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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

2 March 2025

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Nurturing Good Treasure

Jesus' words call us to examine what lies at the core of our being. "The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good." This isn't about surface-level niceness or mere politeness—it's about the deep well from which our words and actions flow.

Goodness is not simply the result of fortunate circumstances. If it were, then only those who have lived easy lives would be kind, generous, and hopeful. But we know this is not true. Some of the most compassionate and inspiring people have endured suffering and hardship, yet they radiate love. Likewise, some who have been given every advantage live with bitterness and resentment. The difference lies in how a person cultivates their heart.

The image of a tree bearing fruit reminds us that what we nurture within us will inevitably be revealed in our lives. If we foster gratitude, hope, and compassion, these will shape our responses to the world. If we allow resentment, fear, or cynicism to take root, they will bear fruit in our relationships and decisions. Jesus invites us to choose—daily, intentionally—to be people who build up, who heal, who speak truth with love.

This is not a call to passive optimism but to a courageous, deliberate way of being. Hope is not wishful thinking; it is a discipline, a way of seeing the world through God's grace. The 'good treasure' we store in our hearts is not just for ourselves but for others—so that our words, our actions, and our very presence bring life to those around us.

Lord, help us to cultivate hearts that store up good treasure, so that from the overflow of our hearts, we may bear witness to Your love in the world. Amen.

Based on: Gospel Reflection, 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


Sacrament of Penance

Presentation Masses this weekend

We pray for the children of the parish who have commenced their preparation for the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 20 March.

May they continue to grow in faith trusting in God's love and forgiveness.

Ash
Wednesday
5 MARCH



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

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

Relax, Review, Reflect "Red Dog"



"The film is based on the true story of Red Dog and uses the 2002 novel Red Dog by Louis de Bernières as the primary source.

Friday 7 March at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

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

We Welcome Two members of the MSC Formation Team, Fr. Dominic Gleeson msc and Narita, who will be in the parish this weekend.

The team are here to review for Fr. Chung & check how Fr. Tru has settled into his ministry.

PLANNED GIVING

PLEDGE SUNDAY • 9 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 9 March.



On the weekend of 8/9 March, the Time, Talent and Treasure forms will be available in the foyer. Brochures will be available which will describe each ministry.

Please take the Time and Talent form home and prayerfully discern where God is calling you to serve.

Please return the form on **Commitment Sunday 5 April**

2025 Lenten Program

Books and CD available in the bookstore.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from Tuesday 25 - Friday 28 March as the staff attend a Retreat

International Women's Day Breakfast

13 March 2025 7:30 AM- 9:00 AM

Venue: Ainslie Football Club

Cost: \$40 per head

This year's breakfast features a keynote address by Dr. Trudy Dantis

Pilgrims of Hope

Jesus fixes his gaze upon you

The Gospel tells us that a rich man came up to Jesus, full of idealism yet lacking in the strength needed to change his life. Jesus then "looked at him" (Mk. 10:21). Can you imagine that moment, that encounter between his eyes and those of Jesus? If Jesus calls you and summons you for a mission, he first looks at you, plumbs the depths of your heart and, knowing everything about you, fixes his gaze upon you. So it was when, "as he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers....and as he went from there, he saw two other brothers" (Mt. 4:18,21).

Pope Francis: *Dilexit Nos*, #39
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ

Mass Intentions the week of 3-9 March

Mon 03/03	Fay Hodgetts
Wed 05/03	Doris Galea
Thur 06/03	
Fri 07/03	Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat 08/03	
5:00pm	Felice Collufio

Sun 09/03	
8:30am	Souls in Purgatory, all lost souls, all souls of family members
10:00am	Deceased soul of Malraj Perez
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!

MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1st Friday of every month ■ 9:30am
7 March

Sacred Heart Devotion.



Thursday Night before 1st Friday
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Gethsemane Thursday 6 March
7:30 – 8:30pm

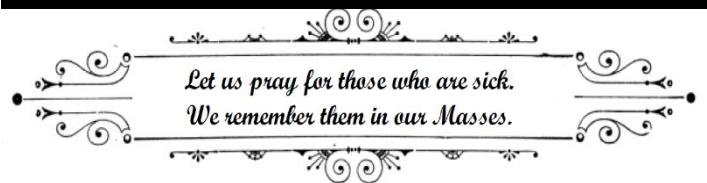


Heart Spirituality

The enemy within

Our most formidable enemies, those that should inspire the greatest fear, are not those outside ourselves but those within. Our nature is a centre of concupiscence that ceaselessly bears us towards evil. The passions, the bad habits that fill our hearts are the greatest obstacle to salvation. How many Christians, how many priests and religious, after having lived in fervour, slackened and abandoned the way of virtue because of the fickleness that is natural to us. "those who think they stand should take heed lest they fall" (1 Cor. 10:12)

Jules Chevalier msc
St Ignatius Retraite p.17, Issoudun 1904.



Recently Deceased: *Fay Hodgetts*

Anniversary: 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, Wal Kulesza, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, 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, Eileen Luke, Joe Conlon, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Helen Murphy, Eugene De Rose, Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Richard Corr

FUNERAL NOTICE

Fay Hodgetts

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on
Friday 7 March 2025
at 11:00am
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

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:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Readings 9 March 2025

First Reading	Deut 26:4-10
Psalm	Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Second Reading	Rom 10:8-13
Gospel	Luke 4:1-13

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 March

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Peter Kain, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Carl Madsen, Joy McInerney

9 March

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Paul McGrath, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Marianna Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Elizabeth McDonald

9 March

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 March

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 March

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	2 March	Margaret Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	3 March	Sam Van Nguyen, Lanh Dang, Joseph Le Van Hai

On a Lighter note



Talk to your plants. But if you really want results, bring in a motivational speaker.