

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10 August 2025**

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**#37.25**

### Living the Kingdom Now

*"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)*

In this Gospel passage, Jesus invites us into a posture of readiness—not a fear-driven vigilance, but a hopeful and active anticipation. He tells us the kingdom has already been given. This is not just a future promise, but a present invitation. We are not passive recipients waiting for the kingdom to arrive; we are co-creators, called to live now in a way that draws the kingdom near.

The Parousia—the coming of Christ—is unknown in timing, but certain in promise. Because we do not know when the Master will return, Jesus calls us to live as if He might come at any moment. That does not mean living anxiously or frantically, but intentionally and generously. Every moment becomes meaningful. Every decision is a chance to reflect the light of the kingdom already sown in our hearts.

Jesus' parables here speak of servants who stay awake, who keep their lamps lit, who do their work faithfully while the Master is away. The message is clear: discipleship is not a waiting room but a way of life. The delay of the Master's return is not permission to become complacent—it is the space in which the kingdom can grow through us.

To live "in anticipation" is to invest our lives in kingdom values: love, justice, mercy, humility, service. These values are not simply ethical ideals—they are the very architecture of God's reign. When we live them, we make visible what is still hidden. We draw the not-yet into the now.

Jesus' final words are sobering: much will be required of the one to whom much is given. If we have been entrusted with the message of the kingdom, then we are also entrusted with its mission. This is not a burden, but a profound dignity. The way we live—our choices, our priorities, our care for others—becomes our response to the gift of the kingdom already offered.

Let us stay awake not with fear, but with joyful anticipation. For the kingdom is not only coming. It is already here—within us, among us, waiting to be revealed through our faithful love.

*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*

**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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### PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Fr. Tr is currently on leave and will return on Friday 15 August.

Sharon will commence leave on Wednesday 13 August and return on Wednesday 3 September.

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### 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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**Pins & Needles**  
**Mon 18 August – 7:15pm**  
**Parish Library**

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**SJA Men's Group**

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



**Next gathering: Friday 15 August**  
**St John the Apostle Parish Centre**

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### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 26 AUGUST – 7:30AM**  
**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**  
**HARDWICK CRESCENT HOLT**

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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".

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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!**

**The theme of the trivia night is**  
**"Women in the Church"**

**Sunday 17 August**  
**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

**St John the Apostle Parish Centre**

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### Mental Health Week

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Theme: "Community"

Focus: Encouraging connection and support within communities to promote mental health and well being.

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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/>

# Heart Spirituality

## Mary's role as repairer and advocate

O virgin beyond compare, why are you standing at the foot of the cross? You offer our Redeemer, the satisfaction he has claim to and the consolation he longs for as he offers himself in sacrifice, steeped in bitter sorrow, dying in agony, abandoned.

By your love and tears you repair the flagrant insults with which his Heart is saturated. You implore mercy for sinners present, past and future. Who knows whether the prayer of his Mother did not draw from the Heart of her Son and put on his lips, the admirable words he addressed to God for his torturers, at this his last hour? "Father, forgive them. I ask you this in the name of Her to whom I gave them as her children."

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.226f., Paris 1900.

## Mass Intentions the week of 11-17 August

Mon 11/08	Peace
Wed 13/08	Special needs in the family
Thur 14/08	Special Intention
Fri 15/08	Marie-France Thompson
<b>Sat 16/08</b>	
5:00pm	Maria Dinh
<b>Sun 17/08</b>	
8:30am	Paul Le
10:00am	Pauline Barlow
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!**

## ACU Canberra Open Day

**13 September | 11:00am – 2:00pm**

Join us at the Australian Catholic University  
- Canberra campus for Open Day:

For more information, go to

<https://openday.acu.edu.au/> or contact  
[futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au)

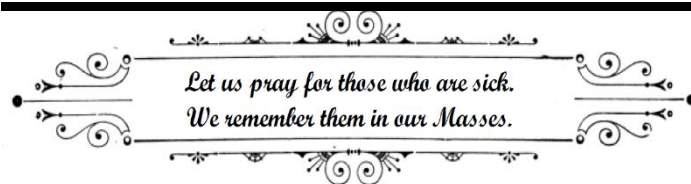
# Pilgrims of Hope

## Social Sin

All sin harms both the Church and society, making every sin in some way a social sin especially those that directly harm others. Saint John Paul II warned that repeated personal sins can build "structures of sin" that hinder human development. These often reflect a dominant mindset that normalizes selfishness and indifference, leading to social alienation. When systems of production and consumption prevent solidarity and self-giving, conversion of heart—not just moral duty—calls us to challenge and repair these structures. This is our loving response to the heart of Jesus, who teaches us to love as he does.

**Pope Francis. Dilexit Nos: He Loved us,**  
(adapted from #183)

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



**Recently Deceased:** Mary French

## Anniversary:

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 Brice, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Denise Smith, Lesley Givens, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen, George Brettell, Horst Lawatsch, Margaret Chinn, James Marlor, Iris Schofield, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk

## 90th Anniversary St. Patrick's Church, Braddon 19 October

Mass celebrated by Archbishop Prowse at 8am followed by refreshments. St. Pat's wish to contact former pupils to share their school day memories and to attend the Mass and celebrations on that day. For more information please contact Ray Toohey 0411182545 or Mary Boyle, [maryeboyle8@gmail.com](mailto:maryeboyle8@gmail.com).



## 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:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen  
to be his own.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when  
the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

### Readings **17 August 2025**

First Reading	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalm	Ps 39:2-4, 18
Second Reading	Heb 12:1-4
Gospel	Luke 12:49-53

### **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

### **17 August Acolyte Roster**

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

### **17 August Lector Roster**

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

### **17 August 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

### **17 August Hospitality Roster**

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

### **17 August SJAShop**

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	10 Aug	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	11 Aug	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula

### On a Lighter note

**I'm an expert at picking  
leaves and heating them  
with water**

**That's a very unique skill.**

**Yes, it's my special tea.**

