

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ YEAR C

22 June 2025

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The Miracle is in the Sharing

"They all ate and were filled."

In this familiar and beloved passage, Luke recounts the feeding of the five thousand—a moment of profound generosity and divine abundance. But beneath the surface of this miracle is a deeper truth about the reign of God and the transformative power of sharing. Jesus doesn't conjure food from thin air. Instead, he asks, "What do you have?" The disciples reply, "Only five loaves and two fish." It's not enough. Or so it seems. But when offered freely and placed in Jesus' hands, that small, humble offering becomes more than enough—they all ate and were filled.

This is why the early Church and many scholars see this as a Eucharistic story. Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the crowd—actions we recognize in every celebration of the Eucharist. It is a clear sign of God's presence in an ordinary, shared meal that becomes extraordinary through love and trust.

In Luke's gospel, meals are never just meals. They are teaching moments, rich with meaning. Jesus eats with sinners and tax collectors. He dines with Pharisees and outcasts. At every table, a truth is revealed: in the reign of God, all are welcome. No one is excluded from the table—not the poor, not the outsider, not even the one with only a little to offer.

The miracle happened not only in the multiplication of food, but in the *multiplication of trust*—in the shift from scarcity to abundance that happens when we choose to give, rather than hold back. When we share what little we have, the reign of God breaks in, and something sacred unfolds. There is enough, because *we are enough*—when we come together in love.

This gospel invites us to ask: What do I have to offer? What am I holding back, fearing it's too small or insignificant? And what would happen if I gave it anyway?

In the Kingdom of God, nothing is wasted. Everything matters. Everyone belongs.

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*

The Longest Night: Hope in Christ's Light

On Saturday, June 21st, the Southern Hemisphere experiences its longest night. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we reflect on Christ, the "Light of the World" knowing that "light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John1:5)

*A Prayer for the Longest Night:
Lord Jesus, Master of light and darkness, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we trust your light shines in every shadow of our lives and world, and that darkness will never overcome it. Fill us with your enduring hope, peace and love. Amen.*

St Thomas More Forum

Will it be Lawful to be a Christian in 2050? And what the ACT compulsory takeover of Calvary Hospital means for Australia

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Tony Percy

Date: Friday 27 June 2025

Time: 6.45pm for 7.30pm

Venue: Mercure Hotel, Limestone Ave, Braddon

Cost: \$99.00 (Dinner and wine)

RSVP: 11am Friday 20 June 2025

forum@stthomasmore.org.au | 0416 823 447

Register Now:

<https://bit.ly/stmf-270625>

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 25 MARCH – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

HARDWICK CRESCENT HOLT



Relax, Review, Reflect

"The Six Triple Eight"

Friday 27 June at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend the children of SJA and STA parishes will receive The Eucharist for the first time.

St John the Apostle Parish:

5pm Vigil Saturday - 16 children

8:30am Sunday - 4 children

10:00am Sunday - 11 children

6:00pm Sunday - 2 children

St Thomas Aquinas Parish:

6:00pm Vigil Saturday - 25 children

9:00am Sunday - 7 children

Please hold all of these children in your prayers.

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday

27 June 2025

11:00am Mass



The Missionaries of the Sacred of Jesus will be celebrating this feast day across the globe. At St John the Apostle Parish we will celebrate at the **11:00am mass** with the Children from St John the Apostle Primary School followed by a soup lunch in the church foyer.

St John's Friendship Group

Morning Tea

next meeting on

Wednesday 25 June

10:00am - parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Contact: Barbara Mawson in you have any quesitons on 6254 7989

ACCOMMODATED WANTED

A parishioner is seeking a accommodation [house/unit/flat/granny flat] in our area. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office kippx@cg.org.au or 6254 3236

Heart Spirituality

The Eucharist, memorial of all the miracles of Jesus

The Eucharist is the centre of the Sacraments that communicate to us the power of our redemption. It is a mysterious abyss where resides the source of all graces; it prolongs and multiplies in this valley of tears the presence of God incarnate. It renews the sacrifice of calvary; it extends the incarnation of the Word in each of the members of his mystical body. It is the pledge of our resurrection and of our glorification in heaven. It is the glory of the Church, the profound symbol and active centre of its unity. The holy Eucharist is the masterpiece and the ultimate limit of the love of the Heart of Jesus for us. It comes from this Heart like a river from its source.

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.214f., Paris 1900.

Mass Intentions the week of 23-29 June

Mon 23/06	Robert Bower
Wed 25/06	
Thur 26/06	Shanthi Jayawardena
Fri 27/06	Remi Van de Brink
Sat 28/06	
5:00pm	Joe Mewburn
Sun 29/06	
8:30am	Fay Hodgetts
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

Parish morning tea – 29 June

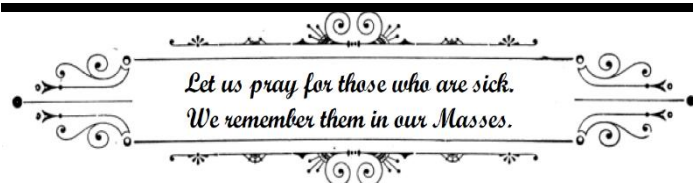
after the 10.00 am mass. Come and meet your fellow parishioners. All welcome! Please bring a plate to share if you can.

Pilgrims of Hope

Christ's Divine and Human Heart

Devotion to Christ's heart is essential for our Christian life to the extent that it expresses our openness in faith and adoration to the mystery of the Lord's divine and human love. In this sense, we can once more affirm that the Sacred Heart is a synthesis of the gospel. We need to remember that the visions or mystical showings related by certain saints who passionately encouraged devotion to Christ's heart are not something that the faithful are obliged to believe as if they were the word of God. Nonetheless, they are rich sources of encouragement and can prove greatly beneficial, even if no one need feel forced to follow them should they not prove helpful on his or her own spiritual journey. At the same time, however, we should be mindful that, as Pius XII pointed out, this devotion cannot be said "to owe its origin to private revelations".

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us*, #83
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



Recently Deceased: Ken Hill

Anniversary:

Lucy Wilcott, Robert Cocks,
Philip Donoghoe, Joan Loughry,
Ursula Sweeney, June Henshaw, Adrian Uhr,
Giovanni Scalora, Jason Murray, Arthur Yee,
Kevin Maloney, Nathan Jones, John Lazaro,
Mildren Holland, William Edmunds,
Rohan Murphy, Norah Keneally,
Garrick Kelly, Rebeca Malone, William, Philip
Jan McDonough, Stanley Howell,
Narelle Karling, Lynne Connolly, Daniel
Worner, Catherine Farrugia, Nigel Smith,
Gilbert Hall

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

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:

You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says
the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Readings **29 June 2025**

First Reading	Acts 12:1-11
Psalm	Ps 33:2-9
Second Reading	2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-19

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

29 June

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Nunga Umaru

29 June

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Kirsty Vera, Kerry Yard
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Frank Colley, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Karna O'Dea, Jenny McGee

29 June

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Maria Scarr
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi

29 June

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Helen Murphy, Judith O'Neill
8:30am	Agnes Pham
10:00am	Manel Seneviratna, Christine Lancaster
6:00pm	

29 June

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	22 June	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	23 June	

On a Lighter note

