

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**3 August 2025**

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**#36.25**

### **The Parable of the Rich Fool**

In this parable, Jesus tells the story of a man whose land yields a great harvest. Rather than sharing his abundance or asking what God might desire of him, the man focuses solely on building bigger barns to store it all. He tells himself he can now “relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But that very night, his life is demanded of him. And God asks, “The things you have prepared—whose will they be?”

This question pierces through the illusions of permanence and control that so often accompany wealth and possessions. It is a question that echoes deeply in our modern world, where success is so often equated with accumulation. The phrase, “Whoever has the most toys, wins,” may be said in jest, but it betrays a truth about the values that drive much of our culture.

We live in a consumerist society that thrives on the desire for more—more gadgets, more upgrades, more comfort, more control. Built-in obsolescence ensures that what is new today will be outdated tomorrow, and we are caught in a cycle of acquiring and discarding. But at what cost? This parable reminds us that the things we possess do not define the value of our lives. In fact, they may distract us from what truly matters.

Jesus isn’t condemning wealth in itself but the folly of placing our trust and identity in it. The rich man’s fatal error wasn’t his abundance; it was his isolation. His wealth served only himself. He thought he could secure his future with full barns, but he forgot that his life—like ours—is ultimately in God’s hands.

This parable invites us to examine our own attachments and priorities. What are we storing up? Are we rich in what matters to God—compassion, justice, generosity, gratitude? Or are we building bigger barns for things that perish, while neglecting the needs of our neighbour and the call of the Spirit?

God’s question—“So this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?”—is not meant to shame us, but to awaken us. It calls us back to what is enduring. It invites us to loosen our grip on the fleeting and open our hearts to the eternal.

*Based on: Living the Gospel – This hoard of yours...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*

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

*Connecting with people living alone*

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

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

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### LONELINESS AWARENESS WEEK

**4-10 August 2025 Moments Matter**

Loneliness is a critical issue and is recognised as a public health priority for many countries around the world. However, despite being highly prevalent, loneliness isn't widely understood or spoken about in Australia. Loneliness Awareness Week shines a spotlight on the shared experience of loneliness and calls on all Australians, including individuals, communities, workplaces, education, and government, to take action to reduce loneliness and create more opportunities for meaningful social connections.

<http://www.lonelinessawarenessweek.com.au/>

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**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".



*Relax, Review, Reflect*  
*"Bruce Almighty"*  
**Friday 8 August at 7:00pm**  
*in the parish library.*

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### Feast of Mary MacKillop

Friday 8 August

9:30am Mass

St John the Apostle Parish

Morning Tea after Mass in the foyer

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### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Friday 15 August

9:30am Mass

St John the Apostle Parish

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**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**

YCS Canberra is hosting a trivia night on  
August 17th

# YCS TRIVIA NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A FUN TRIVIA  
NIGHT WITH MUSIC AND FOOD

AFTER 6PM MASS · ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH  
HALL · 25 BLACKHAM ST. HOLT ACT 2615 · \$5  
ENTRY · DONATIONS · ALL DONATIONS MADE GO  
TOWARD KARINYA HOUSE

**bring a plate to share!**

## Sister Sue Hallams SGS

Many parishioners will know Sister Sue, who—along with Sisters Rita and Clare—is a regular attendee at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Sister Sue recently underwent knee surgery, but unfortunately, her recovery was complicated. Further medical investigations have since revealed that she is suffering from a brain disease.

She will soon be relocating to Sydney to receive care and support from the Good Samaritan Sisters, the religious order to which she belongs.

Please keep Sister Sue in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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KIT @ KIPPAX

July KIT was emailed out on Thursday 31 July. If you did not receive a copy please contact the parish office.

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

# Heart Spirituality

## The transformation of the material world

"The heavens are the work of your hands; all will vanish." That is true, but explaining it further King David adds: "You will change them Lord like a garment" (Ps 102:25f). What is announced here is a destruction, of form not of substance. "The present sky and earth are destined for fire, and are only being reserved until Judgement day so that all sinners may be destroyed" (2 Pet 3:7,10). That will be the general purification of the universe, a universe "unable to attain its purpose, but not for any fault of its own. Freed from its slavery to decadence, it will enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.

From the beginning until now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth" (Rom 8:20-22). This giving birth that is being prepared refers to the new universe: "What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heaven and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home" (2 Pet 3:13).

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.303f., Paris 1900.

# Pilgrims of Hope

## "United in Love: Christ's Call to Rebuild the World"

Saint John Paul explained that by entrusting ourselves together to the heart of Christ., "over the ruins accumulated by hatred and violence, the greatly desired civilization of love, the Kingdom of the heart of Christ, can be built". This clearly requires that we "unite filial love for God and love of neighbour", and indeed this is "the true reparation asked by the heart of the Saviour". In union with Christ, amid the ruins we have left in this world by our sins, we are called to build a new civilization of love. That is what it means to make reparation as the heart of Christ would have us do. Amid the devastation wrought by evil, the heart of Christ desires that we cooperate with him in restoring goodness and beauty to our world.

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #182*  
*On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

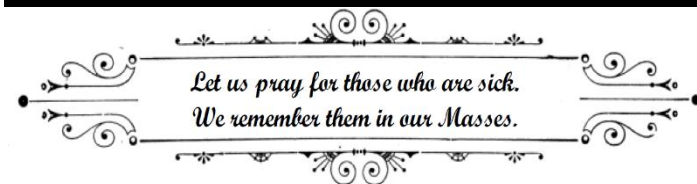
**For Mutual coexistence:** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons. In hope we pray

## Mass Intentions the week of 4-10 August

Mon 04/08	
Wed 06/08	Doris Galea
Thur 07/08	
Fri 08/08	Mieke Van Rooy

Sat 09/08	
5:00pm	John Pham

Sun 10/08	
8:30am	Dominic Pham
10:00am	
6:00pm	



## Recently Deceased:

Dennis Sleight [former principal at St John the Apostle Primary School]

Bill Welsh [former MSC priest who ministered to our parish in the 1970's]

## Anniversary:

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, Keith Joblin, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, John McGee, Jean Tierney, Alfred Clynych, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Maria Van Rooy, Lidia DeMontis, Derick Brick, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran

## 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 answer to the riddle: the ocean

## 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

SJA Friendship 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:

In every age, O Lord,  
you have been our refuge.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

## Readings **10 August 2025**

First Reading	Wis 18:6-9
Psalm	Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22
Second Reading	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel	Luke 12:32-48

### **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

### **10 August Acolyte Roster**

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

### **10 August Lector Roster**

5:00pm	Colleen Reed, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

### **10 August Ministers of Communion**

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Anthony Noakes
6:00pm	John McGee

### **10 August Hospitality Roster**

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

### **10 August SJAShop**

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	3 Aug	Maryanne Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	4 Aug	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne

## On a Lighter note

### Riddle.....answer somewhere in COMPACT

I look flat, but I am deep. Hidden realms I shelter. Lives I take, but food I offer. At times I am beautiful. I can be calm, angry, and turbulent. I have no heart, but offer pleasure as well as death. No man can own me, yet I encompass what all men must have. What am I?