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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

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You will be my Witnesses

In this closing passage of Luke's Gospel, we are drawn into the quiet intensity of a sacred threshold. Jesus, risen and radiant, gathers his disciples one final time. With clarity and purpose, he unfolds the great narrative of God's saving love: that the Christ would suffer, die, and rise again, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Then comes the commission, simple and breathtaking: "You are witnesses of these things."

This is no passive observing. To be a witness is to carry within oneself the memory of Jesus' suffering and triumph, to bear the truth of his love not only in word but in life. The disciples are to become living testaments to resurrection hope. But they are not left to do this alone. Jesus promises what the Father promised—the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. Only with this Spirit can human hearts be set ablaze with the courage and joy needed to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

As Jesus blesses the disciples and ascends into heaven, he does not leave them with absence but with promise. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). They return to Jerusalem not in grief but "with great joy," their hearts already kindled by the flame of mission.

This passage invites each of us to step into the shoes of those early disciples. We, too, are witnesses. We, too, await the Spirit who renews the face of the earth. And we, too, are sent—not only to faraway places, but into the very heart of our families, workplaces, schools, and communities—to embody and proclaim that Christ is alive.

Based On: Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses, 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 MassWednesday and Thursday 9:30am

Wednesday and Thursday Answer to the riddle: Queue

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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

What is your Mother Tongue?

On **Pentecost Sunday**, the Apostles filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke in many different tongues. We would like to hear prayers from different languages embracing the diversity of our parish. Are you a parishioner whose mother tongue is not English? If you would be willing to read a Prayer of the Faithful in your first language at your Mass on the weekend of 8 June – Pentecost Sunday, then please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

The English version will be on the overhead so that the congregation can understand.

Prayer for Vocations Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

To be on earth the Heart of God
Third Friday Monthly 9:30am Mass

Fr. Jules Chevalier, the MSC Founder envisioned: "Being MSC, we are brothers and sisters, priests and lay MSC, all MSC in our own way.

"May we, the Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus your Son, be blessed abundantly with men and women chosen to share our mission of love"

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

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Frs. Tru and Chung will be attending a training course Monday 9 – Friday 13 June 2025.

There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 9:30am on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at

St John the Apostle Parish and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at St Thomas Aquinas parish.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Help Keep Our Community Healthy This Winter

As winter settles in, let's take simple steps to protect one another from colds, flu, and COVID-19. Many in our community are currently unwell, and COVID continues to circulate.

Please remember to:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water
- Use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the church
- Stay home if you're feeling unwell

Together, we can care for each other and help keep our parish community safe and healthy this winter.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

The parish office will be closed on **Monday 2 June**

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.



MSC Mission Office Appeal St John the Apostle Parish 7/8 June 2023

This week 31/1st: Ascension of the Lord into Heaven

We can all rise up above ourselves, our circumstances and the chaos of the world. We can all raise others up by our love and concern, by generosity and support.

The Mission Office is committed to giving a HAND UP to all those who need it.

Roger Purcell msc, Director

Heart Spirituality

The Ascension

Jesus told his disciples: it is for your own good that I am going to my Father, because I go to prepare a place for you, and to send you the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth who will teach you everything (Jn. 16:7). The role of Jesus in heaven is the role of a mediator who never ceases to plead on our behalf and to cry aloud for God's mercy upon us: Mediator between God and humanity (1Tim 2:5). "Jesus entered heaven itself, so that he could appear in the presence of God on our behalf" (Heb. 9:24). Knowing our weakness and the dangers we incur here below, he asks without ceasing for the graces we need: living forever to intercede for us (Heb. 7: 25). Why? Because it is his wish that we may one day possess the throne he has prepared for us. Since his heart is full of love for us, let us ask him to bless and protect us.

> Jules Chevalier msc Meditations I, p.609., Issoudun 1891.

Mass Intentions the week of 2-8 June

Mon 02/06	
Wed 04/06	
Thur 05/06	
Fri 06/06	Doris Galea
Sat 07/06	
5:00pm	Robert Scarr
Sun 15/05	
8:30am	
10:00am	Joseph Zabar
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

A History of Salvation

In the end, 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 entire 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:

Anniversary:

Kevin McAlister, Pat Butcher, Brian Durack, Maxwell harmer, Anna Pisciotta, Bette Rutter, Beryl Moulis, Mary Clynch, David Mather, Wally Chymko, Eric Duve, Margareet Coker-Godson, Olga Sarran, Terry Sheppard, Neryl Hogan, Roxanne Le Cornu, Stefanie Seaton, mary Stinton, Margaret Keogh, Thomas Guy, Stephan Carew, Elizabeth Strike, Jack Draper, Marie Johnson, Evelyn Weinman, Geoffrey Steward, Ian Cupitt, Denise Doyle, John Bray, Dorothea Guilfoyle, Ilona Ham, Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 2nd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion	Sunday 9.15am
(Parish Centre)	during school term

PRAYER LIFE

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

SOCIAL LIFE

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: A blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Readings 8 June 2025

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

Ps 103:24, 29*-31, 34 **Psalm** 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Second Reading John 20:19-23 Gospel

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

June		Acolyte Roster
	5:00pm	Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
	8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
	10:00am	Peter Kain, Vy Pham
	6:00pm	Carl Madsen, Joy McInerney

8 June		Lector Roster
	5:00pm	Colleen Reed, Therese Kercher
	8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejser
	10:00am	Gabe Sequeira, Dennis Puniard

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	6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck		
8	June	Ministers of Communion		
ſ	5:00nm	Maria Catanzariti Marian England		

10:00am Frank Colley, Margarete Gill 6:00pm John McGee, Marian Crowley		Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
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8 June Hospitality Ros		Hospitality Roster
	5:00pm	Jenny Maher, Mercia Needham
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8:30am | Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen

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	6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Igoe-Taylor
	10:00am	Shovin Weerawarnakula, Francesca Deklin
	8:30am	Mandy Lalor, Wendy Wade
	5:00pm	Jenny Maher, Mercia Needham

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	5:00pm	Mercia Needham
	8:30am	
	10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
	6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	1 June	Maryanne Ferguson
Church	2 June	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan,
Cleaning:		Debbie and Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

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What English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take away four of its five letters?

Answer somewhere in COMPACT