

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4 February 2024

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Reflection

True Freedom is grounded in Love

In today's scripture both Mark and Paul offer profound insights into the concept of freedom rooted in genuine love. In these passages, we witness individuals acting from a place of deep integrity, willing to set aside personal freedoms for the sake of compassion and the greater purpose of spreading the Gospel.

Mark's Gospel paints a vivid picture of Jesus' ministry, emphasizing his compassion and commitment to healing. Jesus acts with freedom, unencumbered by cultural expectations, to bring healing and restoration to those in need.

Similarly, Paul reflects on his own approach to freedom in the context of preaching the Gospel. He acknowledges the rights and freedoms he possesses, such as the right to be married and supported for his work. However, Paul willingly chooses to limit these freedoms for the sake of the Gospel. His freedom is not a self-serving liberty but a means to be of service to all, adapting his approach to various audiences—Jews, Gentiles, the weak—demonstrating a love-centred flexibility in his teaching.

The reflection on Paul's adaptability is especially poignant. He tailors his message to meet people where they are, illustrating the principle that true freedom in a Christian community is grounded in love. By adapting to the cultural and emotional needs of his audience, Paul embodies the essence of freedom, showing that it is not about asserting personal rights but rather about serving others.

This interconnected theme of freedom and love challenges us to reevaluate our understanding of liberty within the Christian context. Both Mark and Paul invite us to consider a freedom that goes beyond individual rights, urging us to prioritize compassion and service. It prompts reflection on how our actions, rooted in genuine love, can lead to a freedom that is not only liberating for ourselves but also transformative for those we encounter.

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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



Ash Wednesday
14 February

Mass Times:

9:30am and 6:00pm

2024 Sacraments

PENANCE: The Second Formation evening for parents will be held on Monday 12 February

CONFIRMATION: Formation evening for Parents will be held on Monday 18 March

EUCCHARIST: Formation evening for parents will be held on Monday 29 April

7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Parish Centre.

The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Thursday 14 March 2023 at 6:00pm

Community Connections

For those living alone

We will hold our first gathering for 2024 on

Sunday 11 February

3:00 – 4:30pm

in the Parish Centre

If you have not attended a gathering but are interested in attending please contact the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Friday 23 February

Mass - 11:00am

Lunch - 12 noon



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during this mass.

Following the mass lunch will be served in the church foyer.

Parishioners who are sick, housebound, and have difficulty attending Sunday Mass are invited to this celebration.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”

Matthew 11:28-30



Sunday 4 February

(after 10am mass in the foyer).

Classes will commence on Sunday 11 February.



AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR
CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

WISDOM FOR THE COMMON GOOD

**‘Economics and Theology:
Promise and Difficulties of the Dialogue’
with Professor Juergen von Hagen**

6.30pm, Thursday 8 February

The Pavilion, ACC&C,
15 Blackall St Barton

CES forum:

The ethics of modern warfare

Some of the challenges for Australia and its allies

Dr Ross Babbage am

Wednesday 21 February 7:00 pm

Chambers pavilion,

Australian Centre for Christianity and culture
Blackall Street Barton

Stewardship

All things are possible with God



Devote Time

Share Talent



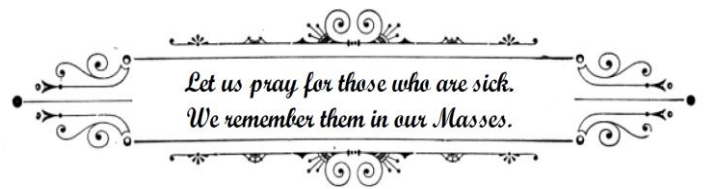
Give Treasure

A way of life

On the weekend of 17/18 February, the Time, Talent and Treasure forms will be available in the foyer. Brochures will be available which will describe each ministry. Ministers for each ministry will be in the foyer after each Mass to answer any questions you may have.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality



Humility of heart

In a spirit of faith, we will follow that other lesson our Lord gives us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart" (Mt. 11:29). Let us not forget that gentleness wins hearts and that, according to the Holy Spirit, the world belongs to the gentle (Mt 5:4). Let us remember that humility attracts grace, and that the love of our own abasement raises us up to God. Try to keep out of sight of others what God deigns to do in us and through us. And if this is not always possible, we should rightly attribute everything to God's mercy and to the merits of others. "Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory" (Ps 115:1). This is the foundation of the true perfection of the Missionary of the Sacred Heart and the secret of their whole spiritual life.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Règles des Missionnaires du Sacré-Coeur, p.36/1855.

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

Stewardship

Humble Service

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of humankind. He laboured for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labour for our Father's mission. Following Jesus' example begins right here in our home, parish, and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, 'Make me humble, Lord.'

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Jehanne Thelland, Alexander Powell, Alice Tonna, Robert Thomas, Nola Newton, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Nicholas Roots, Julian Oakley, Violet Duve, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelia Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Victoria Wilkinson, Kenneth Vella, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher, Peter Moore, Roberto Millucci, Robert Haverfield, Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, John Thompson, Vincent Mawson

Mass Intentions the week of 5 - 11 February

Mon 05/02	Doris Galea
Wed 07/02	
Thur 08/02	Irene and Vince Higgins
Fri 09/02	
Sat 10/02	
5:00pm	Vincent Mawson
Sun 11/02	
8:30am	
10:00am	Rosario Orejana & Agustina Gomez
6:00pm	

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in participating in the life of the parish through the Pastoral Council, you are invited to contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@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

St Johns 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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord who heals
the broken-hearted

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
He bore our sickness,
And endured our suffering
Alleluia

Readings – 11 February 2024

First Reading	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm	PS 31:1-2,5 11
Second Reading	1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1
Gospel	Mark 1:40-45

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

11 Feb Acolyte Roster

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

11 Feb Lector Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Paul McGrath
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Kelechi Nnajide
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

11 Feb 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, Chitra Jayawardena

11 Feb Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

11 Feb SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	4 Feb	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	10 Feb	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	4 Feb	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Ted and Debbie Milne

On a Lighter note



"These balls are expensive, and I've already lost 3 today. I'm not letting this one go without a fight!"