

Called to live differently

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

"I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song!" In our world, "love" gets tossed around like confetti. It can mean everything... or nothing at all. Sometimes it's genuine affection, other times just a polite compliment—or even a means to an end. We love chocolate, love holidays, love a good movie.

But when Jesus spoke of love, it wasn't flippant, sentimental, or manipulative. His words cut deep and came with a call to live differently.

In John 13, Jesus has just washed his disciples' feet—a servant's task. He knows his time is short. Judas has stepped out into the night, and the shadow of betrayal is looming. Yet, right in this moment of tension and impending suffering, Jesus offers his disciples something new—not a new idea, but a new way of living: *"Love one another. Just as I have loved you."*

This isn't about warm feelings or romantic declarations. It's a love that kneels down to wash dusty feet. A love that stays at the table with the one who will betray. A love that gives itself completely—even to death on a cross. This is not the kind of love we can fake or summon up on our own. It's not casual, not convenient. It's self-giving, sacrificial, courageous.

And this love is not optional. Jesus says it's the *mark* of discipleship: *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* Not by clever arguments, big churches, or impressive programs—but by how we love. The real kind of love. His kind of love.

So today, maybe we pause before saying, "I love..." anything. And instead, ask: Am I living the kind of love Jesus spoke of? The kind that serves, that forgives, that stays close even when it's costly?

That's the love that changes the world.
And that's the love he calls us to live.

Based on: *Have you thought? Love*, 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

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Connecting with people living alone

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



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



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

PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE
WEKKEDAY MASS

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

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

The parish office will be closed on
Monday 2 June
For Reconciliation Day

Information on National Reconciliation week:
National Reconciliation Week -
Reconciliation Australia



2025 theme, *Bridging Now to Next*, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. *Bridging Now to Next* calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

Feast of Our Lady of the
Sacred Heart 31 May 2025
Novena 23-31 May

The intention for the novena to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart this year is vocations. We hope many people will join us praying the nine days of the novena from Friday 23rd to Saturday 31st May, inclusive. Those attending week-day Masses can join together to pray the novena beginning 15 minutes before Mass. On Saturday 24th, the novena will start at 4:45 pm leading into the Vigil Mass and on Sunday at 8:15am for the 8:30am Mass.

If you are not able to attend in person, the novena booklet is available on-line
<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/uploads/Novena%20OLSH%2023%20to%2031%20May%202025.pdf>

The Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated with Mass on Saturday 31 May at St John's at 9.30 am followed by morning tea.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Elaine Carter

Requiem Mass

Tuesday 20 May at 11:00am

St Clare's College
60th Diamond Ball

St Clare's College warmly invites alumni, past and present staff, and parents to join us in celebrating 60 years of excellence at our Diamond Ball. Tickets:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1380584>

24 May | MenALIVE Recharge

We welcome and invite all men in the archdiocese to recharge for free on Saturday 24 May (2.00pm to 5.30pm) followed by rosary, Mass and a BBQ at MHOC Parish South Woden. Let's renew our hope in God. MenALIVE <https://menalive.org.au/>. For registration contact Mat at 0438446489 or Fr Emil at 0414 523 036.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

The depths of the Heart of Jesus

O Jesus, I believe you when you show your adorable Heart and say: Behold this heart that has so loved you all! Yes, I believe you, when you affirm with the church and the saints that what you feel comes from your Heart, the centre of your love, the inspirer of your self-giving, the throne of your mercy, the treasure of heaven and of earth, the abyss of all virtues, an ocean of goodness, a fountain of life, the source of all graces, the refuge of sinners, the strength of the weak, the perseverance of the just, the hope of the dying, the terror of demons, the sanctification of hearts, the house of God and the gate of heaven and a furnace of love.

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.194., Paris 1900.

Mass Intentions the week of 19 - 25 May

Mon 19/05	Chancy Anthony & Mary Sumitra
Wed 21/05	
Thur 22/05	
Fri 23/05	Thanksgiving
Sat 24/05	
5:00pm	
Sun 25/05	
8:30am	Amy Stephenson
10:00am	Gunaratnam Santhipillon
6:00pm	

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

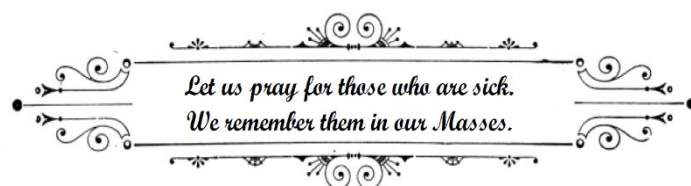
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Pilgrims of Hope

Divine Love

In contemplating Christ's heart, we see how, in his fine and noble sentiments, his kindness and gentleness and his signs of genuine human affection, the deeper truth of his infinite divine love is revealed. In the word of Benedict XVI, "from the infinite horizon of his love, God wished to enter into the limits of human history and the human condition. He took on a body and a heart. Thus, we can contemplate and encounter the infinite in the finite, the invisible and ineffable mystery in the human heart of Jesus the Nazarene"

Pope Francis. Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #64
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Hemult Wanda, Bryan McGurgan, Marie Millucci, Emma Caskie, Denis Hogan, Robert Egan, Daphne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots, Michael Wilson, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadsman, Bernard Gibson, Caleb Shaw, Gloria Fleming, Tom Stewart, Michael Logan, James Ohlin, Edward McGregor, June McCall, Hermine Raeuscher, David Pinner, Christopher Boyldew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic, Giuseppe Miceli, Thomas Flynn, Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Ruby Molloy

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

We pray for the children of the parish preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and The Eucharist on 6 June and 21/22 June respectively.

May the Holy Spirit guide them, fill their hearts with light and love so they may always know and experience God's love.

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

SJA Friendship 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:

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

A Cloud

Readings 25 May 2025

First Reading	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm	Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8
Second Reading	Rev 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel	John 14:23-29

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

25 May

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

25 May

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Marini Ignatius, Edgar Nnaji
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

25 May

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

25 May

Hospitality Roster

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

25 May

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	18 May	Angela Boreham
Church Cleaning:	19 May	Christian Perera, Vigi Varghese

On a Lighter note

