

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28 July 2024

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Sharing our Abundance

Today's gospel recounts the miracle of Jesus feeding five thousand people with just five barley loaves and two fish. This event is often interpreted as a demonstration of Jesus' divine power, showing his ability to provide abundantly and miraculously. However, some scripture scholars suggest an alternative perspective that shifts the focus from the miraculous multiplication of food to a communal and personal transformation within the crowd.

These scholars propose that the true miracle lies not in a supernatural act, but in the response elicited by Jesus and the small boy who shared his modest provisions. Inspired by their example of generosity, the crowd might have overcome their instinct to hoard what little they had and instead chose to share with one another. This interpretation emphasizes a moral and social miracle: a collective shift from selfishness and isolation towards a spirit of sharing and community. Such a reading suggests that the miracle of the feeding of the multitude was a breaking through of human barriers to create a sense of unity and mutual care.

The feeding of the multitude also holds a profoundly political message. It highlights the stark reality of food distribution in our world. Despite there being enough food to ensure that no one goes hungry, inequities in distribution lead to situations where some people suffer from overconsumption while others experience severe shortages. This disparity is a pressing moral issue, calling for those in the developed world, who often have more than they need, to take responsibility in addressing this imbalance.

This narrative challenges us to reflect on our own societal structures and personal habits. Are we, like the crowd, holding back out of fear and self-interest, or are we willing to share our resources to foster a sense of community and equity? The miracle of sharing teaches us that true abundance comes from a collective willingness to give and support one another.

Based on: A miracle of sharing, and Plenty for all, 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

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 31 July

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome.

Please bring a plate to share.

MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1st Friday of every month ■ 9:30am

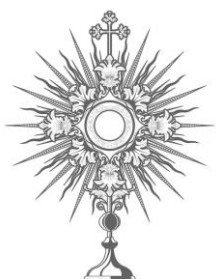
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Sacred Heart Devotion

The heart is the centre of our being, and the seat of our emotions and love. The

Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes his great love for humanity. Jesus initiated this devotion out of his great love for us.

Thursday Night before 1st Friday



**Prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament
Gethsemane Thursday**

1 August

7:30 – 8:30pm

*Come and celebrate the
Feast of St Mary of the Cross*
Mary MacKillop

● **Thursday ● 8 August ● 9:30am mass**

Following mass, we will celebrate this feast day with morning tea.
Please bring a plate to share

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday - 15 August 2024

Mass times 9:30am – 6:00pm



Pins & Needles
Mon 19 August – 7:15pm
Parish Library

IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28 July 2024

Do not cast me off in my old age (Ps 71:9)

The theme chosen by Pope Francis is meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture. You can retrieve Pope Francis' message at the link below.

<https://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/2024/pubblicato-il-messaggio-del-santo-padre-per-la-4a-giornata-mondi.html>

MSC Missions

Fr Roger Purcell msc director of MSC Missions will be in our parish the weekend of 3-4 August.

MSC Missions supports the MSC missionaries in their efforts to serve the most vulnerable and marginalised communities in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific.

There will be a collection at each mass.

Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024

7 August – 6:00pm

Speaker: Professor Helen Alvare

Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University Virginia USA.

Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit** www.tfo.org.au

The Archdiocese has FREE TICKETS available for any full-time STUDENT at University or in Years 10-12 for the Tim Fischer Oration night. You may know a student who might be interested.
Contact Cathy Madsen 0422 117 210

Archdiocesan Women's breakfast with Dr Helen Alvare

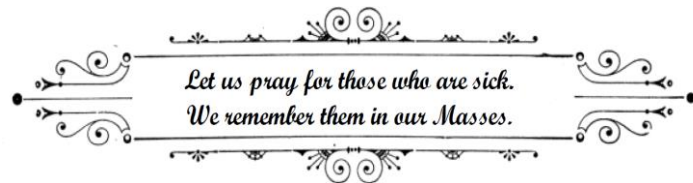
Thursday, 8 August, 7.30 - 9.00am

Join us as we explore meaningful connections, marriage, family, career, mission and community-building.

<http://www.tfo.org.au/women-breakfast/>

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality



The goodness of Jesus in the Eucharist

Jesus Christ reveals the goodness of his Heart in the Eucharist. During his mortal life, he was happy to pour out the tenderness of his Heart on little ones and on the poor, on those who suffer and on sinners, on all the miseries of humanity. The sight of any misfortune, any unhappiness, any sorrow at all moved his Heart with compassion. But his goodness, gentleness and mercy are even more manifest in the Eucharist. His Heart has overflowed with love, not only during his public life, but across the centuries. He calls us, he waits for us; and when we kneel at his feet, what joy, what sweetness, what light, he pours into our souls.

Let us know how to benefit from it.

Jules Chevalier msc
Méditations II, p. 32f Issoudun, 1891

Stewardship

Giving God our entire lives.

The servant and the little boy in our readings today are excellent examples for us as Christian stewards. The servant gave the very best of what he had, and the boy gave all that he had, then God did the rest.

A key component of living as a good steward is constantly evaluating our lives, particularly our relationship with God to ensure we are not just scraping by but rather giving God our entire lives.

We are called to give God adequate time each day. If we don't plan for this time, likely, He won't get any. We need to find what works best for us so that God can become a more significant part of our daily lives. We are also called to put our gifts and talents to good use too. The servant and the boy teach us that it is not up to us to decide how our gifts will affect others. God will do that. All we need to do is to give it well.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Barry Swann, Daniel Keneally, Bernard Coughlin, Jillian McInerney, Ardina Dudok, June Traynor, Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Nola Faulkner, Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Olive Cockroft, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle, Jackie Green, Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Ciszek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford

Mass Intentions the week of 29 July – 4 August

Mon 29/07	Steve Smith
Wed 31/07	Joseph
Thur 01/08	
Fri 02/08	
Sat 03/08	
5:00pm	
Sun 04/08	
8:30am	
10:00am	Kathleen Noakes
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!

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility
for the whole community



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Thank you for your generous support to the Winter Appeal last weekend. We hope that technical issues are behind us now and we are able to accept card donations this weekend. Members will be available after all Masses.

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	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month</i> 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month</i> 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month</i> 7:30am <i>Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month</i> 6:00pm <i>Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month</i> 7:00pm <i>Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i> 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
He answers all our needs.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among
us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia

Readings 4 August 2024

First Reading	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15
Psalm	Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54
Second Reading	Eph 4:17, 20-24
Gospel	John 6:24-35

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

4 Aug Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rodney Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Elaine Carter, Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Peter Le

4 Aug 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

4 Aug Ministers of Communion

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

4 Aug 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

4 Aug SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	4 Aug	Margaret Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	5 Aug	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

