

#### **“Who do you say I am?”**

In today's Gospel, Jesus brings his disciples to the region of Caesarea Philippi—a place known for its pagan temples and competing claims of power and divinity. It is here, in this backdrop of confusion and plurality, that he asks them: *“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”* They respond with the names of prophets and holy figures from the past, trying to make sense of Jesus through the lens of what they already know. But then he sharpens the focus: *“But who do you say I am?”*

This is no longer a question about what others believe. It's personal. Immediate. It demands an answer from the heart.

Peter responds with bold clarity: *“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”* In this moment, Peter moves beyond hearsay. He allows his lived experience of Jesus—his compassion, healing, truth-telling, and love—to inform his answer. And Jesus, in turn, blesses Peter for this insight, this moment of divine revelation, and entrusts him with a foundational role in the life of the Church.

This same question—*“Who do you say I am?”*—is one Jesus continues to ask each of us. Not just once, but again and again, in the quiet of prayer, in the turmoil of crisis, in the face of injustice, and in the ordinariness of daily life.

Our answer isn't just spoken; it's revealed in how we live.

If we say Jesus is healer,  
do we let him touch our woundedness?

If we say Jesus is teacher,  
are we willing to be taught, to be challenged?

If we say Jesus is Lord,  
do we surrender control, trust in grace, and follow where love leads—even when it costs?

Peter's confession was not the end of the journey, but the beginning. So too for us. Every day, Jesus asks anew, *“Who do you say I am?”* And our lives become our answer.

*Based on: Living the Gospel – Who do you say I am?, 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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**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*

## QUARTERLY PARISH EXPENSES APRIL TO JUNE

Thank you to all who thoughtfully contributed to our January–March appeal, which raised \$8,728 to help cover essential costs such as insurance, levies, and electricity. Your support is deeply appreciated and vital to the ongoing life of our parish.

As we come to the end of the April–June quarter, our essential expenses have totalled \$13,613.49, broken down as follows:

- Insurance: \$6,152.25
- Levies: \$3,281.68
- Electricity: \$4,179.56

While we are not holding a formal appeal at this time, parishioners who feel moved to contribute are warmly invited to do so. Your donations help sustain the mission and ministry of our parish.

Parish Account Details

BSB: 062-786

Account: 0001 3630

Name: St John the Apostle Parish

Reference: Your Name

*Thank you for your ongoing stewardship and care of our parish.*

### 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.

### 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](mailto:kippx@cg.org.au) or 6254 3236

Congratulations to the 66 children of our SJA & STA parishes who received the sacrament of the Eucharist last weekend. May their encounter with the most holy Body and Blood of Jesus draw them in closer to his heart.

### PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Frs. Tru and Chung will be absent from the parish from Monday 7 – Friday 11 July 2025 as they attend their annual retreats.

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.

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



**MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month ■**



**9:30am**

**4 July 2025**

**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.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

*Connecting with people living alone*

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month Coffee Group  
8 July – 2:00pm Ichi Café at Kippax  
Contact: Barbara Mawson 6254 7989

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month gathering  
20 July at 4:00pm – 5:30pm  
Parish Centre

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Heart Spirituality

## Each person is unique

Each of the elect, angel or saint, shares in the divine life in time by grace and in eternity by glory. That is the common basis everywhere of perfection and of beatitude. But each receives this grace and this glory in a special way, in their own proper, personal measure. This makes each one, for all eternity, a special being, able to say like God:

*I am he who is;*

and to do this not in some general way, but in particular: I am this, this particular someone who is not and never will be someone other. Just as He who is takes his name from his Being, and calls himself the NAME, the supreme name, since he is the supreme being; in heaven, each will receive the name of his being, a personal name, different from every other, that will say for all eternity who is the one who bears it.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.83f., Paris 1900.

## Mass Intentions the week of 30 June – 6 July

Mon 30/06	
Wed 02/07	
Thur 03/07	
Fri 04/07	Anne Harney
<b>Sat 05/07</b>	
5:00pm	Doris Galea
<b>Sun 06/07</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Doreen Coomerawal

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

## Who Am I?

Instead of running after superficial satisfactions and playing a role for the benefit of others, we would do better to think about the really important questions in life. Whom am I, really? What am I looking for? What directions do I want to give to my life, my decisions and my actions? Why and for what purpose am I in this world? How do I want to look back on my life once it ends? What meaning do I want to give to all my experiences? Who do I want to be for others? Who am I for God? All these questions lead us back to the heart.

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #8*

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

*Let us pray for those who are sick.  
We remember them in our Masses.*

## Recently Deceased:

*Helen Dodds* [wife of John]

**Anniversary:** John Lazaro, Mildred Holland, William Edmunds, Rohan Murphy, Norah Keneally, Garrick Kelly, Rebeca Malone, William, Philip, Jan McDonough, Stanley Howell, Narelle Karling, Daniel Worner, Lynne Connolly, Catherine Farrugia, Nigel Smith, Gilbert Hall, Patrick Salmon, Jean Irvine, Hortencia Cid, John Bell, Jack Synnott, Elizabeth Dennison, John O'Brien, Steven Argy, Joe Mewburn, Rosalie Callaghan, Constance Crowe, Gertrude Czarnik, Conner Cooke, Anne Patterson, Sam Ford, Elsie Bingham, Christopher Davis, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester, Doris Galea



## Pins & Needles

Mon 21 July – 7:15pm  
Parish Library

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

### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build  
my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

### **Readings 6 July 2025**

First Reading	Is 66:10-14
Psalm	Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20
Second Reading	Gal 6:14-18
Gospel	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### **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

### **6 July Acolyte Roster**

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rodney Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Maxime Kpudzeka, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

### **6 July Lector Roster**

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Gabe Sequeira, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Margaret Luck

### **6 July Ministers of Communion**

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena, Judy Netting
8:30am	Pat Cowubrn, Angela Boreham
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Peter Igoe-Taylor

### **6 July Hospitality Roster**

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	John and Jenny McGee

### **6 July SJAShop**

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

### **Weekly Rosters**

Altar Society	29 June	Chioma Nnajide
Church Cleaning:	30 June	Parish Office

### On a Lighter note

