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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR C

2 February 2025

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Witnesses to God's presence in the world

In today's gospel, the devout Simeon and the prophetess Anna proclaim the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child Jesus as he is presented in the Temple. Their recognition of Jesus as the revelation of God's presence is profound. Both Simeon and Anna, through lives of faith and devotion, are attuned to the movement of God in the world.

This moment highlights a recurring theme in the gospel accounts: Jesus' greatness is often proclaimed not by himself but by others who encounter him and see God's hand at work. Simeon, led by the Holy Spirit, declares Jesus as the light for all nations, while Anna, filled with gratitude, speaks of him to all who await redemption.

Their declarations are not just words; they are testimonies born of deep faith and spiritual insight.

This passage invites us to reflect on our own role as witnesses to God's presence in the world. Like Simeon and Anna, we are called to recognize God's work in our lives and to proclaim it through both our words and actions. Our faith challenges us to be attentive to the signs of God's presence—whether in moments of joy, acts of compassion, or even in times of struggle.

Simeon's and Anna's faithfulness reminds us that proclaiming God's presence is not reserved for extraordinary individuals but is the responsibility of all who believe. It requires courage and a willingness to share the hope and redemption we have encountered in Christ.

May their example inspire us to live as faithful witnesses, recognizing and declaring the greatness of God in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life. In doing so, we participate in the ongoing revelation of God's presence among his people.

Based on: *The role of the observer*, by Greg Sunter

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Monday and Friday 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 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

Funeral Notice

Funeral Prayers for

Teresa Bond

Will be celebrated on

Wednesday 5 February at 12noon

Canberra-Goulburn Cursillo Retreat

Fri 4 - Sun 6 April 2025

St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong

Deepen your faith life through an established program of talks, meditations and prayer.

Contact Michael at michaelderaadt@gmail.com

Info and registration <https://bit.ly/cursillo2025>

SAPIENTIA RETREAT

Single adults, ages 18-30, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW, from 7-9 February 2025. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fun and fellowship. Fee: \$300 per person. Please complete the google form

(<https://forms.gle/hHyBFDjN3A5pexXJA>) to register your intention. Registrations close 31 January.

LIFE IS A JOURNEY

6 Day Retreat

with Fr. Chris McPhee msc

Where: St John the Apostle Catholic Church

When: 10-15 March 2025

Time: 9:30am Mass

Session: 10:30am – 11:30am

Repeated: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Sat 15 March: 11:00am concluding with mass at 12:30pm

Cost: \$80 (If cost is prohibitive, please contact the parish office. We warmly welcome everyone and do not want financial concerns to prevent anyone from attending).

Life is a Journey Retreat is a reflective, prayerful excursion that contemplatively aligns our personal journeys with the journey of Jesus, focusing on transforming our past through the intimacy of God's love.

Register at: kippax@cg.org.au

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

A message from the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council is in this months KIT.

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

SJA & STA STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting held 22 January are on our website:

<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=minutes>

CLAIM THE DATE

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Friday 28 February ■ 11:00am

Lunch ■ 12noon

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Register your interest for your child/children for the 2025 Sacramental Program.



Use the QR Code to register.

Registration Night details will be advised soon

MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1st Friday of every month ■ 9:30am

7 February 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 1st Friday

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament Gethsemane Thursday

6 February 7:30 – 8:30pm



Parish Office Happenings

Fr. Chung is on annual leave returning on Saturday 1 March 2025.

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

Pilgrims of Hope

The Word of God is living and active

The Bible tells us that, "the Word of God is living and active... it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb 4:12). In this way, it speaks to us of the heart as a core that lies hidden beneath all outward appearances, even beneath the superficial thoughts that can lead us astray. The disciples of Emmaus, on their mysterious journey in the company of the risen Christ, experienced a moment of anguish, confusion, despair and disappointment. Yet, beyond and in spite of this, something was happening deep within them: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?" (Lk 24:32).

Pope Francis: *Dilexit Nos*, #4
The importance of the Heart

Mass Intentions the week of 3 - 9 February

Mon 03/02	John the Baptist and all souls
Wed 05/02	Doris Galea
Thur 06/02	Santiago Francis
Fri 07/02	Riley Carberry and Jordan Blanchfield

Sat 08/02	
5:00pm	

Sun 09/02	
8:30am	Eamonn Murtagh
10:00am	Rosario Orejana and Augstina Gomez
6:00pm	

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

Concerned Catholics Public Forum
Synodality: Now the Rubber Hits the Road

27 February 2025 - 7.15 - 9.30pm

Marist College Senior Hall

Speakers: Adj Prof Susan Pascoe,
Terry Fewtrell, Dr Patrick McArdle,
Chloe Kelly More information:

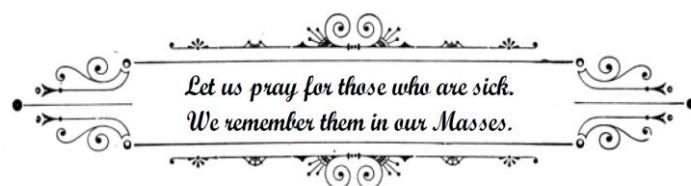
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Heart Spirituality

Simeon's prophecy

Simeon is transported with joy; his heart overflows and he must cry out, "Enough, Lord, it is enough!" However, the time has come for him to forgo this bliss; once more he presses the child to his breast, gazes earnestly at him and returns him to Mary, with this ominous glimpse into the future: "Behold this child is set for the fall and the resurrection of many in Israel, and as a sign of contradiction, and your own soul will be pierced by a lance". The child is the way, the truth and salvation; the splendour, glory and complete gift of God, yet he will be forever the object of discussion and debate, the source of error and heresy; - in short, of all condemnation. That is why your soul, Mary, will be pierced through with a sword of sorrow. Yes, you will be victim to suffering, because you will see the graces of your son's Heart abused and his great love ignored.

Jules Chevalier msc
OLSH, p. 128f Issoudun, 1891



Recently Deceased: *Teresa Bond*

Anniversary: Margaret Hill, Declan Morris, Riley Carberry, Rupert Waterford, Alice Tonna, Jehanne Thelland, Alexander Powell, Robert Thomas, Nola Newton, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Nicholas Roots, Julian Oakley, Violet Duve, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelita Godfrey, Stella Bell, Maria Carrusca, Victoria Wilkinson, Elias Kiki, Kenneth Vella, Faye Menegazzo, Margaret Davis, Margaret Ephgrave, John Maher, Peter Moore, Robert Millucci, Robert Haverfield, Rene Stubbs, Robert Galliano, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, Carmel Page, John Thompson, Vincent Mawson, David Lowe, Raychell Nolan, Charlotte Lansdown, Paulina Jabagat, Colin Waterford, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 2nd 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:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Alleluia

Readings 9 February 2025

First Reading	Is 6:1-8
Psalm	Ps 137:1-5, 7-8
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:1-11
Gospel	Luke 5:1-11

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

9 Feb Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Di and Murray Bruce
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Peter Kain, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Carl Madsen, Joy McInerney

9 Feb Lector Roster

5:00pm	Paul McGrath, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Kerry Yard

9 Feb 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

9 Feb 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

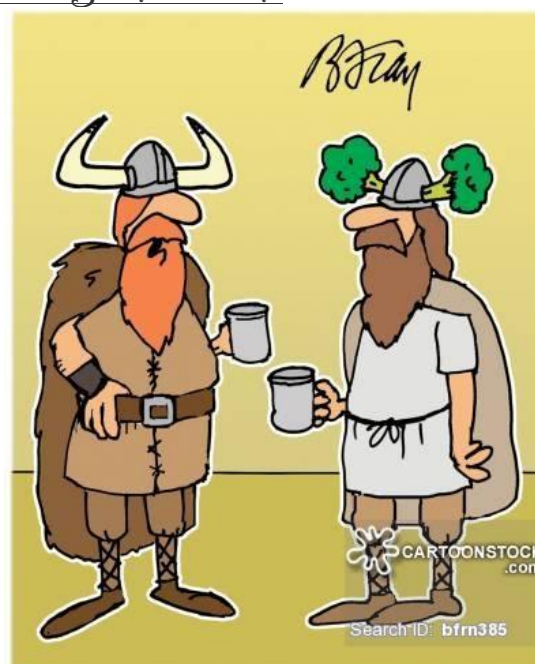
9 Feb SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	2 Feb	Margaret Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	3 Feb	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne

On a Lighter note



"SO, BJORN, I HEAR YOU'VE GONE VEGAN!"