

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**13 July 2025**

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**#33.25**

### The Good Samaritan

Jesus' original audience would have been *shocked* by his choice of a Samaritan as the hero of this parable—not because it simply illustrated enmity between groups, but because it cut directly across the expected roles and social norms. In the cultural setting of Jesus' time, a Samaritan would have been the *least likely* person to be cast as the one who fulfills God's law of love. The priest and Levite—figures associated with religious duty and social standing—fail to act. Their actions are shaped by ritual purity codes and social expectations. The Samaritan, however, acts not out of duty or conformity, but from *compassion*.

And that is the heart of the story. Compassion.

In Luke's Gospel, compassion is not a sentimental feeling—it's a call to action that overrides cultural, religious, and social boundaries. The Samaritan *sees* the wounded man, is *moved with pity*, and *draws near*. He acts concretely, generously, and at personal cost. His care is detailed and sustained, extending beyond the initial moment of rescue. Jesus lifts up this compassionate response as the model for how we are to love our neighbour—not in theory, but in the grit and complexity of real life.

When the lawyer asks, "Who is my neighbour?" he is looking for boundaries—trying to define who *deserves* his love. Jesus turns the question on its head by instead asking, "Who was neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" It is not about defining others, but about *becoming* a neighbour through compassionate action.

The commandment at the end is simple and confronting: "Go and do the same yourself." This is not a story we are meant to admire from a distance. It is a story we are meant to *enter*. Jesus does not just tell us to think differently; he calls us to *act* differently—to allow compassion to interrupt our routines, challenge our prejudices, and guide our responses.

This Gospel invites us to a deeper, more courageous discipleship—one where compassion has the final word.

Based on: *Have you thought? Contemporary context*, 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*

## Vinnies Winter Appeal

The theme of this year's Winter Appeal is: **'Help break the cycle of homelessness'**. This is a real issue in our local community. Cash and card donations to the Winter Appeal can be made after all Masses on the weekends of 19 and 20 July and 26 and 27 July. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your donations of non-perishable food items over the past year. They are gratefully received by our companions who are doing it tough. It is a great help to the Vinnies Conference.

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### PowerPoint Operators Needed

Are you someone who enjoys being quietly helpful? We're currently using recorded music at our 10:00am and 6:00pm Sunday Masses, and we need PowerPoint operators to help ensure the smooth and prayerful flow of the liturgy. This is a simple but vital role that makes a big difference to the whole congregation. If you're comfortable with basic technology and are willing to serve once or twice a month, we'd love to hear from you! No experience needed – just a willing heart. To find out more or to get involved, please contact the parish office.

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### YCS BELCONNEN

27<sup>th</sup> July

After Sunday Mass

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Year groups 7 – 12 are welcome

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SJA Men's Group Next gathering:  
Friday 18 July

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### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

20 July at 4:00pm – 5:30pm

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### Pins & Needles

Mon 21 July – 7:15pm

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### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

TUESDAY 22 JULY – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

HARDWICK CRESCENT HOLT

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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## Naming a Parish

As the two parishes of St John's and St Thomas' continue to merge, we are now at the stage of discerning a name for the merged parishes. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will speak at all masses the weekend of 26/27 July with a view to canvassing parishioner's preferences. The PPC has proffered the following names for consideration and discernment.

St John the Apostle &

St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

St Francis de Sales Parish

St Margaret Mary Parish

St Therese of Lisieux Parish

Christ the Redeemer Parish

During the weeks leading up to 26/27 would you please prayerful discern your preference.

## Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, Gift of wisdom and guide of God's people, we turn to You in this time of change and hope.

As the communities of St John's and St Thomas' continue to grow together, we ask You to stir our hearts with the love that unites, and lead us in the path of faithful discernment.

You know the story of our people—  
our joys, our struggles,  
our hopes for the future.

As we listen for Your voice, may we be inspired by the lives of the saints and the holy names offered for our reflection. Give us hearts that are open, minds that are attentive, and spirits ready to follow where You lead.

May the name chosen for our new parish honour the past, witness to our faith today, and call us forward with renewed purpose.

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe in us. May this name speak of who we are, and who You are calling us to become.

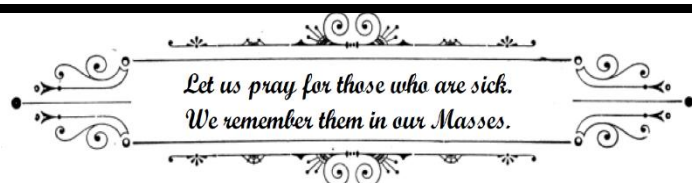
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# Heart Spirituality

## Compassion

Our love of neighbour should be tenderhearted and compassionate. The Samaritan should be our model. Along the road he meets a wounded man, half dead, stripped, dying of hunger. He is stirred at the sight, and his heart touched with compassion (Lk. 10:33). Let us not close our heart to pity, when along life's road we come across a person wounded by sorrow, bruised by ingratitude, calumny, prostrate in the mud of a disorderly life, or a poor person lacking everything, or a needy family. Like the Samaritan, let us draw near to these unfortunate people, and do everything in our power to comfort them. Do we conduct ourselves in this way? Do we not on the contrary imitate the hardness of heart of the men in the gospel towards the wounded man?

Jules Chevalier msc  
Méditations II, p.259., Issoudun 1891.



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Christopher Davis, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester, Doris Galea, Marie Richards, Mollie Paterson, Chris Penders, John McEnaney, Leon Nguyen, Bede Stinson, Thomas Hallahan, Bernard Armstrong, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Jane Kurzynski, Lionel Carberry, Catherine Raads, Josephine O'Kane, Gayle McGoogan, Joan Ferguson, Monique Pearce, Veronica Hannah, Shane Connolly, David Leonard, Paul Kurylowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen Carson, Robert Bower, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhouse, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall, Tina Martino, James Patterson, Dolly Munoz, Queenie Solomonz, Mary Mules, Marie Cowman, Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Debra Niquet, Donald Briggs, Domatilla Malia

# Pilgrims of Hope

## The Unifying Principle of all Reality

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

## Mass Intentions the week of 14-20 July

Mon 14/07	Jim Dyson
Wed 15/07	
Thur 16/07	
Fri 17/07	
<b>Sat 18/07</b>	
5:00pm	Maria Dang
<b>Sun 19/07</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	Celia Gomez
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!

## 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

## 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 Holt</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:

Turn to the Lord in your need,  
and you will live.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

## Readings **20 July 2025**

First Reading	Gen 18:1-10
Psalm	Ps 14:2-5
Second Reading	Col 1:24-28
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42

### **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

### 20 July

### Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr
10:00am	Rose and Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	Nunga Umaru, Peter Le

### 20 July

### Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Neeting
8:30am	Jordan Forka, John O'Heir
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Busi Nkomo, Karna O'Dea

### 20 July

### Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Gordon Donnir, Marie McKie
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, John Blackwell
6:00pm	Charlotte and Lionel D'Cruze

### 20 July

### Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Barbara Mawson
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	James & Jessica Nguyen, Pav Perera
6:00pm	Vigi Varghese

### 20 July

### SJAShop

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	13 July	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	14 July	Edgar and Chioma Nnajide

### On a Lighter note

