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TO BE ON EARTH THE HEART OF GOD

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE - KIPPAX ACT

MAY 2024

Time for Reflection

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. There are a number of Marian feast days in May, however, the one that is particular to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, which is traditionally celebrated on the last Saturday in May. Our statue of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is featured on the front cover.

Having experienced her powerful intercession several times during the foundational years of establishing the Society, Jules Chevalier invoked Mary with that title to honour her and out of gratitude to her intercessory help.

This year we celebrated the feast day on Friday 31 May. A nine-day Novena to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was held in the lead up to the feast day.

<https://www.misacor.org.au/our-lady-of-the-sacred-heart>



Shrine to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Randwick NSW

Time for Reflection

Mary Shares in the work of redemption

If, in the stable, Jesus accepts the adoration of the poor and the great, receives their presents and grants them favours, it is *through Mary*; if he is presented in the temple as a Victim who undertakes to sacrifice himself one day, it is *with Mary and through Mary*; if he lives at Nazareth, it is *with Mary*, and it is *from Mary* that he receives there all the care necessary to his age; if he preaches to the crowds, *it is in the presence of Mary*; if he is loaded with shame and tormented, *Mary* does not leave him; if he is nailed to the cross, *Mary* is strong and courageous in sharing his sufferings and receiving his last testimony; if he is taken from the cross, *Mary* is first to receive him in her arms and check the flow of blood from the wound in his Heart whose love she fully understands; if he rises glorious from the tomb, it is *to Mary* that he first appears; if he ascends into heaven, it is *Mary* who first receives his blessings with all the gifts he leaves on earth; if, on the day of Pentecost, he sends the Holy Spirit to his disciples, *Mary* is in their midst, to support and so perfect their prayers, that they may be heard; if he is seated at the right hand of his father, *Mary* is enthroned close to him, in a mantle of glory, her forehead encircled with the crown of her royal Maternity.

Jules Chevalier, OLSH, p. 173f.



EDITOR'S NOTE

In May, we were delighted to have Fr. Chris McPhee MSC celebrate Masses with us while Fr. Chung was in Rome. It was a pleasure to have Fr. Chris with us, even if only briefly. Fr. Chung has shared that his facilitator's course involved long days and intense work. However, they did manage some down time of which there is photographic evidence on page 13.



There are a number of Marian feast days during the month of May—Our Lady of Fatima on 13 May and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on the last Saturday in May. The latter feast day, specific to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is depicted on page 7. Her statue, which graces our foyer, is this month's front cover. We also observed the memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, on 20 May, the Monday following Pentecost Sunday. Additionally, we celebrated Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May, honouring our own mothers. It seems fitting that Mother's Day is celebrated in May, traditionally recognized as the month of Mary.



On Friday, 17 May, we welcomed Fr. Richard Thompson, the Vicar General, who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Twenty-nine children received the Sacrament, and this event is highlighted on page 8.



As we move into June, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist on 1-2 June. This will conclude our official sacramental program for the year. However, our School of Religion catechists work year-round during term time, continually preparing children for the Sacraments. We thank them for their commitment and dedication to the religious education of the children in our parish.

Friday 7 June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Whilst this is a prominent feast day throughout the universal church, it is an important feast for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will celebrate at the 9:30am mass followed by morning tea.



On the last Friday in June, we will hold the Sacrament of Anointing within the Mass at 11:00 am, followed by lunch. We would like to assist those who are housebound and cannot normally attend Mass to join this special Mass and lunch. Please contact the parish office if you, or someone you know, would like to attend but needs assistance with transportation.

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

*Blessings,
Marian*

The Trinity

The Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev created this icon in the fifteenth century and which is still able to be viewed in the Tretakov museum in Moscow. This was the icon shown on the PowerPoint at St John the Apostle Church at each of the masses on Trinity Sunday.

Each of the colours, gold, blue, green, which adorned the three individuals; the placement of their fingers; the space between the front two; the little rectangle on the front edge; all have significant meanings. Of particular interest is the rectangle which later specialists surmised that, after a scraping of glue, indicated that a mirror was once there. This would see the viewer becoming part of the icon, (being invited into the relationship, the intimacy of the embrace of the Trinity!).

This even fits the “dynamic” metaphysical principle that “the interweaving of the three [always] produces a fourth” on another level.”

Cynthia Bourgeault, Law of Three, p.89.

I believe Richard Rohr sums the mystery up so well in his verse:

God for us, we call you Father.
God alongside us, we call you Jesus.
God within us, we call you Holy Spirit.
You are the eternal mystery that enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things.
Even us and even me.

Every name falls short of your goodness and greatness. We can only see you who are in what is. We ask for such perfect seeing – As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

R. Rohr, The Divine Dance, pp.28-32;161.



Brian A. Mahony
28 May 2024

The words, ‘enables, enfolds & enlivens’ are so pertinent here

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

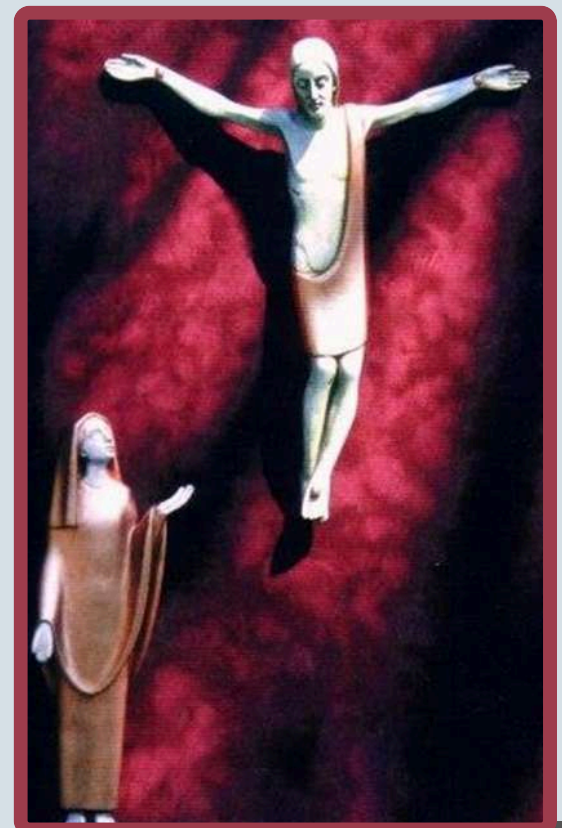
Earlier this year, we celebrated an important anniversary for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart who established our parish and continue to serve here. The 15th of March marked 200 years since the birth of Fr Jules Chevalier, the founder of the MSCs. As is true for most foundations, the establishment of the MSC congregation took place through a staged and often bumpy process. During the early years of the fledgling congregation, Fr Chevalier relied heavily on the support of Our Lady, who didn't fail him.

In recognition of Our Lady's help, Fr Chevalier gave her a new title, "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart". He did so in gratitude, but also to recognise the great things the Lord had done for her and through her. Fr Chevalier understood that the relationship between Mother and Son, makes Mary a powerful advocate for us. Today in Issoudun, France, the birth place of the MSCs and Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is a reminder of Fr Chevalier's devotion. The feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is celebrated in Australia on the last Saturday of May.

When I think of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the story of Cana comes to mind. Set in the Gospel of John before Jesus' ministry began it is at a wedding feast that "the first of the signs given by Jesus" occurs. The 'sign' or miracle is given in response to his mother's request. As the story is told, the 'Mother of Jesus' sees a need, not a crisis, but a situation of potential embarrassment. Without hesitation, she turns to Jesus to find a way to resolve the wine shortage. In this story, we witness a strong relationship of love and trust between Mother and Son, even if the dialogue is a little jarring to our modern ears. Jesus' response to his mother's request is an abundant gift: six stone water jars each holding 20 to 30 gallons of water is turned into the best wine. It is through this 'sign', that the disciples begin to get a glimpse of who Jesus is.

In the foyer of the church, there is a small statue of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. More information about Our Lady of the Sacred Heart can be found at <https://www.misacor.org.au/our-lady-of-the-sacred-heart>

Elizabeth McDonald



OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART

MORNING TEA - MAY 2024



Baptisms



We welcome into the SJA Community Body of Christ.
The following children were baptised during the month of May.

Noah Alves

son of Ashley and Kristine

Ava Archibald

daughter of Abe and Laura

Hugo Hmeidani

Son of Nader and Georgina

Favour Okeke

Daughter of Aloysius and Favour

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024



Olivia * Ethan * William * Angus * Bronson * Liam * Brenda * Liliana
* Oz * Byron * Lucius * Rose * Michael * Magdalena * Keijo * Ky * Rachael
* Sophia * Ella * Vanessa * Charlotte * Abbey * Jack * Lorenzo * James
* Annabelle-Louise * Emily * Tessa * Ziva

*Congratulations
on your wedding*

**LAURA D'AMICO
&
NIKOLAS TUIONETO**



Pentecost Flowers

Floral arrangements play an important atmospheric role in the liturgical setting.

Natural flowers and plants of different colours, shapes and sizes reflect the boundless beauty and variety of God’s creative hand, for which we give particular thanks during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

St John the Apostle Parish has a small group of parishioners dedicated to the flower roster. We give thanks for their talent and the time they give to this ministry.



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Our Volunteers

A few years ago, while talking with a friend, she asked me where I went to church. When I said “St. John’s at Kippax’ she replied “Oh that is where they always have such lovely flowers.”

I was reminded of this when entering the church for Trinity Sunday. The flowers were lovely, especially the flowers in the black vase underneath the altar. They were emphasised by the beautiful white, hand embroidered altar cloth. That drawn thread work requires so much time, skill and patience.

I was reflecting on how fortunate we are as a parish to have such talented and generous individuals willing to give their time and expertise. Just then, another parishioner arrived to update us on our financial situation—more time and skill contributed to sustaining our parish!

My grandmother has an old saying about volunteers “No one will ask how long it took, they will only ask, who did it?” Perhaps we should be aware of both the next time we step in the door of our church.

Janet Almond



A majestic journey

Like a cumulous cloud that blocks our view,
our comprehension is often poor
in the face of mystery.

After forty days of appearing
to His followers,
our risen Lord was called by our Father
back to eternity.

A cloud took Him from their sight,
nature's elevator
bearing its Creator
on a majestic journey,
lifting He who is human and divine,
the One who can transition between
the physical and the spiritual.

Yet to them He promised
to remain in heart and Eucharist
through the descent of the One
who moves like the wind,
dove and fire in one person,
God the Holy Spirit.

Shane Murtagh

Two Rainbows

I saw two rainbows in the sky
and at that time
I wondered why
while all my thoughts
had gone awry . . .

My mind was with
the souls above,
who've passed away
and live in love –
are they with Him,
the God of Love?

I saw two rainbows in the sky
and then I guessed
the reason why –
they're with their Lord
in God's embrace
forevermore!

Eamonn Murtagh



Dinner time!



**Nativity
Basilica of Saint Mary
of the Angels - Assisi**

FR. CHUNG IN ROME - MAY 2024



Here's Cheers!



Blessings



Course Participants

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

June 2024

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



MONEY MATTER\$

The St John the Apostle Finance Council released the annual Finance Report for 2023 this month. Copies were emailed out and there are also paper copies available in the foyer of the church. A copy can be found online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/272bpeds>

Thank you to everyone who has, and continues to donate so generously of their time, talents, and treasures. The Parish relies on your donations and appreciates them immensely.

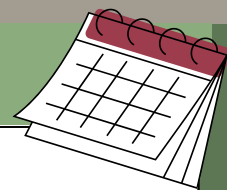
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JUNE 2024



1	Saturday	Hospitality Ministry - Formation Sacrament of the Eucharist Vigil Mass
2	Sunday	Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sacrament of the Eucharist – 8:30am & 10:00am masses
3	Monday	
4	Tuesday	
5	Wednesday	
6	Thursday	Gethsemane – Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament 7:30pm
7	Friday	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 9:30am mass • followed by morning tea Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library
8	Saturday	
9	Sunday	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10	Monday	Public Holiday – King’s Birthday
11	Tuesday	Community Connections – Coffee Ichi café Kippax 2:00pm
12	Wednesday	
13	Thursday	Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7:30pm - Parish Library
14	Friday	Meditation @ 5:30pm – Parish Library
15	Saturday	Lector Formation – 2:00pm church
16	Sunday	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministers of Communion formation – 3:00pm Church Community Connections – Parish Centre 4:00pm – 5:30pm
17	Monday	Pins & Needles @ 7:15pm - Parish Library
18	Tuesday	
19	Wednesday	SFX students attending 9:30am mass
20	Thursday	SFX students attending 9:30am mass
21	Friday	Meditation – 5:30pm – Parish Library Men’s group – Parish Centre 6:30pm
22	Saturday	
23	Sunday	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24	Monday	
25	Tuesday	Women’s Breakfast - Bean Origin Cafe 7:30am
26	Wednesday	SJA Friendship group 9:30am mass followed by morning tea
27	Thursday	
28	Friday	Anointing of the sick mass 11:00am followed by lunch Meditation – 5:30pm – Parish Library Movie Night – Parish Library 7:00pm
29	Saturday	
30	Sunday	13th Sunday in Ordinary time

