

Eternal Life

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27–28)

In these few short verses, Jesus reveals something profoundly intimate and enduring about the relationship he shares with those who belong to him. He doesn't speak abstractly or hypothetically. His words are simple, yet they carry the weight of eternity: *"I give them eternal life."*

Notice—he doesn't say *"I will give"* or *"I promise to give."* He says *"I give."* Present tense. Eternal life, in the gospel of John, is not a distant reward we receive after death; it is a lived reality that begins now. It is a way of being, a quality of life shaped by knowing and being known by Jesus. It is the life of the Shepherd shared with the sheep—his voice guiding, his presence sustaining, his hand holding us fast.

This kind of life is not just longer; it is deeper. It's a life attuned to the voice of love, sensitive to the movements of grace, alive to the Presence that never lets go. To receive eternal life is to participate in God's own life—here, now, and forever. There is an *eternal* quality to it, yes, but not in the sense of waiting for it to begin. Rather, it unfolds now and carries on without end.

In a world marked by uncertainty, division, and fear, Jesus' words offer a radical assurance: *"No one will snatch them out of my hand."* This is not a promise of a trouble-free existence, but a deep truth—that even in the messiness of our lives, we remain held. Eternal life is not immune to suffering, but it is rooted in a love that suffering cannot undo.

So perhaps the invitation of this passage is to tune our hearts again to the Shepherd's voice, to rest in the knowing that we are already walking in eternal life—right now—and to follow the One who leads us, not just to the future, but into the fullness of life today.

Based on: Gospel Focus – Eternal life, 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

H A P P Y
MOTHER'S
day

*For all mothers
For the one who has lost a mother
For the mother who has lost a child
For the one who longs to be a mother
You are not forgotten this Mother's Day
You are in our prayers and we love you.
For all mothers and all those who mother
may you be blessed every day of your life.*

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Connecting with people living alone

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

2nd Tuesday of the month Coffee Group
13 May – 2:00pm Ichi Café at Kippax
Contact: Barbara Mawson 6254 7989

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
HOLY ROSARY AND MASS**

St John the Apostle Parish
Tuesday 13 May 2025
Rosary from 9:00am
The four mysteries of the Rosary will be
prayed. Mass will commence at 10:30am

FUNERAL NOTICE

Cesar Leon
Requiem Mass
Wednesday 14 May at 10:30am



Pins & Needles
**NO MEETING IN THE
MONTH OF MAY**

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Formation Evening for parents
Monday 19 May
7:00pm – 8:30pm
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

kippax@cg.org.au



**YCS
BELCONNEN**
11 May
After Sunday Mass

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm
St John the Apostle Parish Centre
Year groups 7 – 12 are welcome
Join us for games, praise, prayer, food
and social justice

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

11 May

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
To be on earth the Heart of God
Fr. Jules Chevalier, the MSC Founder
envisioned: "Being MSC, we are brothers
and sisters, priests and lay MSC,
all MSC in our own way."

Through Baptism, all members of the
Body of Christ, the Church, receive a
fundamental vocation to follow Christ
and make his Gospel known in the world.

www.facebook.com/MSC.Vocations.AU

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Relax, Review, Reflect
"Good night and good Luck"
Friday 23 May at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

St John the Apostle Primary School will be
holding a community working bee on
Saturday 17 May 8:30am – 12:30pm.
They are asking for volunteers. Please bring
any garden tools on the day.
They will be providing snacks, drinks and a
BBQ sausage. Please contact Joshua Osborne-
Goldsbrough on 0400 949 580, if you're
available to volunteer.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE
WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday 9:05am – St John the Apostle
Tuesday 9:05am – St John the Apostle
Thursday 9:05am – St Thomas Aquinas

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart – God's gift of himself

The Word proceeds from the unfathomable depths of the Heart of God who generates him equal to himself. God is love itself. This infinite love that constitutes the very depths of God, and forms his nature, has enclosed itself in a human heart, the Heart of Jesus.

That is why God takes delight in this divine heart, the Heart with which he loved us, his living sacrament.

It is through the Heart of Christ, that the love of God, God himself, pours himself out on the world and on the human race. How?

God communicates and gives himself by grace. We really share in his nature; we possess him personally and really.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.277., Paris 1900.

Mass Intentions the week of 12 - 18 May

Mon 12/05	Anne Ots
Wed 14/05	
Thur 15/05	
Fri 16/05	Raman Nichols & Malraj Perez
Sat 17/05	
5:00pm	Special Intention
Sun 18/05	
8:30am	Jim Ohlin
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Next gathering: Friday 16 May

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

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

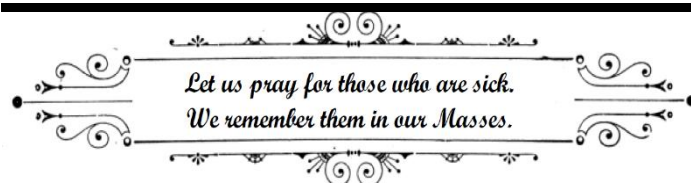
Pilgrims of Hope

Christ is the Heart of the World

The Sacred Heart is the unifying principle of all reality, since "Christ is the heart of the world, and the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection is the centre of history, which, because of him, is a history of salvation". All creatures "are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things". In the presence of the Heart of Christ, I once more ask the Lord to have mercy on this suffering world in which he chose to dwell as one of us. May he pour out the treasures of his light and love, so that our world, which presses forward despite wars, socio-economic disparities and uses of technology that threaten our humanity, may regain the most important and necessary thing of all: its heart.

Pope Francis. Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #31

On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



Recently Deceased: Cesar Leon, John Lizzio

Anniversary:

Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray, Helen Kelly, Andrew Harker, Lawrence Southwick, Jeremy Hope, Zeffirina Penfold, Kenneth Brennan, Krysta Lindstrom, Harrison Wroe, Antonia Gladwish, Pat McLindan, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey, Betty Cowman, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Bryan McGurgan, Marie Millucci, Emma Caskie, Denis Hogan, Robert Egan, Dapohne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots, Michael Wilson, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadsman, Bernard Gibson, Caleb Shaw, Gloria Fleming, Tom Stewart, Michael Logan, Edward McGregor, James Ohlin, June McCall

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 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Readings 18 May 2025

First Reading	Acts 14:21-27
Psalm	Ps 144:8-13
Second Reading	Rev 21:1-5
Gospel	John 13:31-35

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.
What am I? A snake

ROSTERS

18 May

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Maria Scarr
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Max Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Nunga Umaru, Peter Le

18 May

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Marian England
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Bernadette Murnane, Margaret Luck

18 May

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Gordon Donnir, Marie McKie
8:30am	Theresia Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Marini Ignatius
6:00pm	Charlotte D'Cruze, Lionel D'Cruze

18 May

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Barbara Mawson
8:30am	Clyde Sloan, Norma Sloan
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Vigi Varghese

18 May

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	11 May	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	12 May	Edgar Nnajide, Chioma Nnajide

On a Lighter note

WHAT AM I?

I can sizzle like bacon.
I am made with an egg.
I have plenty of backbone,
but lack a good leg.
I peel layers like onions,
but still remain whole.
I can be long like a flagpole,
yet fit in a hole.

Answer somewhere in COMPACT