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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
3 November 2024

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Love God First

Jesus presents the greatest commandment: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. This commandment challenges us to understand love not merely as an act of obedience or gratitude but as something deeper—a love rooted in the very nature of God, not tied to what God does for us.

Loving God first means recognizing God's worth and beauty in God's own right, apart from any blessings, gifts, or interventions we might receive. It calls us to a pure and selfless love that transcends our natural inclinations to love based on what we get in return. In a world often shaped by transactional relationships, this invitation to love God for who God is can feel countercultural. It asks us to adore and honour God not for what we hope to receive but simply because God is worthy of our devotion.

This kind of love requires trust and surrender. It moves us beyond seeking God only in times of need or praising God in moments of abundance. Instead, we cultivate a deep, enduring love—a love that sees God's presence in every circumstance and moments of our lives and acknowledges God's goodness regardless of the shifting tides of our lives.

When we begin to love God for who God is, our relationship with the Divine becomes richer and more intimate. It transforms our hearts, aligning us with God's desires and purposes, and it shapes the way we live. This love becomes the foundation from which we can genuinely love others—not as a duty, but as an overflow of the love we have received and cherished in God. Ultimately, loving God first, purely and wholeheartedly, enables us to live in deeper communion with God and to reflect that love more authentically to the world around us.

Based on: Living the Gospel – Love, 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

Invitational Culture Masterclass

When: Tuesday November 5, 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Where: St Christopher's Pastoral Centre,
55 Franklin Street Forrest ACT

Presenter: Michael Harvey

Topic: Cultivating a culture where every person feels welcomed and valued with your Church community.

Cost: Free

Register: bit.ly/michael-harvey

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 from 6.30 pm. For more information or to register go to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/cwtad/>
Enquiries: Monica Phelan on **0413 315 486**

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.stthomasmassquinascharnwood.com

Ministry to the Newly Married Information Session

5 November 2024 ■ 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Register for the information session at

<https://cg catholic.org.au/ministry-to-the-newly-married-information-night/>. For more information contact Ralph and Angela on 0401 994 081

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER – 7:30AM



BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

WARNING
BIRD NESTING AREA
BIRDS MAY DISPLAY
AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

There is a family of plovers on the church grounds. They swoop to protect their eggs and young.

in the parish library.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Let's talk about Mental Health

Social Connection & Mental Health

What does God say?

Thursday – 21 November 2024

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Presenter: Dr. Gordon Donnir

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

RSVP: 18 Nov 2024

kippax@cg.org.au

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

2nd Tuesday of the month Coffee Group

12 November – 2:00pm Ichi Café at Kippax

Contact: Barbara Mawson 6254 7989

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

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information
contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 15 November
St John the Apostle Parish Centre



Pins & Needles

Mon 18 Nov – 7:15pm

Parish Library

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>

Relax, Review, Reflect Seven Years in Tibet

“Heinrich Harrer, an Austrian climber, breaks out of prison and travels to the holy city of Lhasa. He is employed as an instructor to the 14th Dalai Lama and soon becomes his close confidante.”

Friday 22 November at 7:00pm



Heart Spirituality

The Heart reveals the Soul

People have always believed that if we think with our head, we love with our heart. If a heart wants to be alive, it is impossible for it to be without love. Well, our love is ourself. Our soul is less in the body it animates, than with the object of its affections. Thus, one attributes to the heart, all that belongs to the soul for the heart is an expression of the soul. And so, our heart is ourself. God wants us because of our soul; and he wants the soul because of its love, because of its heart. It is the heart that gives value, good or bad, to our thoughts, actions, intentions. Good comes from the good treasure of our heart.

Jules Chevalier msc
Ecole du Sacré-Coeur, p. 105f Issoudun, 1892

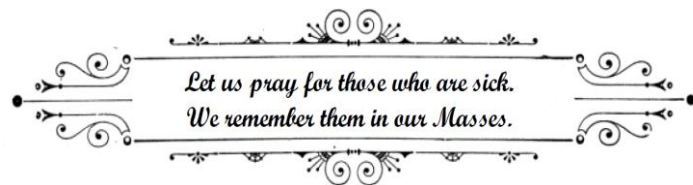
Stewardship

Love God and Love your Neighbour

Today's Gospel presents Jesus' teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love your neighbour as yourself. Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. The use of material gifts — or treasure — likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbour. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life. When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

www.catholicsteward.com



Recently Deceased: Yoga Raphael

Anniversary: Gavin Smith, Emily Flynn, Maurice Scheerlinck, John Joyce, Rex Kelley, Narim Dawalibi, Isabella Christian, Ursula Bell, Edward Dwyer, Grace Carmichael, Patricia Smith, John Roots, Adrian Gilchrist, Margaret Webster, Marie-Jeanne Shatzman, Veronica Tippet, Gary Williams, Frances Stow, Brenden Keir, Maria Van Audenaerde, Cornelia Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witrzens, Gloria Hunter, Jordan Blanchfield.

Mass Intentions the week of 4 - 10 November

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| Mon 04/11 | Doris Galea |
| Wed 06/11 | Mieke Van Rooy |
| Thur 07/11 | Special Intention & Soul of John the Baptist |
| Fri 08/11 | Burgess Family |
| Sat 09/11 | |
| 5:00pm | Adrian Gilchrist |
| Sun 10/11 | |
| 8:30am | Eric French |
| 10:00am | Special Intentions |
| 6:00pm | Parish Intentions |

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!



AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR
CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE
WISDOM FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Join us for the launch of two new books by Prof Scott Cowdell

Why Church? and **Rejoice and Be Glad** launched by Hugh Mackay AO and Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO.

6.00-7.30 pm, 12 November 2024
Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
15 Blackall St Barton

Books will be available at the discount price of \$30 each, credit card only.

To register, please email Liz Jakimow at ejakimow@csu.edu.au

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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:

I love you Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Readings 10 November 2024

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| First Reading | 1 Kings 17:10-16 |
| Psalm | 145:7-10 |
| Second Reading | Heb 9:24-28 |
| Gospel | Mark 12:38-44 |

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

10 Nov Acolyte Roster

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| 5:00pm | Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena |
| 8:30am | Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock |
| 10:00am | Peter Kain, Marini Ignatius |
| 6:00pm | Carl Madsen, Sabina Van Rooy |

10 Nov Lector Roster

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| 5:00pm | Paul McGrath, Therese Kercher |
| 8:30am | Carmel Screen, Mariana Rollgejser |
| 10:00am | Pam Connor, Dennis Puniard |
| 6:00pm | Meg Millband, Brian Mahony |

10 Nov Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | Maria Catanzariti, Marian England |
| 8:30am | Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen |
| 10:00am | Frank Colley, Margarete Gill |
| 6:00pm | John McGee, Marian Crowley |

10 Nov Hospitality Roster

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| 5:00pm | Jenny Maher, Mercia Needham |
| 8:30am | Mandy Lalor, Wendy Wade |
| 10:00am | Shovin Weerawarnakula, Francesca Deklin |
| 6:00pm | Christine Lancaster |

10 Nov SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society | 3 Nov | Margaret Ferguson |
| Church Cleaning: | 4 Nov | Joseph Le Van Hai, Lanh Dang, Sam Van Nguyen |

On a Lighter note

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"I wouldn't say my computer skills are outdated.
I prefer to think of them as 'classic'."