

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**17 August 2025**

**YEAR C**  
**#38.25**

### **A Gospel That Divides**

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks with a startling intensity: "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" These words challenge any comfortable notion of a tame, undemanding Christianity. Jesus is not offering a message that simply soothes or affirms the status quo. Instead, he brings a fire that purifies, a truth that disrupts, and a love so radical it can divide households.

We are reminded that the message of Christianity is not always popular. Living the gospel often means being out of step with the dominant culture. It may place us in conflict with social norms, with political convenience, or even with those we love. Jesus names this division not to encourage conflict, but to prepare us for the cost of discipleship. To follow him is to take up our cross—and that can mean speaking truths that are hard to hear, especially when silence would be easier.

In our world today, there are many moments when the gospel calls us to be courageous—to speak up for justice, for mercy, for truth. Whether it's confronting inequality, defending the dignity of every human person, or standing with those who suffer, the call of Christ compels us to act. Sometimes this will make us unpopular. Sometimes it will make us misunderstood. But the fire Jesus speaks of is the fire of love and truth, and it is worth kindling.

The Christian heroes of our time are not those who shy away from this fire, but those who carry it with humility and boldness. They are the ones who challenge our leaders, shake our complacency, and remind us what the gospel truly demands. May we, too, have the courage to speak the hard message, to live the challenging truth, and to follow Christ—even when it leads us into uncomfortable places.

*Based on: Living the Gospel – Speaking a hard message. 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*

## 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/>

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

*Connecting with people living alone*

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



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

St John the Apostle Primary School

**\$20.00 Portrait Fundraiser**

10'x13'inch Family Portrait + Wallet Photo

Sat 15th & Sun 16th Nov

**LESSON**



Please scan above QR code or visit  
website below to make your booking

Book your appointment time online at  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DECUC>

*Thank you*

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## Funeral Notice - Mary French

Requiem Mass for Mary will be  
celebrated on Wednesday 20 August  
at 11:00am.

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

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 26 AUGUST – 7:30AM**  
**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**  
**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

Please note that we are returning to  
Belconnen this month

## KIT @ Kippax

If you have a submission for the  
August KIT would you please send it to  
[marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au); by 28  
August. It is parishioner's  
contributions that keep KIT alive and  
interesting.

# Heart Spirituality

## Habitual recollection

A mind that is fickle, superficial and undisciplined could not live in habitual recollection. Imagination will dominate in it, drawing it towards external objects and depriving it of that intimate union with God that should be its whole joy and consolation. So, if we want to live in interior recollection and taste its delights, let us get rid of everything in us that can cause an obstruction to it. Let us love to draw aside and be silent. Let us flee the world and only in so far as we need, have contact with creatures. Let us enclose ourselves in the Heart of Jesus, and we shall come under his spell in a way that is beyond words.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Méditations 1, p.172f., Issoudun 1891.

## Mass Intentions the week of 18-24 August

Mon 18/08	Special Intention
Wed 20/08	
Thur 21/08	
Fri 22/08	Melvyn D'Souza

<b>Sat 23/08</b>	
5:00pm	Paul Whip

<b>Sun 24/08</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	Antonia & Anton
6:00pm	

**To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.**

## LIBRARY NEWS:

**There are some new books on the display table in the library:**

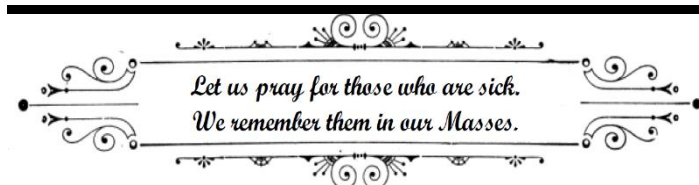
Choices for Life: The Beatitudes for Daily Living  
A Friendly Guide to Women in the Old Testament  
A Friendly Guide to Women in the New Testament  
A Passion for Life: Fragments of the Face of God

# Pilgrims of Hope

## Raging Fire

Saint Bonaventure urges us not merely to pray for light, but for "raging fire"—a faith that moves the heart. He teaches that knowing Christ died for us must stir love, not remain mere knowledge. Similarly, Saint John Henry Newman, whose motto was *Cor ad cor loquitur* ("Heart speaks to heart"), realized that his deepest encounter with Christ came not through study, but through prayer—especially in the Eucharist, where the living Heart of Jesus speaks to our own, offering freedom, peace, and meaning. In receiving Him, he prayed that his heart be purified and filled with Christ's love, undisturbed by life's trials and held fast in divine peace.

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us*, (adapted from #26)  
*On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*



**Recently Deceased:** Mary French

## Anniversary:

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, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Jill McNevin, Majorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman, Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifred Bridges, Joseph Weinhever, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon, Bill Fearon, Anna Yoo, Sheila Dignam, Antonia Mrsnik, Armando Cavuoto, Patrick Sheehan, Barry Cormack.

## PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

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

***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 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:

Lord, come to my aid

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

## Readings **24 August 2025**

First Reading	Is 66:18-21
Psalm	Ps 116
Second Reading	Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel	Luke 13:22-30

## **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

### 24 August **Acolyte Roster**

5:00pm	Di Bruce, Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Vy Pham, Max Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

### 24 August **Lector Roster**

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, James Nield
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Edgar Nnajide, Kerry Yard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Peter Igoe- Taylor

### 24 August **Ministers of Communion**

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Karen Bower
10:00am	Boni & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Marian Crowley

### 24 August **Hospitality Roster**

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Marie McKie
8:30am	Joan Beswick, Pamela Blackwell
10:00am	Margarete Gill, John Blackwell and family
6:00pm	Francesca Deklin

### 24 August **SJAShop**

5:00pm	Helen Kenney
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	17 Aug	Mary Cruickshank
Church Cleaning:	18 Aug	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

## On a Lighter note

