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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**YEAR C**

**20 April 2025**

**#21.25**

### **Mary Magdalene: A Witness to Hope**

Mary Magdalene plays a crucial role in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection. She is among the few who remain at the foot of the cross, she is the first to discover the empty tomb, and she is the first to encounter the risen Christ. Yet, despite her prominence in the resurrection story, history has often misrepresented her—wrongly identifying her as a sinner or prostitute, a label she never bore in the Gospels.

Mary's story speaks to something many of us experience: being misunderstood, misjudged, or having our true identity overshadowed by what others assume about us. How often do we carry labels placed on us by others—labels that do not define who we truly are? Mary Magdalene's story reminds us that our worth is not determined by human judgment, but by how God sees us. Jesus does not see Mary through the distorted lens of history; he sees her as faithful, courageous, and worthy of being the first witness to the resurrection. Her encounter at the empty tomb also speaks to the reality of grief and uncertainty. Mary comes seeking Jesus but finds only emptiness and confusion. How often do we, in moments of loss or change, struggle to make sense of what is before us? Yet, even in that darkness, resurrection is at work. Mary will soon encounter the risen Christ, and her sorrow will turn to joy.

Like Mary, we are called to be witnesses of hope. When we face moments of doubt or struggle, we can trust that God is working in ways we may not yet understand. And just as Jesus entrusted Mary with the good news of his resurrection, we, too, are called to share that hope—with our families, our communities, and all those who long for the assurance that new life is possible.

May we learn from Mary Magdalene's faithfulness and courage, knowing that our past does not define us, our struggles do not have the final word, and in Christ, hope is always being renewed.

**Based on, Historical Context – Mary Magdalene, 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

### Ministry

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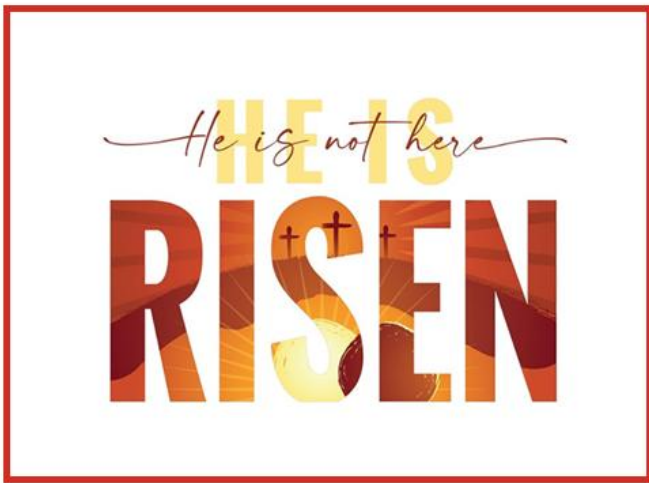
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**St John the Apostle Parish Kippax**

*is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community*



*We Congratulate  
Pav Perera*

who received the Sacraments of  
Baptism and Confirmation  
respectively at the Easter Vigil

**MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**



1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month ■  
9:30am

2 May 2024

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday  
Prayer before the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Gethsemane Thursday  
1 May  
7:30 – 8:30pm**



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES**

The parish office will be closed  
Friday 18 April  
Reopening  
Tuesday 22 April  
for the Easter period



ANZAC Day - Friday 25 April

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

**FUNERAL NOTICE**

**Mary Moran**

**Requiem Mass**

**Tuesday 22 at 11:00am**

To Ken, Patrick, John, Phil,  
Catherine and Anthony and their  
families we extend our deepest  
sympathies.

There will be no Liturgy of the Word  
with Communion at 9:30am

**WOMEN’S BREAKFAST**



**TUESDAY 22 APRIL – 7:30AM**

**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**

**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Formation Evening for parents

Monday 28 April

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

[kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

**St John the Apostle Primary School**  
is enrolling for 2026. We are an inclusive  
and welcoming community that uses  
research based teaching practises to  
enhance the academic performance of all  
students. As your local parish Catholic  
school, we uphold the values of the  
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and  
commit ourselves to “being on earth the  
heart of God”. Please contact Jo Reed,  
Principal, on 62583592 at any time to  
discuss a tour and enrolment.



# Heart Spirituality

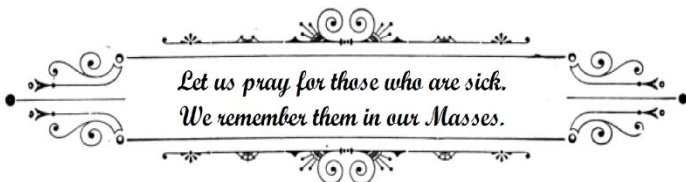
## Woman, behold your son

Let us go together to Calvary. It is at the foot of the cross, in sorrow and anguish, that the title Mother of the Human Race will be solemnly conferred. It is there that Mary, in unspeakable torment, gives birth to us in the life of grace and truly becomes our Mother. Jesus, nailed on the tree of salvation, looks down tenderly on his mother and says: Woman behold your Son. And looking then at Saint John: Behold your Mother. He means: O woman blessed among all women, the true mother of all the living, you who are the new Adam I invest you with a new motherhood; I associate you with the work of redemption.

Jules Chevalier msc

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, p. 165 Issoudun

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



### Recently Deceased:

Mary Moran, Fr. Michael Fallon msc

### Anniversary:

John Margetts, Adrian Krook, Keith Aikins, Bryan Cowman, Patrick Ward, Mihaly Baruta, Sharon Hannah, Augusta Colquhoun, Sharron Diamond, Jim Fallon msc, Alan Hodge, Leslie Savage, Joan Sculthorpe, Julio Vinales, Otto Trenka, Leonard Franks, Drago Polak, Delilah Wilson, Daniel Dewar, Barbara Normann, Leslie Barry, Daryl Smeaton Claudio Orifice, Sheldon Doyle, Yolanda Melikian, Brenda Hudson, Basil Adkins, Ricaredo Jabagat, Monique Adamik, Hannah Kennett

# Pilgrims of Hope

## You are God's Instrument

In contemplating the pierced heart of the Lord, who "took our infirmities and bore our diseases" (Mt. 8:17), we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love. As we meditate on Christ's self-offering for the sake of all, we are naturally led to ask why we too should not be ready to give our lives for others: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and that we ought to lay down our lives for one another" (1 Jn. 3:16). Pope Francis. Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #171

## Mass Intentions the week of 21 - 27 April

Mon 21/04	Glen Murphy
Wed 23/04	Colin Brewer
Thur 24/04	
Fri 25/04	
<b>Sat 26/04</b>	
5:00pm	Sonia Mewburn
<b>Sun 27/04</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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



## Pins & Needles

Mon 21 April – 7:15pm  
Parish Library



The Parish Office wishes all parishioners a happy and holy easter.



## 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

Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

SJAFriendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 10:15am shared morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre
Movie Night	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library
Community Connections	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:30pm – 5:00pm Parish Centre

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Readings 27 April 2025

First Reading	Acts 5:12-16
Psalm	Ps 117:2-4, 22-27
Second Reading	Rev 1:9-13, 17-19
Gospel	John 20:19-31

### **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

### 27 Apr Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Di Bruce, Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Polkinghorne

### 27 Apr Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Edgar Nnajide

### 27 Apr Ministers of Communion

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

### 27 Apr 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

### 27 Apr SJAShop

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	20 Apr	Mary Cruickshank
Church Cleaning:	21 Apr	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

### On a Lighter note

