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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 September 2024

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“Get behind me, Satan!”

Today we witness a pivotal moment in the journey of the disciples with Jesus. Peter’s confession of Jesus as the Messiah marks the first time the disciples articulate their belief in Jesus’ true identity. This confession is significant because it represents the disciples’ growing understanding and acceptance of Jesus, not just as a teacher or prophet, but as the promised Saviour. Yet, this realization is only the beginning of a deeper and more challenging journey of faith.

Peter’s response, while correct in identifying Jesus as the Messiah, reflects a limited understanding of what that role entails. When Jesus begins to explain that being the Messiah involves suffering, rejection, and ultimately death, Peter cannot accept it. He envisions a Messiah who conquers through power and glory, not through suffering and sacrifice. In trying to dissuade Jesus from the path of the cross, Peter unknowingly echoes the temptation Jesus faced in the desert, where the idea of avoiding suffering for a different kind of power was presented.

Jesus’ rebuke, “Get behind me, Satan!” is strong and pointed. It underscores the gravity of Peter’s misunderstanding and the danger it poses. Jesus knows that His mission as the Messiah cannot be fulfilled without the cross. The cross is not just a symbol of suffering, but the means through which salvation is accomplished. In this moment, Jesus confronts not just Peter, but the very human tendency to avoid pain and seek glory without cost.

Carrying our crosses is challenging. Following Jesus is not about seeking comfort or avoiding hardship; it is about embracing the path of self-denial, sacrifice, and even suffering when necessary.

For Peter, and for us, the cross is a reminder that God’s ways are not our ways. It is through the cross that we come to understand the depth of God’s love and the true cost of discipleship. As followers of Christ, we are invited to trust in God’s plan, even when it leads us to places we would rather not go.

Based on: *Gospel Focus – Peter’s insight*, 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

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday 12 September. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the Parish website within 7 days. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the minutes, please contact the Parish Office during business hours.

Vinnies "One Thing More" update. Due to your generosity, we've been able to help more people with grocery & household items. "Jackie" (not her real name) cares for her 80-year-old mum as well as 2 teenagers and had run out of money after paying her car rego, while "Ellen" is a single mum with 8 kids. Both were very grateful for donated items, especially as they were delivered after hours by some of our amazing volunteers. Thanks for helping us help others!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Connecting with people living alone

3rd Sunday of the month gathering
15 September at 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Parish Centre



Pins & Needles
Mon 16 September – 7:15pm
Parish Library

SJA Men's Group
Meeting Monthly
6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information contact the parish office.
Next gathering: Friday 20 September
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

THANK YOU

Thank you to Margarete Gill, Judy Kenny, Kerry Yard, Fr. Chung, Fr. Gerard my daughter and son in law Jenny and Geoff and two unknown ladies who helped me following a medical incident after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday.

Greatly appreciated, last time was at the Colosseum Rome. I do select famous places.

Lyn Ray



RFBI HOLT [Kalparrin]
Sausage Sizzle
Fundraiser

Friday 20 September
12:30 – 2:00pm

\$6 sausage sizzle + one can of drink
\$5 raffle tickets
gift hamper worth up to \$300
live entertainment
138 Hardwick Crescent HOLT
Scan the QR code to donate online



110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees
Sunday,
29 September 2024

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is
"GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE."

"... God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation. ..."

Pope Francis

We will celebrate Migrants and Refugees at the 10:00am mass. You are invited to come dressed in the national dress of your origins. Following the mass there will be morning tea in the church foyer. Please bring a dish, cakes, bickies or 'Aldi special' to share.

PARISH LIBRARY

Books on display for the month of September are on the theme of Migrants and Refugees.



Women's Retreat day,
God's love transforms
hosted by 'Call to Connect'.

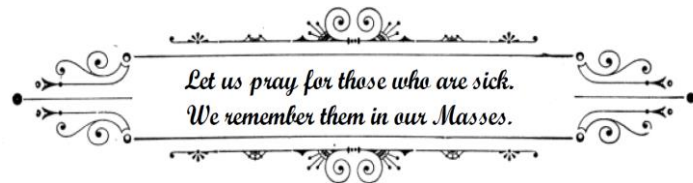
Guest speakers: Sharon Brewer & Rachel Fleurant MGL
Saturday 12 October
10am-3.15pm
St Monica's Evatt ACT.



Scan the QT Code with your phone camera for more details and to register.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality



God first loved us

If knowledge of the Sacred Heart leads to adoration; it also produces *love*. What is this divine Heart? Infinite goodness, love itself, mercy incarnate. So, we should love him, not only because all possible perfection is eminently his but also because of his warmth towards us that knows no bounds. We should love him because of the immense benefits he heaps on us; and all the favours he does not cease to lavish upon us every day despite our sins. Our love for him, therefore, should be generous, active and constant. "Let us therefore love God, since he first loved us" (1 John 4: 19).

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 223f Paris 1900

Stewardship

Following Jesus – A daily Commitment

Jesus addresses His disciples saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." We are Jesus' disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now.

Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It calls us to follow Jesus' example and love. But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don't seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining about them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them.

Following Jesus takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.

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Recently Deceased: Kevin Foley

Anniversary: Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt, Denise Busch, Mary Prosper, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Kate Fisher, Robert Caskie, Pauline Jones, Therese Le, Don Nicol, Robert Greig, Lynette Katlewski, Anthony Tys, Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, Xavier Munoz, John Haley, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Magdalen Ripszam, Jana Nassir, Marijon Grybaitis, Bernard Roberts, Luke White, Josephine Mulligan, Beryl Mannix, James Sharah, Aileen Antcliffe, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli

Mass Intentions the week of 16 - 22 September

Mon 16/09	John Jayawardena
Wed 18/09	Special Intention
Thur 19/09	Xavier Munoz
Fri 20/09	Special Intention

Sat 21/09	
5:00pm	Jo Mulligan

Sun 22/09	
8:30am	Paul Nguyen Van Lieu
10:00am	Maria Nguyen
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
TUESDAY
24 SEPTEMBER 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ



St John's Friendship Group
next meeting on
Wednesday 25 September
for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

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

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:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

Readings 8 September 2024

First Reading	Is 35:4-7
Psalm	Ps 145:7-10
Second Reading	James 2:1-5
Gospel	Mark 7:31-37

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

22 Sept Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony and Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Polkinghorne

22 Sept Lector Roster

5:00pm	Judy Netting, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Marini Ignatius, Edgar Nnajide
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

22 Sept Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Maureen Burgess
10:00am	Boni Benedictos, Rosa Benedictos
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Priscilla Momi

22 Sept Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Marie McKie
8:30am	Joan Beswick, Pamela Blackwell
10:00am	Margarete Gill, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Francesca Deklin, Joy McInerney

22 Sept SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Judy Mewburn
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	15 Sep	Angela Boreham
Church Cleaning:	16 Sep	Christian Perera, Vigi Varghese

On a Lighter note



CLAIM THE DATE PARISH ASSEMBLY

2 November 2024 11:00am – 3:00pm