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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 October 2024

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God's Word – Alive and Active

Today's readings draw attention to how God's Word cuts through the surface of our lives, exposing what we often cannot see ourselves, while inviting us into deeper freedom in Christ.

St Paul tells the Hebrews—"The word of God is something alive and active...it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts"—this reminds us that no amount of external obedience or rule-following can hide the true state of our hearts. The rich man was righteous by worldly standards, yet Jesus' call cuts deeper, piercing beyond his outward life into the innermost recesses of his soul. His attachment to wealth was not visible to others, but God saw it clearly.

The double-edged sword of the Word reveals the hidden attachments, fears, and desires we often mask with good behaviour. In the case of the rich man, his wealth was not simply material; it was a symbol of security and self-reliance. His possessions represented something much deeper—perhaps his identity, his sense of control, or his belief in his own worth. The Word of God, sharper than any sword, slips through those places where our soul clings to the spirit of this world rather than to the Spirit of God.

This encounter between Jesus and the rich man challenges us to examine our own lives in light of God's Word. What are the attachments that bind us? What comforts or securities prevent us from following Christ fully?

At the same time, Jesus' words about wealth should not be reduced to a simple renunciation of material things. His call to the rich man is an invitation to radical discipleship—one that requires a heart fully devoted to God, free from the false securities of this world. Jesus' sharp and challenging words expose the truth: the kingdom of God is a place where worldly power, possessions, and status have no hold.

In the end, the Word of God not only reveals but heals. Jesus looks at the rich man with love before offering His difficult command. That love is the heart of God's Word—alive and active, cutting away what separates us from Him, but always with the intent of bringing us closer.

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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



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**]

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm

For more information
contact the parish office.



Next gathering: Friday 18 October
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

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



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

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*

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.



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.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER MASSES

Please complete your November mass intention envelope and return it to the parish office. We would appreciate receiving these before 31 October. The names of your deceased loved ones who you want to remember during the month of November will be read out before the Monday weekday mass. We will also continue to have mass intentions during the month of November for those anniversaries and intentions that occur during that month.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

10 November – 10:00am

You are welcome to join the 50th Anniversary mass followed by celebratory BBQ.

To register for catering purposes:

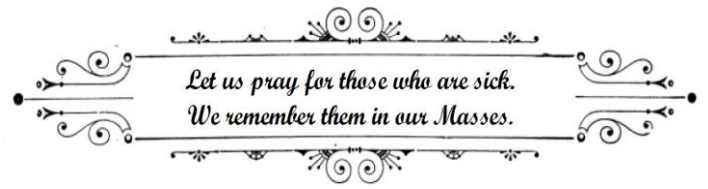
www.stthomassquinascharnwood.com

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will display books on St Francis of Assisi and creation for the month of October. Titles include *The Perfect Joy of St Francis* and *Ask the Beasts – Darwin and the God of love*

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality



The central place of the Heart of Christ

In Jesus creation give itself to God totally; it loses itself in God, its supreme rapture and aspiration. And doesn't this union of love take place above all in the Sacred Heart? The Heart of God hastens down to God's creation, borne by the weight of an infinite love, and the heart of creation rises towards God, drawn by an attraction that dominates all others.

It is in Jesus that these two hearts meet, and they unite so profoundly that the two hearts become one, and this single Heart is the fruit both of heaven and of earth: "See the sprout of which the Prophets spoke! The heavens have given it like dew, the clouds have poured it out like rain, and the earth has seen it spring from within it. Creation has a purpose, it has one fruit to produce: it is your Heart, my Jesus!"

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 76. Paris, 1900

Stewardship

Jesus just wants us

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who when Jesus tells him to sell everything and 'follow me' he walks away. The story says the man went away sad because he had much.

If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions — material goods or money — like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material — like status, pride or control. Jesus doesn't want our stuff — our job promotions, our designer house or our bank account. He just wants us. So, we need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined — peace on earth and treasure in heaven.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Clara Di Pauli, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Dolores Mansillas, Iosif Szakal, Raymond Dummett, Gwen Jones, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Brenda Boreham, Bradley Wattam, Luke White Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen, Lauri Brennan, Malcolm Waterton, Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jeffrey Ashauer, Peter Naughton, Justin Fisher, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Fedor Sonnenberg, Angela Bajrami, Chee Keng Loh, Bruce Davis, Sebastian Licciarrello, Patrick Hall, Richard Koch, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormely, Constance Goodall, Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst, Michael McKenzie-McHarg, Robert Imber, Ross Webber, Lorreli Newton

Mass Intentions the week of 14 - 20 October

Mon 14/10	Special Intention
Wed 16/10	Joe Mewburn
Thur 17/10	Melvyn D'Souza
Fri 18/10	Special Intention

Sat 19/10	
5:00pm	Gordon Riggs Sr

Sun 20/10	
8:30am	Parish Intentions
10:00am	O'Brien Family
6:00pm	Special Intention

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!

Catholic Women's Taskforce Annual Fundraising Dinner

The 2024 Catholic Women's Taskforce annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House, Lyneham will take place on **1st November 2024** at the Canberra Southern Cross Club at 6.30pm. For more information or to register go to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/cwtad/>
Enquiries: Monica Phelan on **0413 315 486**

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	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:

Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
The kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia

Readings 20 October 2024

First Reading	Is 53:10-11
Psalm	Ps 32:4-5, 18-20
Second Reading	Heb 4:14-16
Gospel	Mark 10:34-45

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

20 Oct Acolyte Roster

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

20 Oct Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Therese Kerchar
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Luck
6:00pm	Bernadette Murnane, Margaret Luck

20 Oct Ministers of Communion

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

20 Oct Hospitality Roster

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

20 Oct SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	13 Oct	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	14 Oct	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula

On a Lighter note

