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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR C

29 December 2024

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Honouring our Families

Today we get a glimpse into the dynamics of family life, even within the Holy Family. Jesus, at twelve years old, stays behind in the temple, absorbed in the things of His Father, causing Mary and Joseph distress. It is a moment of tension, misunderstanding, and growth—a moment that reflects the universal experience of family life.

Families are where we first learn about love, sacrifice, and forgiveness. It is easy to declare our families as important, but the true test lies in the daily choices we make to prioritize them, even when life becomes complicated or relationships are strained. In the story, Mary and Joseph's concern for Jesus shows the depth of parental love and the desire to protect their child, even as they grapple with the mystery of His growing independence.

This story invites us to reflect on the role of love and forgiveness in our own families. Inevitably, we will face disagreements, misunderstandings, and moments of hurt as we navigate the balance between individuality and belonging. In these moments, we are called to remember the foundation of love and care that family provides. Like Mary and Joseph, parents strive to protect their children and guide them, often with imperfect results, but always with a willingness to try again.

The Holy Family teaches us that family life is not perfect, but it is sacred. It is where we encounter the love of God in its most intimate form—a love that seeks, forgives, and embraces us even in our moments of imperfection.

As we reflect on this passage, let us ask ourselves: How can I show love and forgiveness in my family relationships today? May we honour our families not just in words but in the everyday actions that reflect God's enduring love.

Based on: Living the Gospel – Importance of family, 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

FAMILY BLESSING

*We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son
to become part of a family,
so that, as he lived its life,
he would experience its worries and its joys.*

*We ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace its
members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

WEEKDAY MASSES

**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH KIPPAX &
ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
CHARNWOOD**

As of 1 January 2025, weekday masses will be celebrated at 9:30am as outlined below:

Monday	Kippax
Tuesday	Liturgy of the Word Kippax
Wednesday	Charnwood
Thursday	Charnwood
Friday	Kippax

Anointing of the Sick outside of Mass will take place at Kippax on the last Friday of the month.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 25 December 2024 and reopening on Monday 6 January 2025

2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE



The 2025 Jubilee will be centered on the theme
"Pilgrims of Hope."

The Jubilee began on December 24, 2024, with the official Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, and runs to January 6, 2026, the Feast Day of Epiphany, with the Closing of the Holy Door.

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

For students in Year 3 for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist and Year 6 for the Sacrament of Confirmation

For students attending non catholic schools who have not received these Sacraments from Year 3-6

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2 January

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:30pm – Church

Friday 3 January

First Friday Mass
MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Sacred Heart Mass Intention

Friday 17 January

Movie Night
7:00pm - Parish Library

Friday 17 January

Men's Group
6:30pm - Parish Centre

Saturday 18 January

Community Connections
4:00pm – Parish Centre

Monday 20 January

Pins and Needles
7:00pm – Parish Library

Sunday 26 January

Australia Day

Monday 27 January

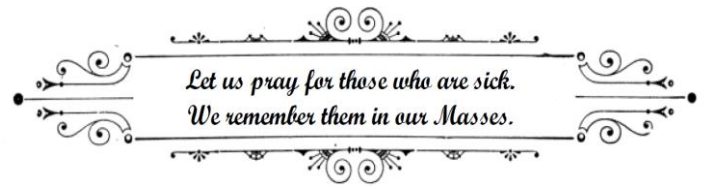
Australia Day Public Holiday
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 28 January

Women's Breakfast
7:30am – Bean Origin Café Belconnen

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality



Love of relatives and friends is good

True love is willed by God, even if it brings the lover to crucifixion for the sake of the beloved. God will love with all the strength with which he wills his own existence, for he is its model and source.

Hence the words of Saint Augustine: "Love, and do what you will!"

This is very true. If our will is moved and directed by true love, what other law does it need? Our affections will continue in heaven. Saint Thomas says: "Nature is not destroyed, but perfected by glory." "When God elevated nature by grace, nature opens up and flowers. How much more will this happen in glory".

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 145f Paris, 1900

Stewardship

Family Life

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today.

Mary & Joseph, carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully. We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Louise Ball, Geoffrey Walsh, Elana Powell, Jarrod Smith, Dora Roberts, Luis Soria, Cora Newman, Ellen Ottewill, Yvonne Williamson, Ted Murphy, Michael Costelloe, Walter Hawkins, Robert Wise, John Suckling, Margaret McCallion, Hannah Mecham, Joseph Davis, Kevin McMahon, Clarice O'Callaghan, Nita Smith, Geoffrey Bogg, Bill Raadts, Florence Anthony, Kathryn Jones, Charles Taylor, Terry O'Gorman, Therese Markham, Barry Dwyer, Ken Lorroway

Mass Intentions the week of 30 December – 5 January

Mon 30/12	Steve Smith
Wed 01/01	Natasha Boyce-Bacon, Jack Guy
Thur 02/01	
Fri 03/01	Ken Lorroway
Sat 04/01	
5:00pm	Avril Fuller
Sun 05/01	
8:30am	
10:00am	Doris Galea
6:00pm	

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!

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or email tribunal@cg.org.au.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

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

SJA Friendship 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:

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Readings 5 January 2025

First Reading	Is 60:1-6
Psalm	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Second Reading	Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12

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

5 Jan Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rod Gardiner
8:30am	Anthony Jayawardena, Helen Kennedy
10:00am	Maxime Kpudzeka, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

5 Jan Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Busi Nkomo

5 Jan Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Judy Netting, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Pat Cowburn, Angela Boreham
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Peter Igoe-Taylor

5 Jan Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster, John McGee

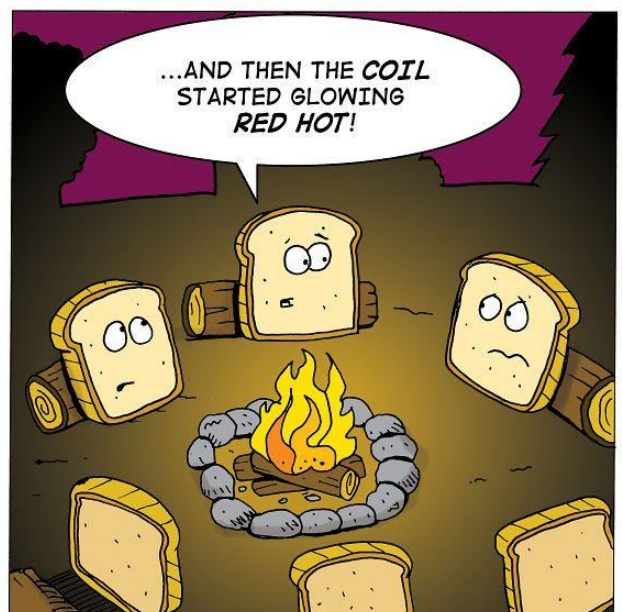
5 Jan SJAShop

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	Marilyn Calliess
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	29 Dec	Chioma Nnajide
Church Cleaning:	30 Dec	Parish Staff team

On a Lighter note



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