

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 July 2025

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Teach us to Pray

In today's Gospel, the disciples come to Jesus with a simple but heartfelt request: "Lord, teach us to pray." They have witnessed the depth and intimacy of Jesus' relationship with God and want to be drawn into that same connection.

Jesus responds by teaching them the Our Father—not just a set of words, but a way of approaching God with trust and love. He begins with "Father"—a term of closeness and familiarity. Right from the start, prayer is shown to be more than asking for things; it is about relationship. It is rooted in our understanding of who God is.

A crucial aspect of prayer is the attitude with which we view God. We trust in God's character—that it is not a pointless exercise to ask for something. We trust that God is even more loving than a parent who longs to give their child what they truly need. If we didn't hold this basic trust in God's goodness, prayer would feel empty.

Jesus goes on to encourage persistence in prayer—not because God is reluctant to give, but because God delights in the relationship that prayer builds. "Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you." These words reassure us that God is not distant or indifferent. God is near, listening, and always inviting us into deeper connection.

When our prayer lives falter—as they sometimes do—it may not be about the way we pray, but about our *relationship* with God. Before we try to "fix" our routines or disciplines, perhaps we need to return to the heart of prayer: Do I believe God is good? Do I trust that God hears me? Am I open to the loving presence of God in my daily life?

Prayer begins and ends with relationship—with a God who knows us, loves us, and invites us to draw near.

Based on: Gospel Focus – Relationship 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*

Fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

"Blessed are those who have not lost hope"
(Sirach 14:2)

Today we join with the universal Church in celebrating the Fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly.

Established by Pope Francis, this special day is held near the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. It is a time to honour the vital role that grandparents and elders play in passing on faith, wisdom, and love across generations.

During Mass today, a special blessing will be offered for all grandparents and the elderly in our community.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of the Winter Appeal. Conference members will be available to accept donations again this weekend.

Together we can help break the cycle of homelessness.

VINNIES BLUE TUBS

Thank you to those very kind parishioners who bring in donations of food for Vinnies' companions. Over the last 6 months you have helped over 1,000 adults and over 1,100 children with food, and the knowledge that other people care about what they are going through. Thank you.

SJAParish Library

We're always grateful for thoughtful contributions to our parish library. If you have books or resources you'd like to donate, please have a chat with one of the office staff before leaving your contributions. Thank you

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This Sunday – 27 July

After Sunday Mass

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Year groups 7 – 12 are welcome

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 **this weekend**

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.

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Fr. Chung is facilitating a retreat for the MSC in Vietnam. He will return to the parish on Friday 8 August.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

15 August 2025

9:30am Mass

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The motive for my creation

God says to me, I have loved you with an everlasting love! ME! It is specifically me whom God has so loved, ungrateful me, sinful me. God of surpassing majesty, God of supreme beauty and limitless perfection, God has loved me.

God!.....me!....

What distance!

The Infinite!.....and nothing!

And God has loved this nothing! Loved!

O God of love,

make me understand this word: Loved! He who has always existed has always loved me, and it is through love that he decreed my creation from all eternity.

Jules Chevalier msc

Retraite de Saint Ignace, p.17f., Issoudun 1904.

Mass Intentions the week of 28 July-3 August

Mon 28/07	
Wed 30/07	
Thur 31/07	Special Intention
Fri 01/08	Fallace Family Members

Sat 02/08	
5:00pm	John O'Brien

Sun 03/08	
8:30am	
10:00am	Kathleen Noakes
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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!

LIBRARY NEWS: The focus display in the library for the month of July is *Reading the Bible*. Books include "The cultural dictionary of the Bible" and "Reading the Bible again for the first time".

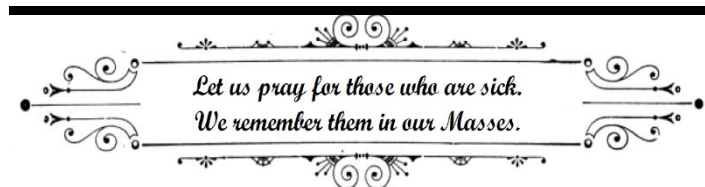
Pilgrims of Hope

A Relationship of Friendship

Our relationship with Jesus Christ is one of friendship and adoration, drawn by the love symbolised by his Heart. While we venerate this image, our worship is directed to the living Christ—fully divine and fully human—whose risen body includes his Heart. This Heart is not worshipped for its own sake but because it is the Heart of the incarnate Word, alive and loving us. Any devotion to his Heart is truly given to Christ himself, as it reflects and draws us into the infinite love of Jesus. The image is a symbol; the love is real and personal.

Drawn from Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us*, #s 50 & 51

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



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Valentini Vratarić, Therese Vand Der Vliet, Carol Thompson, Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, Bernard Coughlin, Barry Swan, Ardina Dudok, Jillian McInerney, June Traynor, Diane Eccles, Mathilde Clemence, Nola Faulkner, Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Olive Cockcroft, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle, Jackie Green, Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Denes Bogsanyi, Edward Carr, Christine Robinson, Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Ciszek, Leonardo Hill

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



"I never found the companion that was so companionable as solitude"

Henry David Thoreau

**July KIT has a spread on
Mental Health**

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

SOCIAL LIFE

SJA Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 10:15am shared morning tea answer to the riddle: Heroine</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 Holt</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:

Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes
us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Readings 3 August 2025

First Reading	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm	Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17
Second Reading	Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21

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

3 August

Acolyte Roster

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

3 August

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

3 August

Ministers of Communion

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

3 August

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

3 August

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	27 July	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	28 July	

On a Lighter note

Riddle..... answer somewhere in COMPACT

Consider this about a word: The first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire word signifies a great woman. What is the word?