

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 November 2024

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The Poor and Vulnerable

Jesus contrasts the behaviour of religious leaders with the humble offering of a poor widow. This passage not only highlights the exploitation by the religious elite but also serves as a broader critique of an unjust system that preys on the vulnerable, one where the powerful amass wealth and status at the expense of the marginalized.

Jesus criticizes the scribes and their love of public honour and their exploitation of widows—women who, in the social structure of the time, were among the most vulnerable. This passage highlights the ways in which institutional corruption infiltrates religious, political, and social systems, distorting them for personal gain. The critique here is not just about individuals but about a systemic injustice that values power and wealth over human dignity and care.

The scene shifts to the temple treasury, where many rich people give large sums, and a poor widow offers two small copper coins. The widow's act can be seen as a prophetic condemnation of the system that has failed her. The system is designed to sustain itself through the wealth and power of the elite, while the poor are left to sacrifice everything, often in vain.

The widow's gift is heroic in its faith and trust in God, but her situation should challenge us. Rather than a great act of generosity, we can now see the widow's payment of Temple tax as a burdensome, heart-wrenching obligation to pay the very last coins she had to a corrupt, uncaring system. It raises questions about our current structures that allow wealth inequality and social injustice to persist.

This gospel invites us to reflect on how we can be agents of change in dismantling such systems of exploitation and oppression. It calls for a preferential option for the poor, challenging us to actively confront political and social structures that maintain inequality. Like Jesus, we are invited to expose the hypocrisy of systems that fail the marginalized and to create communities rooted in justice, mercy, and compassion.

Based on: Gospel reflection, 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 Annual Remembrance Mass

Saturday 16th November 10:00 am

At this mass, we will pray especially for all those whose funerals or burials we celebrated here in the past year, but all are welcome to join us and pray for all their beloved dead. Morning tea will be held in the foyer after mass.



Vinnies “One More Thing” Update

Many thanks to Parishioners for their ongoing donations to the Vinnies food tubs in the Church foyer.

Although we do provide vouchers for people to purchase their own food, there’s something about the immediate impact of receiving the donated items from yourselves that makes many of our companions feel “less forgotten”. They realise there’s actually people they don’t know who care about them, and want to help. All Vinnies members appreciate your continuing generosity.

Thanks also to the Parishioners who have donated items of clothes for companions. Unfortunately, however, we are not in a position to accept these due to storage and logistical problems. Our companions can access donated clothing through the vouchers we provide for Vinnies stores. So you can still help them by donating the clothing directly to the Vinnies store in Kippax. Thank you for your continuing thoughtfulness and offers of assistance.

SJA Men’s Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information
contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 15 November
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

3rd Sunday of the month gathering

17 November at 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Parish Centre

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Parish Assembly took place on Saturday, 2 November 2024, with sixty-four parishioners attending for all or part of the day. The next phase involves gathering and analyzing the feedback received to create a comprehensive strategy and action plan for moving forward. We will make this available to the parish once it is completed. We will advise you of the time frame after the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on 14 November.

Let’s talk about Mental Health

Social Connection &
Mental Health

What does God say?

Thursday – 21 November 2024

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Presenter: Dr. Gordon Donnir
St John the Apostle Parish Centre
RSVP: 18 Nov 2024
kippax@cg.org.au



AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR
CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE
WISDOM FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Join us for the launch of two new books by
Prof Scott Cowdell

Why Church? and **Rejoice and Be Glad**

launched by Hugh Mackay AO and
Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO.

6.00-7.30 pm, 12 November 2024

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
15 Blackall St Barton

Books will be available at the discount price
of \$30 each, credit card only.

To register, please email Liz Jakimow at
ejakimow@csu.edu.au

St Thomas More Forum

**Beyond Tradition: Envisioning the Role of the
Catholic Church in a Changing World**

Keynote Speaker: Professor Darius von Güttner
Wednesday 20 November 2024 | 7.30PM - 9PM

St Thomas More Catholic Church

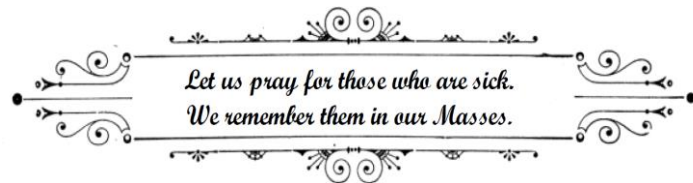
Register Now: <https://bit.ly/stmf-201124>

*The Library will display books on "Actions and
Themes of Love" for the month of November.*

Titles include:

*The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor:
Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus and
The Mystery of Love.*

Heart Spirituality



The Importance of fervour

Jesus says, is yours the disposition of the apostles, my child? The more closely you seek to follow their example, the more good you will do to souls. Looking back into the past, you will notice that people of average knowledge, but full of the Spirit of God, have rendered better service to their neighbour than learned people without devotion, who are proud of their intellectual gifts. Souls are not saved “by persuasive words of human wisdom” (1 Cor, 2:4), but by the influence of virtue and the effectiveness of grace. If people run away from sacrifice, seek their own comfort and make no effort to become holy, how will they be effectively able to invite others to practise virtue?

So work at your improvement; make generous efforts to grow continuously in virtue. Then what you say and do will be useful in obtaining for your neighbour all the good you want for him.

Jules Chevalier msc.
Ecole du Sacré-Coeur, p 86f, Issoudun 1892.

Stewardship

Faith-filled generous stewards

Today’s First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both centre on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Patricia Smith, John Roots, Adrian Gilchrist, Margaret Webster, Marie-Jeanne Shatzman, Veronica Tippet, Gary Williams, Frances Stow, Brenden Keir, Maria Van Audenaerde, Cornelia Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witrzens, Gloria Hunter, Jordan Blanchfield, Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen Randall, Garry Marsh, Nell Clarke, Fransien Ashauer, Matthew Biggs, Joey Griffiths, Marie Corr, Nelson Canas, Irene Collbourne, Constianus Slusser, Patricia McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan, Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Peter Hayes, Phyllis McAllister, Herbert Gallagher,

Mass Intentions the week of 11 - 17 November

Mon 11/11	November Masses
Wed 13/11	Ancestors, Parents, Victims of war in Vietnam
Thur 14/11	Amy Stephenson & Madeleine Birks
Fri 15/11	Francisco & Maria de la Torre
Sat 16/11	
5:00pm	Fallace Family Members
Sun 17/11	
8:30am	Special Intentions
10:00am	Dorothy Lenihan
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!

FROM BARBARA TO THE PARISH

Prayer in the community is a gift from God. I have experienced this since my serious car accident some time ago. As an expression of my gratitude, I asked for Mass to be said on Sunday November 10th at 10am for the members of St John’s parish who have prayed for me. Perhaps this seems a delayed message, but thankfulness stays in my heart as the long recovery remains, with frequent trips to doctors and the hospital. At last now, though, I am able to have more time at home. Thank you, my friends.

Barbara Witrzens

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	<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 Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month</i> 6:00pm Parish Centre
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month</i> 7:00pm Parish Library
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i> 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Readings 17 November 2024

First Reading	Dan 12:1-3
Psalm	Ps 15:5, 8-11
Second Reading	Heb 10:11-14, 18
Gospel	Mark 13:24-32

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

17 Nov Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Francesca Deklin
10:00am	Rose and Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	Nunga Umaru, Peter Le

17 Nov Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Bernadette Murnane, Margaret Luck

17 Nov Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Gordon Donnir, Marie McKie
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Maureen Burgess
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Peter Kain
6:00pm	Charlotte and Lionel D'Cruze

17 Nov Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena, Barbara Mawson
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Vigi Varghese

17 Nov SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	Sabina Van Rooy
10:00am	
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	10 Nov	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	11 Nov	Edgar and Chioma Nnajide

On a Lighter note

