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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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31 August 2025

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Leave room for Grace

"All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)

Jesus' message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century. In a world that often celebrates image, influence, and status, the temptation to prove our worth through comparison or competition is ever-present.

We long to belong, to be seen, to be valued—and yet, Jesus warns us not to chase honour for its own sake. He invites us instead to choose the lower place, not to diminish ourselves, but to leave room for grace to lift us in God's time.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus notices how guests at a dinner scramble for the places of prestige. His teaching isn't just about etiquette—it's about the heart. When we grasp at attention or recognition, we may gain temporary favour, but we risk losing touch with the deeper truth: our value is not in how others rank us, but in how we love, serve, and honour the dignity of others.

Jesus' parable also challenges us to examine how our sense of belonging is shaped. Sometimes we seek acceptance at any cost—even if it means ignoring the needs of others or contributing to systems of exclusion. When our comfort comes at the cost of someone else's struggle, the price is too high.

When our desire for fashion, luxury, or status depends on the underpayment or exploitation of workers, the price is too high. When we feel secure only by looking down on others, then we have lost sight of the Kingdom Jesus proclaimed.

Instead, Jesus calls us to live generously, welcoming those who cannot repay us, sharing our table with the poor, the excluded, and the forgotten. It is in this radical hospitality, born of humility, that we reflect the heart of God.

In God's Kingdom, greatness is found not in grasping for honour, but in giving it away.

**Based on: *Living the Gospel – What is the cost?*
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

Social Justice Sunday 2025

Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health

The growing crisis of homelessness in Australia demands immediate and sustained action. The health, educational, and economic consequences of homelessness are profound. Homelessness is a crisis for society as a whole.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2025/08/06/signs-of-hope-on-the-edge-social-justice-statement-2025-2026/>

Feast of St Phoebe – Deacon 3 September

Her feast is a way to acknowledge women's leadership, gifts, and contributions to the Church

<https://discerningdeacons.org/>
featured in the August KIT

Gethsemane Thursday

4 September 7:30 – 8:30pm

Thursday Night before
1st Friday. Prayer before
the Blessed Sacrament



Spirituality of the Heart

MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



**1st Friday of every month
9:30am 5 September 2025**

The heart is the centre of our being, and the seat of our emotions and love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes his great love for humanity.

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Celebrating 50 years

Tuesday 2 September 3pm – 5pm

Join us for an afternoon of learning journeys through our classrooms, a tour of our school, sharing of memorabilia & BBQ.

Official ceremony and cake cutting at 4:00pm. Looking forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.

KIT @ Kippax

The August KIT will be emailed out after 31 August.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Resurrecting Sunday Afternoon Book Club?

Do you enjoy reading and sharing ideas with others?

We're exploring the idea of re-starting a
Sunday Afternoon Book Club
a relaxed gathering for conversation,
reflection, and friendship over a cuppa.

The details (books, times, and format) will be shaped by those who are interested.

If this sounds like something you'd like to be part of, please let us know!

Contact: Kirsty at kippax.finance@cg.org.au

Safeguarding Sunday 14 September 2025



Safeguarding Sunday, is a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church.

In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the “silent” ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

<https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw/>

Mental Health Week

Date: 5th – 11th October 2025

Theme: “Community”

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

10 October is World Mental Health Day

Be part of the conversation and join the Meaningful Connections Matter Campaign.

<https://worldmentalhealthday.com.au/>

Heart Spirituality

Humility

Jesus says, I put humility first among all the virtues, because it is the root of all the others, and because it was especially humility that I taught the world. If you possess it, you will avoid spectacular actions; you will remain in the shade, unless obedience calls you forward.

Those who always want to attract attention, or who appear only when they are sure of success, are far from possessing this virtue. They seek fame and applause more than anything else. Full of themselves, they accept humble tasks, in which they cannot shine, only with repugnance: "Vanity of vanities."

Jules Chevalier msc
Ecole du Sacré-Coeur, p.179., Issoudun 1891.

Mass Intentions the week of 1-7 September

Mon 01/09	Megan Pigram
Wed 03/09	Moya Goodisson
Thur 04/09	Magdalen Suh
Fri 05/09	Doris Galea

Sat 06/09	
5:00pm	Thanksgiving

Sun 07/09	
8:30am	
10:00am	Magdalen Suh
6:00pm	

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

Mass in celebration of the life of
Ronaldo Giurgola
on 14 September – 9:00am at
Saint Thomas Aquinas Charnwood

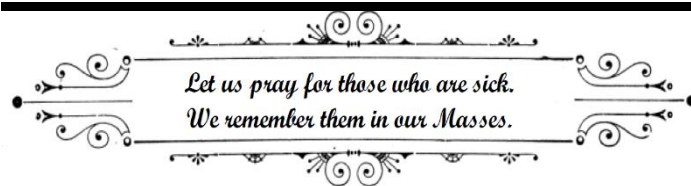
There will be morning tea after the mass.

Pilgrims of Hope

In Close Proximity

Whenever Jesus healed someone, he preferred to do it, not from a distance but in close proximity: "He stretched out his hand and touched him" (Mt 8:3). "He touched her hand" (Mt 8:15). "He touched their eyes" (Mt 9:29). Once he even stopped to cure a deaf man with his own saliva (cf. Mk 7:33), as a mother would do, so that people would not think of him as removed from their lives. "The Lord knows the fine science of the caress. In his compassion, God does not love us with words; he comes forth to meet us and, by his closeness, he shows us the depth of his tender love?"

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #36*
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Gladys Anderson, Virginia Matera, Melinda Davis, Annette Polak, Mary Huon Nguyen, William Wiegold, Philip Smith, Mary Telford, Gaye Walmsley, Susan O'Dwyer, Josephine Smith, Ralph Dunn, William Schofield, Dorothy Hush, Andre Domjan, Ivan Jones, Kathleen MacKay, Collin McEvoy, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Wesley Dunn, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer, Alvaro del Busto, Megan Pigram, Christopher Halloran, Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham, Giuseppe Scalora, John O'Neill, Leslie Collins, Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb, Taya Quade, Marie Happ, Susan Ferguson, Honoria Kelly

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 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</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 Belconnen</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:

God, in your goodness, you have made a
home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle
and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Readings 7 September 2025

First Reading	Wisdom 9:13-18
Psalm	Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17
Second Reading	Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33

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

7 September 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

7 September Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Kirsty Vera
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Gabe Sequeira, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Margaret Luck

7 September 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

7 September Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	John McGee, Jenny McGee

7 September SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	7 Sep	Maryanne Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	8 Sep	Edgar & Chioma Nnajide

On a lighter note

"He won a badge for humility,
but they took it away because
he wore it."

