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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
23 February 2025 #13.25

A World transformed by Love

In today's gospel Jesus challenges us to expand our understanding of love, generosity, and mercy. Rather than reinforcing a transactional faith where good is rewarded, and evil is punished, Jesus presents a vision of God as unbounded compassion, inviting us into that same radical way of being.

At the heart of this passage is the Golden Rule: *"Treat others as you would like them to treat you."* This principle, found across many religious traditions, sounds simple, yet Jesus pushes it further. It is easy to love those who love us, but the true test is how we respond to those who oppose us, mistreat us, or seem undeserving of kindness.

Jesus speaks these words to people living under Roman occupation, calling them to love even their enemies. This is not a call to passivity but to a deeper transformation—one that refuses to mirror the cycles of hatred and retaliation. To love an enemy, to give without expecting return, to bless those who curse us—these actions are not just moral ideals but reflections of God's own nature.

The call to be *compassionate as your Father is compassionate* is not about achieving perfection but about living with a heart open to grace. God does not measure love in limited terms; rather, divine love is extravagant, poured out even on the undeserving. We are invited to reflect this generosity in our own relationships.

This passage reminds us that discipleship is not just about believing in Jesus but embodying his way of life. It is a movement away from keeping score and toward a freedom that comes from living in God's abundant mercy. This is not an easy path, but it is the way of the Kingdom—a world transformed by love.

Based on: *Gospel Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Monday and Friday 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 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

Anointing of the Sick within Mass

Friday 28 February • 11:00am
followed by lunch • 12noon

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 28 JANUARY — 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN



Relax, Review, Reflect "Red Dog"

"The film is based on the true story of [Red Dog](#) and uses the 2002 novel [Red Dog](#) by [Louis de Bernières](#) as the primary source.

Friday 7 March at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

PPC CHAIR EMAIL ISSUE

Due to IT issues, Jenny McGee [PPC Chair] is not currently able to access the PPC email. If you have tried to contact Jenny recently regarding the SJA-STA Steering committee minutes or for any other reason, please forward your email to kippax@cg.org.au

LIFE IS A JOURNEY

6 Day Retreat
with Fr. Chris McPhee msc

Where: St John the Apostle Catholic Church
When: 10-15 March 2025
Time: 9:30am Mass
Session: 10:30am – 11:30am
Repeated: 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sat 15 March: 11:00am concluding with mass at 12:30pm
Cost: \$80 (If cost is prohibitive, please contact the parish office. We warmly welcome everyone and do not want financial concerns to prevent anyone from attending).

Life is a Journey Retreat is a reflective, prayerful excursion that contemplatively aligns our personal journeys with the journey of Jesus, focusing on transforming our past through the intimacy of God's love.

Register at: kippax@cg.org.au

PLANNED GIVING PLEDGE SUNDAY

9 March 2025

Together, we build a faithful future

Why Pledge:

- Support the spiritual and pastoral mission of our parish
- Enable vital ministries and services
- Ensure financial sustainability for future generations

How to Participate: Pray and reflect on your commitment. Complete a pledge card on Sunday 9 March.

Concerned Catholics Public Forum

Synodality: Now the Rubber Hits the Road
27 February 2025 - 7.15 - 9.30pm

Marist College Senior Hall

Speakers: Adj Prof Susan Pascoe,
Terry Fewtrell, Dr Patrick McArdle,
Chloe Kelly More information:

fsully56@gmail.com.

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Wednesday

St John the Apostle Parish
Mass times:
9:30am & 6:00pm

5 MARCH

International Women's Day Breakfast

13 March 2025 7:30 AM- 9.00 AM

Join the Catholic Women's Taskforce of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for a special breakfast event in celebration of International Women's Day!

Venue: Ainslie Football Club

Cost: \$40 per head

This year's breakfast features a keynote address by Dr. Trudy Dantis, a distinguished leader in Catholic research and pastoral studies. Dr. Dantis, Director of the National Centre for Pastoral Research.

Parish Office Happenings

Fr. Chung is on annual leave returning on Saturday 1 March 2025.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Pilgrims of Hope

Heart Speaks to Heart

Saint Bonaventure tells us that in the end we should not pray for light, but for "raging fire". He teaches that, "faith is in the intellect, in such a way as to provoke affection. In this sense, for example, the knowledge that Christ died for us does not remain knowledge, but necessarily becomes affection, love". Along the same lines, Saint John Henry Newman took as his motto the phrase *Cor ad cor loquitur* (heart speaks to heart), since, beyond all our thoughts and ideas, the Lord saves us by speaking to our hearts from his Sacred Heart. This realization led him, the distinguished intellectual, to recognize that his deepest encounter with himself and with the Lord came not from his reading or reflection, but from his prayerful dialogue, heart to heart, with Christ, alive and present. It was in the Eucharist that Newman encountered the living heart of Jesus, capable of setting us free, giving meaning to each moment of our lives, and bestowing true peace.

Pope Francis: *Dilexit Nos*, #26
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ

Mass Intentions the week of 24 February – 2 March

Mon 24/02	Mafy Lou Monck
Wed 26/02	Margaret McCloud
Thur 27/02	Dominic & 2 Mary's
Fri 28/02	Conchita de la Torre
Sat 01/03	
5:00pm	Annesley Jayawardena
Sun 02/03	
8:30am	
10:00am	Deceased Family members of Christian Perera
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!

Heart Spirituality

The motive for my creation

God says to me,
I have loved you with an everlasting love!
Me!

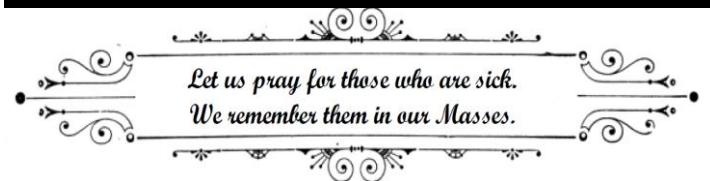
It is specifically me
whom God has so loved,
ungrateful me, sinful me.
God of surpassing majesty,
God of supreme beauty and limitless
perfection, God has love me.

God!....me!...

What distance!

The Infinite!.... and nothing!
And God has loved this nothing!
Loved! O God of love,
make me understand this word: Loved!
He who has always existed has always
loved me, and it is through love that he
decreed my creation from all eternity.

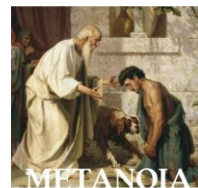
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Recently Deceased:

Mafy Lou Lazaro Monck

Anniversary: Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Dorothy Hornick, Damien Lamb, Oscar Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Jim Grace, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald, Barbara Gardiner, Eileen Luke, Joe Conlon, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Helen Murphy, Eugene De Rose, Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Richard Corr



2025 Lenten Program
Books and CD available in
the bookstore.

SHROVE TUESDAY • Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday 4 March – 12noon
Southern Cross Club Jamieson
RSVP: by 28 February
Contact: Pauline H-B: 0429 064 168 or
Sr Colleen: 0439 483 426

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 2nd 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	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 Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Readings 2 March 2025

First Reading	Sir 27:4-7
Psalm	Ps 91:2-3, 13-16
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:54-58
Gospel	Luke 6:39-45

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

2 March Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rod Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

2 March 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

2 March Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Pat Cowburn, Angela Boreham
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Peter Igoe-Taylor, John McGee

2 March 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

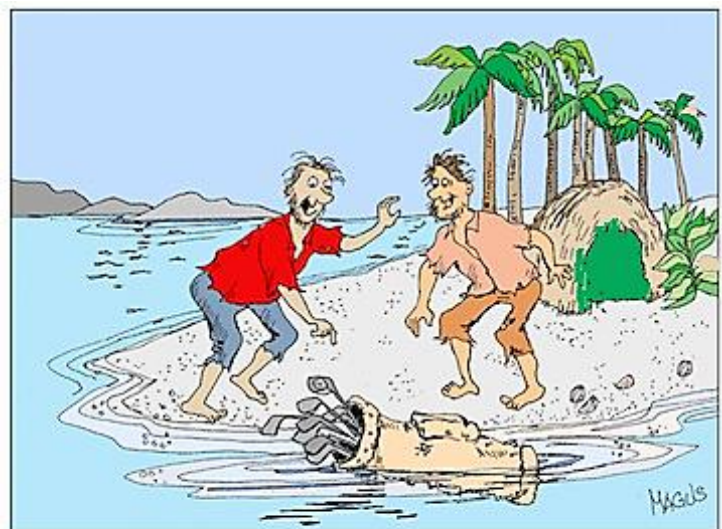
2 March SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	23 Feb	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	24 Feb	

On a Lighter note



Look! We're in luck! A set of clubs washed up. Now it doesn't matter how long it takes until we're rescued!