

**Gethsemane Thursday**

**3 October**

**7:30 – 8:30pm**



**MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month ■ 9:30am**

**4 October 2024**

**Sacred Heart Spirituality**

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.



**CLAIM THE DATE  
PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**2 November 2024 11:00am – 3:00pm**



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

**PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS**

Fr. Tru will be on leave from 1 October return on Wednesday 15 October.

**Parish Office Closed**

Monday 7 October

Labour Day Holiday

# Heart Spirituality

## The necessity of reparation

The Son of God wants everyone he has redeemed to be associated in his work of reparation, so that there might be harmony between his heart and ours (Col. 1:24). The work of reparation did not stop on Calvary. It continues on our altars, because the torrent of wickedness does not cease for an instant to flow sadly on through generation after generation of humanity. Constantly in the state of victim, Jesus offers to his Father, in expiation for all the sins of the world, the same sacrifice he offered on the cross. On the table of sacrifice or in the tabernacle, Jesus Christ utters a cry, not of vengeance or of justice, but of mercy and pardon.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 217f Paris, 1900

## Stewardship

### Rejoice in the gifts of others

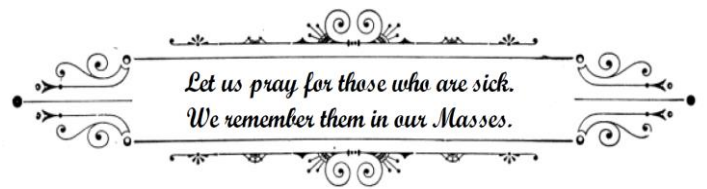
We oftentimes look at another's strengths as our weakness whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families.

Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts — rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you. We must keep this in perspective as we journey on our path as Christian stewards. We do not live for this life, but for the next.

He has given us time every day, countless talents, and numerous treasures. Are we using them for His glory?

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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**



**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Len Helm msc

**Anniversary:** Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Fr. John Rate msc, Carol Gibb, Joyce Smith, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Victor Bitterman, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Bernard Roberts, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Gaet Vella, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Renee Tozer, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Wendy McCarthy, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Frederick Jackson, Lillian Templeton, Charlie McLaren, Pauline Thompson.

## Mass Intentions the week of 30 September – 6 October

Mon 30/09	Steve Smith
Wed 02/10	
Thur 03/10	Amy Stephenson
Fri 04/10	

<b>Sat 05/10</b>	
5:00pm	Doris Galea

<b>Sun 06/10</b>	
8:30am	Maria Le Thi
10:00am	Rene Pollo
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

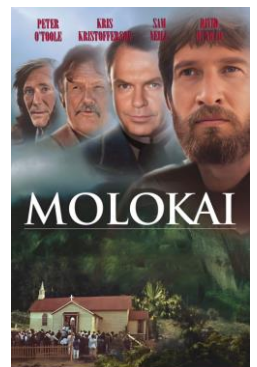
**To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.**

## Special Screen Event

in celebration of The Leprosy Missions 150<sup>th</sup> Year, we are thrilled to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Molokai: The Story of Father Damien**

Saturday October 12  
2:00pm

Dendy Cinema Canberra Centre  
Tickets must be booked in advance



**Book Your  
Tickets Here**

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Leprosy  
Mission**  
Australia

# 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 precepts of the Lord  
give joy to the heart.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
Make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia.

## Readings 6 October 2024

First Reading	Gen 2:18-24
Psalm	Ps 127
Second Reading	Heb 2:9-11
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16

### **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

## 6 Oct Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rod Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

## 6 Oct 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

## 6 Oct Ministers of Communion

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

## 6 Oct 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

## 6 Oct SJAShop

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	29 Sep	Chioma Nnajide
Church Cleaning:	30 Sep	Parish Staff Team

## On a Lighter note

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"His music teacher says he has van Gogh's ear for music."