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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THE EPIPHANY
5 January 2025

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An Encounter with Jesus

The story of the Magi is rich with symbolism and invites us to reflect deeply on the transformative power of encountering Jesus. The Magi, travellers from distant lands, begin their journey with purpose and determination, following a star that beckons them toward the unknown. They come seeking the "king of the Jews," a title laden with both political and spiritual significance. Yet, the one they find is not in a palace but in the simplicity of a humble home, a child lying in the arms of Mary.

Their encounter with Jesus changes everything. Kneeling before the child, they offer their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—expressions of their recognition of his kingship, divinity, and the mystery of his future suffering. But the greatest gift exchanged in that moment is not the treasures they give but the transformation they receive. They leave not only by a different route but as different people, inwardly renewed by the profound mystery of Emmanuel—God with us.

This transformation of the Magi invites us to consider our own encounters with Jesus. How often do we, like them, set out seeking meaning, answers, or direction, only to find our expectations upended by the humility and simplicity of God's presence? The Magi remind us that genuine encounters with Jesus—whether in prayer, scripture, the Eucharist, or the people and events of our daily lives—demand a response. We cannot remain unchanged.

To "go home by a different way" is to allow our lives to be reshaped by God's grace. It may mean a shift in priorities, a new openness to others, or a deeper awareness of God's call. It may involve letting go of fears and embracing trust in the face of uncertainty, as the Magi did when they defied Herod's orders.

Their story also challenges us to discern what "home" truly means. For the Magi, home was not just a geographical place but a state of being, now illuminated by the presence of Christ. Their journey reminds us that our ultimate home is found in communion with God, and every encounter with Christ draws us closer to that reality.

Based on: Gospel Focus – Going home, 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

No Masses Wednesday and Thursday

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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

**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.

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.

KIT @ KIPPAX

KIT was emailed out during this week. If you didn't receive a copy, it is available on our web page at the link below

<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=kit-2024>

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

The Parish Office will open on
Monday 6 January 2025.

Fr. Chung is facilitating a retreat at Douglas Park returning 12 January

Fr Chung will be taking annual leave from 22 January and returning
1 March

**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**

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

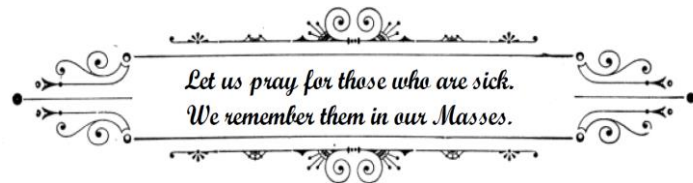
Women's Breakfast
7:30am - Bean Origin Café Belconnen

Friday 31 January

Anointing of the Sick after Mass

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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
OLSH, p. 159/ Issoudun

Stewardship

The Light of Christ

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honour and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Nita Smith, Geoffrey Bogg, Bill Raadts, Florence Anthony, Kathryn Jones, Charles Taylor, Terry O’Gorman, Barry Dwyer, Therese Markham, Ken Lorroway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Machin, John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon, Virginia Policarpio, Eamonn Kennedy, Terence Martin, Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall

Mass Intentions the week of 6 - 12 January

Mon 06/01	Special Intention
Wed 08/01	
Thur 09/01	
Fri 10/01	
Sat 11/01	
5:00pm	Jose Cotegah, Regis Balthazar, Nadine Iyempermal, Venning Perrine
Sun 12/01	
8:30am	
10:00am	
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!



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, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Readings 12 January 2025

First Reading	Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm	103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30
Second Reading	Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-78
Gospel	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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

12 Jan Acolyte Roster

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

12 Jan Lector Roster

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

12 Jan 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

12 Jan 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

12 Jan SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	5 Jan	Margaret Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	6 Jan	Joseph Le Van Hai, Lanh Dang, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note

