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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**YEAR C**

**6 April 2025**

**#19.25**

### **Restored Dignity and a New Start**

Imagine being caught in your worst mistake, dragged into the public eye, and made to stand before a crowd eager to condemn. The woman in the Gospel experiences this humiliation as she is brought before Jesus, accused of adultery. But instead of looking at her with judgment, Jesus does something unexpected—he bends down and writes in the dirt. This simple gesture speaks volumes. By not immediately responding to the accusers or staring at the woman in her shame, Jesus refuses to participate in their game of power and condemnation. He removes himself from the drama of judgment and instead creates space for something deeper to unfold. Then, as the accusers leave one by one, Jesus finally looks up at the woman. For perhaps the first time in her life, she is met not with scorn but with respect. He does not define her by her past mistakes. Instead, he acknowledges her dignity and offers her a fresh start: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

This encounter reminds us that Jesus does not see us as the sum of our failures. How often do we, like the crowd, rush to judgment—on others and even on ourselves? How often do we hold onto shame, believing our past defines us? Jesus invites us to step out of that cycle. He calls us to recognize our own imperfections, to let go of condemnation, and to embrace the dignity of every person—including ourselves.

In our daily lives, we can follow Jesus' example in simple but profound ways. When someone stumbles, we can offer understanding instead of judgment. When we are tempted to define others by their past, we can choose to see their potential for renewal. And when we feel burdened by our own mistakes, we can remember that Jesus always offers us a way forward.

Today, may we receive and extend the same grace that Jesus gave to the woman—a grace that restores dignity, lifts us up, and gives us the courage to begin again.

**Based on, Gospel Focus, 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

### Ministry

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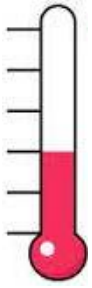
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**St John the Apostle Parish Kippax**

*is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community*



## QUARTERLY APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you for your support! We're thrilled to share that thanks to your generosity, our Quarterly Appeal has already raised \$4,358 toward our \$10,000 goal! Every contribution brings us close to covering essential expenses and easing the financial strain.

Thank you for helping make this progress possible – together, we are the Heart of God on earth

- insurance \$6,150.00
- levy \$3,281.68
- electricity expenses \$4,208.00

Donations can be made in cash or EFT

St John the Apostle Parish

BSB: 062 786

Account: 0001 3630

Reference: Your Name

*We thank you and appreciate your support*

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Formation Evening for parents

Monday 28 April

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

[kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

### Palm Sunday Rally: Say Yes to Refugees

Sunday 13 April 2025

Vinnies supports refugees and asylum seekers still stuck on temporary visas for a decade.

Thousands can't seek our permanent protection in a fair and timely way. Join Vinnies to call for an end to this injustice at 1pm on Sunday 13 April in Civic Square.

Anglican Bishop Mark Short and a Canberra refugee will speak at the rally.

[Tim.Mckenna@vinnies-cg.org.au](mailto:Tim.Mckenna@vinnies-cg.org.au)



Pins & Needles

Mon 21 April – 7:15pm

Parish Library

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**



## Time, Talent, Treasure: Commitment Sunday – April 6

Please return your completed TTT forms by placing them in the collection bag this weekend. If you no longer wish to continue in a ministry, kindly complete a form to notify us of your decision. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to ministry in our parish. Your participation enhances our celebration of the liturgy.

### ADORATION DURING LENT

Thursday 10 April

Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Come for 15 or 30 minutes – whatever time you can spare – there is no requirement to stay for the whole hour

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Next gathering: Friday 11 April

Christmas Gathering

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

*Connecting with people living alone*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month gathering

20 March at 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Parish Centre



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6 April

After Sunday Mass

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Year groups 7 – 12 are welcome

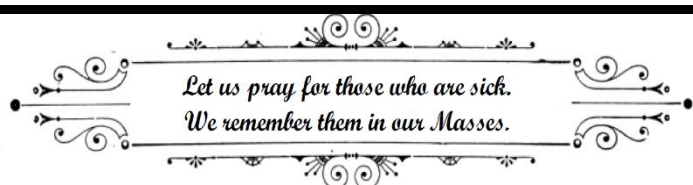
Join us for games, praise, prayer, food and social justice

# Heart Spirituality

## Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Mary, we understand more than ever the inestimable part you play in the work of our redemption and the importance of your mediation in applying its fruits to us. Never perhaps have we understood so clearly the basis for your all-powerful intercession, Of your love for us, And your role as Queen over us. And so we understand the validity of your title, Our Lady of the Sacred heart, that expresses the meaning Of these sublime privileges! This title means that Mary is our Queen, our Mother and consequently Our Lady; It means that the graces she gives us come from the Heart of Jesus, who has been pleased to put into her hands all the treasures of his mercy. And all these prerogatives arise from her cooperation in the work of our salvation

Jules Chevalier msc,  
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## Recently Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Vivienne Montgomery, Jordan Matthews, John Napier, Caitlin Brice, Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice, Leonard Smith, Trevor Agnew, Elena Guindas, Kenneth Marlors, Jim Curran, Noel Smith, Leon Fernando, Kees Van Rooy, Marnie Dunn, Daniel Cassar, Leslie Thomson, Edward Yewdall, Paul Rogers, Ian Stephenson, Wanda Parkitny, Joan Aikins, John Margetts, Adrian Krook, Keith Aikins, Bryan Cowman, Patrick Ward, Sharon Hannah, Mihaly Baruta, August Colquhoun, Alan Hodge, Sharron Diamond, Jim Fallon msc, Leslie Savage, Joan Sculthorpe, Julio Vinales, Otto Trenka, Leonard Franks, Drago Polak, Babara Normann, Delilah Wilson

# Pilgrims of Hope

## Encountering Jesus

Jesus is now waiting for you to give him the chance to bring light to your life, to raise you up and to fill you with his strength. Before his death, he assured his disciples, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me" (Jn 14:18-19). Jesus always finds a way to be present in your life, so that you can encounter him.

Pope Francis, *Dilexit Nos* #38

*On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*

## Mass Intentions the week of 7 - 13 April

Mon 07/04	Mary Sumitra
Wed 09/04	
Thur 10/04	
Fri 11/04	Raman Nicholas
<b>Sat 12/04</b>	
5:00pm	Marnie Dunn
<b>Sun 13/04</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

## Vacancies at

### Supported Independent Homes

At Marymead CatholicCare, there are currently vacancies in two of our residential Supported Independent Living homes within the NDIS CHOICES Program, supporting and empowering people with disabilities, including: a modern home in Kambah for supported independent living, sharing with two friendly, mature individuals; and Dorothy Sales Cottages in Hughes specifically designed for individuals with acquired brain injury. Contact our CHOICES and Aged Care number at 6163 7647. rohan.kulkarni@mccg.org.au

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



## 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

Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

SJAFriendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 10:15am shared morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre
Movie Night	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library
Community Connections	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:30pm – 5:00pm Parish Centre

### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with you

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

## Readings 13 April 2025

First Reading	Is 50:4-7
Psalm	Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading	Phil 2:6-11
Gospel	Luke 22:14 – 23:56

### **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

### 13 Apr Acolyte Roster

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

### 13 Apr Lector Roster

5:00pm	Paul McGrath, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejser
10:00am	Libby Kain, Pam Connor
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Elizabeth McDonald

### 13 Apr 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

### 13 Apr 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

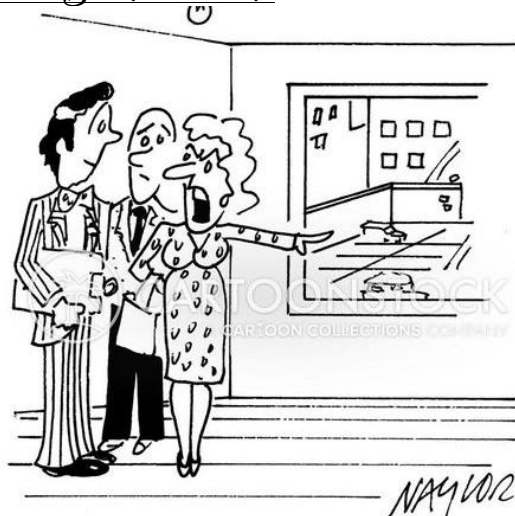
### 13 Apr SJAShop

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	6 April	Margaret Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	7 Apr	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Ted & Debbie Milne

### On a Lighter note



"When you said 'view of park' you didn't say that it was a CAR park!"