

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year B**
6 October 2024 **#45.24**

We belong to God's eternal kingdom

Both society and the church recognise the family as the cornerstone of society. And as the cornerstone, it lays the foundation for the support system for the wider society.

Since Vatican II there has been a tendency in the church to refer to the family as the *domestic church*. For Catholic Christians, family is the first place where faith, virtues, and moral values are taught and passed down.

The church has been perhaps the most obvious warrior on behalf of the family in the past century. But there's been an unfortunate side-effect to how church leaders and theologians have presented the church's teachings about the family in recent decades: the tendency has been to stress the similarity between the family and the church, even to the point of blurring the boundary between them.

Dr Mehmet Çiftçi in his article *The Family is Not a Church*, states comparing the family with the church has watered down the church's political nature. The article warns against conflating the family with the church. Today's gospel can be seen as maintaining a necessary distinction between earthly family bonds and the greater spiritual realities of the kingdom. Jesus' teaching about marriage acknowledges its sacredness but also subtly points beyond it. When Jesus declares, "What God has joined together, let no one separate" (Mark 10:9), he affirms marriage's divine origin, yet later in the gospel, Jesus speaks of a future where marriage is no longer necessary (Mark 12:25). The family, then, is a vital earthly institution but not an eternal or salvific one.

Furthermore, when Jesus welcomes children and declares that the kingdom of God belongs to those like them, he highlights the need for humility and openness to God's grace. This challenges any notion of the family as a saving community on its own. The family can nurture faith, but salvation comes from Christ and participation in the broader body of the church.

Çiftçi's article critiques the modern tendency to treat the family as a "domestic church" in a way that risks confusing its purpose with that of the church itself. Jesus' teachings in Mark 10 echo this caution: while family is important, it must not be idolized or seen as the ultimate realization of God's kingdom. Instead, both family and church point to a greater reality—our belonging to God's eternal kingdom.

Based on: Çiftçi, M. *The Family Is Not a Church* - August 2024.
Accessed at- <https://shorturl.at/7CgPX>

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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

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

2nd Tuesday of the month Coffee Group

8 October – 2:00pm Ichi Café at Kippax

Contact: Barbara Mawson 6254 7989

3rd 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

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS FEAST DAYS



Friday 1 November
9:30am and 6:00pm Mass



Saturday 2 November
9:30am Mass
*The Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed*



PARISH ASSEMBLY
2 November 2024
11:00am – 3:00pm
Registration Essential by
30 October.

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



Pins & Needles
Mon 21 October – 7:15pm
Parish Library

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



Chevalier Day Monday 21 October 2024

120th 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]

Special Screen Event

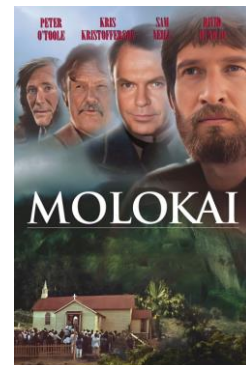
in celebration of
The Leprosy Missions
150th Year, we are
thrilled to commemorate
the 25th anniversary of
**Molokai: The Story of
Father Damien**

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

The Canberra Catholic Ball

Date: Sat, 19 Oct 2024 7-11pm

Theme: A Royal Affair

Open to all Catholic Young Adults, (Ages 18-35). Tickets are very limited so make sure you don't miss out on this fantastic event!

Location: Juliet Room, Verity Lane Market, 50 Northbourne Avenue Canberra, ACT 2601

Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/canberra-catholic-ball-tickets-1027682505037>

Contact catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com, or anucathsoc@gmail.com

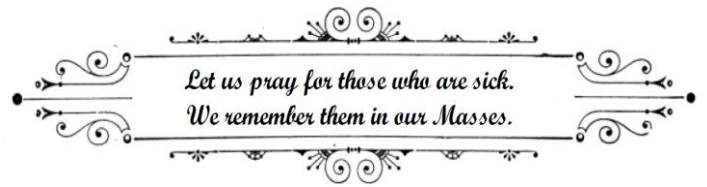
KIT @ KIPPAX

KIT was emailed out during this week. If you didn't receive a copy, it is available on our web page at the link below

<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=kit-2024>

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality



Created in the likeness of God

The nature of a being is its likeness to God. Its nature is more or less perfect in so far as it more or less resembles God. In fact, it is impossible for a created being not to resemble God; for God is all. Not to resemble God in anything would mean not to exist.

How does God communicate to beings this likeness to himself?

By that continual and intimate act called creation. I say continual for creation is not a passing act that ceases while the effect continues to exist. If God should cease to create, even merely for an instant, in the very instant the world would be no more.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 281f. Paris, 1900

Stewardship

Walking with God

It is the task of families to tirelessly work to restore God's original plan for marriage and family life — homes filled with gratitude, acceptance, and love.

To recognize the gifts God has bestowed on us through the members of our families, we need to remain close to our Gracious Giver. Just as Adam and Eve "walked" with God in the Garden before their fall, we too are called to walk with God in our day-to-day moments. This is primarily done through prayer and action.

It takes a daily commitment to live out our call to holiness to restore our families to this beautiful image.

We must ask ourselves, how are we living out that mission? It should be the very heart and soul of our families.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Anne Bynum, Gaet Vella, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Lillian Templeton, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Pauline Thompson, Norma Flood, Clara Di Pauli, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Dolores Mansillas, Iosif Szakal, Gwen Jones, Raymond Dummett, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Brenda Boreham, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Lauri Brennan, Margaret Van Halderen, Malcolm Waterton

Mass Intentions the week of 7 - 13 October

Mon 07/10	Dominic & Maria Teresa & Peter
Wed 09/10	
Thur 10/10	Thomas Pham
Fri 11/10	Philomine D'Cruze
Sat 12/10	
5:00pm	Thomas Bannon
Sun 13/10	
8:30am	Parish Intentions
10:00am	Dusan Lovrincecic
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Friday 25 October

Mass - 11:00am

Lunch - 12 noon

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during this mass. Following the mass lunch will be served in the church foyer.

We would like to assist those who are housebound and cannot normally attend Mass to join this special Mass and lunch. Please contact the parish office if you, or someone you know, would like to attend but needs assistance with transportation.

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

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia

Readings 13 October 2024

First Reading	Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm	Ps 89:12-17
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel	Mark 10L:17-30

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

13 Oct Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Peter Kain, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

13 Oct Lector Roster

5:00pm	Paul McGrath, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Marianna Rollgejser
10:00am	Edgar Nnajide, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

13 Oct 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

13 Oct 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

13 Oct SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	6 Oct	Margaret Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	7 Oct	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

