

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

16 February 2025

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Seeing the world through God's eyes

Luke's gospel invites us into the radical vision of God's reign, where the values of the world are turned upside down. It seems counterintuitive to equate poverty, hunger, mourning, or rejection with happiness, as these states are typically seen as undesirable. Yet, Jesus calls those who experience these realities "blessed" because they stand at the heart of God's favour and promise.

The key lies in understanding that God's ways are not our ways. In God's economy, those who suffer in this world are not forgotten or forsaken. Instead, they are lifted up, their dignity restored, and their burdens eased in the divine order. This reversal of fortunes is a hallmark of the reign of God proclaimed by Jesus—a reign that challenges societal norms and human expectations.

For the poor, hungry, mourning, and reviled, this gospel offers profound hope. Their current suffering is not the end of the story. In the kingdom of God, they will experience abundance, joy, and belonging. Their happiness is not rooted in their present circumstances but in the assurance of God's justice and faithfulness. They are blessed because they trust in God's promise of reversal and renewal.

On the other hand, Jesus warns the comfortable and content—the rich, well-fed, laughing, and highly esteemed. Their current blessings may obscure their need for God and others. When life is too full of worldly comforts, there may be little room left for the generosity and grace of God. The warning is not a condemnation of wealth or success but a reminder to live with humility, gratitude, and a willingness to share with those in need. This passage is both a comfort and a challenge. It reassures us that God's love and justice reach the most vulnerable, offering hope to those who suffer. At the same time, it calls those who are secure to examine their lives and their openness to God's transformative love.

In this gospel, Jesus calls us to see the world through God's eyes and to act with compassion, generosity, and humility. May we find the courage to live out this challenging yet life-giving vision in our own lives.

Based on: Gospel Reflection, by Greg Sunter

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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

PPC CHAIR EMAIL ISSUE

Due to IT issues, Jenny McGee [PPC Chair] is not currently able to access the PPC email. If you have tried to contact Jenny recently regarding the SJA-StA Steering committee minutes or for any other reason, please forward your email to kippax@cg.org.au



ENROLLING NOW

**Before and after the 10am mass
this Sunday, in the foyer**

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:

fsully56@gmail.com.

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

PLANNED GIVING

PLEDGE SUNDAY

2 March 2025

Together, we build a faithful future

Why Pledge:

- Support the spiritual and pastoral mission of our parish
- Enable vital ministries and services
- Ensure financial sustainability for future generations

How to Participate: Pray and reflect on your commitment. Complete a pledge card on Sunday 2 March.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

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

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Next gathering: Friday 21 February
Christmas Gathering

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

St John's Friendship Group Morning Tea

next meeting on

Wednesday 25 February

10:00am - parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.
Contact: Barbara Mawson in you have any questions on 6254 7989

Parish Office Happenings

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

Ash

Wednesday



St John the Apostle Parish
Mass times:
9:30am & 6:00pm

5 MARCH

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Pilgrims of Hope

Everything finds its unity in the heart

In the heart of each person there is a mysterious connection between self-knowledge and openness to others, between the encounter with one's personal uniqueness and the willingness to give oneself to others. We become ourselves only to the extent that we acquire the ability to acknowledge others, while only those who can acknowledge and accept themselves are then able to encounter others.

There is a profound core present in every man and woman that is not only the soul, but the entire person in his or her unique psychosomatic identity. Everything finds its unity in the heart, which can be the dwelling place of love in all its spiritual, psychic and even physical dimensions. In a word, if love reigns in our heart, we become, in a complete and luminous way, the persons we are meant to be, for every human being is created above all else for love. In the deepest fibre of our being, we were made to love and to be loved.

*Pope Francis: Dilxit Nos, #18 & 21
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*

Mass Intentions the week of 17 - 23 February

Mon 17/02	Dominic & 2 Mary's
Wed 19/02	Peace in the Family
Thur 20/02	Peace in the Family
Fri 21/02	Mary Sumitra
Sat 22/02	
5:00pm	Special Intention
Sun 23/02	
8:30am	Parish Intentions
10:00am	Mansoot Shammass & Salwa Halabiya
6:00pm	Ann Meredith

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!

Heart Spirituality

The Heart of the Mystical Body

Though composed of different members, humanity forms one body and blood. The heart that gives life to all the members of this great body is the Heart of Jesus.

He alone unites us together and he alone unites us also to God. As soon as we separate ourselves from him, we separate ourselves from one another and we lose the true feeling of human fraternity by losing the life of God, which is its source.

This divine Heart is the centre around which all hearts gravitate. It is the sacred bridge thrown across the bottomless chasm that separates divinity from humanity.

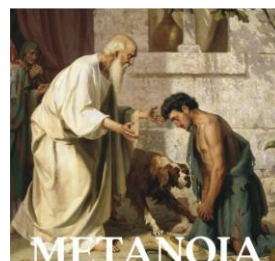
Jules Chevalier msc

Article in the *Messenger du Sacré-Coeur de Jésus*,
Tome VII; June 1865 p. 529



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Vincent Higgins, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Eamonn Murtagh, Rudi Meyer, Joseph Vella, James Wiley, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, John Marane, Leone Ashcroft, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Tony Lay, Eun Cho Shin, Hayden Ricketts, Perlita Whitton, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Grant Lalor, Francisca Benedictos, Felice Collufio, Ian Coffill, Wal Kulesza, Sharon Williams, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Dorothy Hornick, Damien Lamb, Oscar Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Jim Grace, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald, Barbara Gardiner



2025 Lenten Program
Books and CD
available in the
bookstore.

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:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia.

Readings 23 February 2025

First Reading 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49
Gospel Luke 6:27-38

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

23 Feb Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony and Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Polkinghorne

23 Feb Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Marini Ignatius, Edgar Nnajide
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

23 Feb Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Maureen Burgess
10:00am	Boni and Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi

23 Feb Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Marie McKie
8:30am	Joan Beswick, Pamela Blackwell
10:00am	Margarete Gill, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Francesca Deklin, Joy McInerney

23 Feb SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Judy Mewburn
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	16 Feb	Mary Cruickshank
Church Cleaning:	17 Feb	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi and Nishan Upasena

On a Lighter note

