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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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7 September 2025

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Counting the Cost

In this striking passage, Jesus confronts the crowds with a startling challenge: "Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." It's a demand that sounds almost unbearable—forsake family, possessions, even your own life. But Jesus is not asking for thoughtless abandonment; he is urging deep discernment.

He offers two vivid examples: a builder laying a foundation without the means to finish, and a king marching into battle without calculating his chances. Both are images of people who fail to take stock of what lies ahead—and suffer the consequences. For the builder, unfinished work becomes a source of public ridicule. In our time, such embarrassment may seem trivial, but in Jesus' world, governed by a strict honour-shame culture, being laughed at by neighbours could mean total social disgrace.

Jesus uses this cultural lens deliberately. He speaks into a world where honour is everything and shame is ruinous. And then he turns that world upside down. The true source of honour, he says, lies not in social status, not in family standing, not in worldly success—but in discipleship. But discipleship, too, comes at a cost.

This cost isn't measured in currency or time alone. It demands a total reorientation of our priorities. We must weigh what matters most, let go of what binds us too tightly, and walk in freedom behind Christ—even when the road leads through misunderstanding, hardship, or loss of reputation.

Jesus doesn't soften the call. He respects our freedom. He invites us to look ahead, to discern, and then, freely and knowingly, to follow. The choice is not made lightly. But the reward is life transformed—honour not as the world gives, but as God gives.

Based on: Gospel Reflection, by Greg Sunter

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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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

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/>

Blessing for Father's Day

Loving God, bless every father and all who share in the gift of fathering. Fill them with your strength and tenderness, that they may provide, guide, and protect with wisdom and love. Assure them that they are never alone in the tasks you entrust to them. On this day, and every day of their lives, let them know the joy of your presence and the richness of your blessings. Amen.

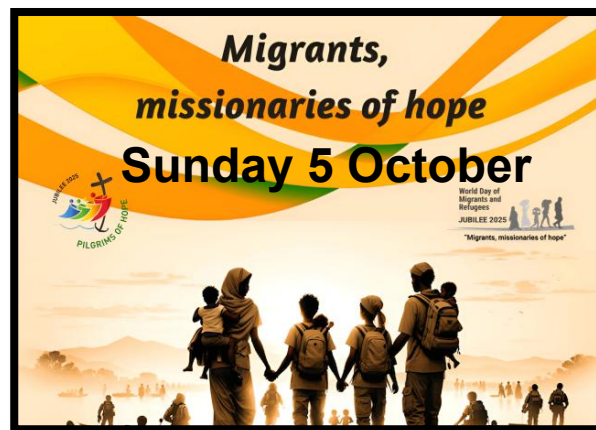
Resurrecting Sunday Afternoon Book Club?

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

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

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for September

Lord, open our eyes to see Your presence in all creation; may we care for, respect, and protect life in every form. Guide us to contemplate the world with gratitude and hope, finding You in the beauty of all that exists.



Pope Leo XIV calls on the Church and global communities to recognise migrants and refugees not only as people seeking safety and opportunity but also as **"missionaries of hope."**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20250725-world-migrants-day-2025.pdf>

QUARTERLY APPEAL

There will be a leaving collection this weekend to assist the quarterly:

- insurance
- levy
- electricity expenses.

Our goal is to raise an additional \$10,000.00 to meet these quarterly expenses.

Donations can be made in cash or EFT

St John the Apostle Parish

BSB: 062 786

Account: 0001 3630

Reference: Your Name

We thank you and appreciate your support

Family Bush Dance:

This fundraiser is hosted by Kairos Outside Canberra (Ecumenical ministry to support women impacted by having a loved one in prison)

Date: Saturday 13 Sept. from 7pm

Venue: St Thomas the Apostle School Hall, Kambah.

Cost: \$10 single, \$25 family (Early bird family \$20 by 1 Sept contact Sandy 0421311626)

Great bush band. Buy supper, sausage sizzle, games and more.

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

The Sacred Heart the quintessence of the faith

The special object of each devotion to Our Lord is divine love considered under one aspect; but the object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is the love of Christ-God seen as a whole in all its manifestations and in each one of them. "The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the quintessence of the Christian faith; the epitome and substantial summary of the whole of religion.

The Christian religion is a work of love in its beginning, development and end; the Christian religion whose history is found wholly and entirely in the sublime statement: "God so loved the world" (John 3:16); the Christian religion, finally, whose whole morality is contained in the single word, *Diliges*: You shall love; that is, you shall render love for love, you will give me your heart in exchange for all that mine has done for you; the Christian religion, we can say, could not be identified so completely with any other devotion as with devotion to the Sacred Heart" (Cardinal Pie)

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.148f., Paris 1900.

Mass Intentions the week of 8-14 September

Mon 08/09	Matilda Seneviratna
Wed 10/09	Glenn Mowbray
Thur 11/09	
Fri 12/09	Glenn Mowbray

Sat 13/09	
5:00pm	Joe, Margaret & Kevin Conlon

Sun 14/09	
8:30am	Therese Le
10:00am	
6:00pm	Xavier Munoz

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

Mass in celebration of the life of

Romaldo Giurgola

on 14 September – 9:00am at

Saint Thomas Aquinas Charnwood

There will be morning tea after the mass.

Pilgrims of Hope

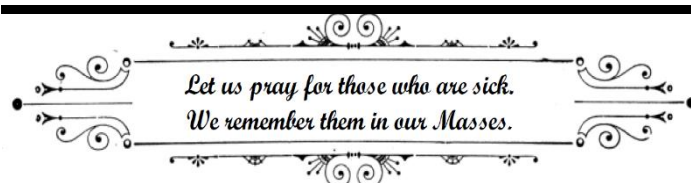
Christ's Love sets us free.

In a world where everything is bought and sold, people's sense of their worth appears increasingly to depend on what they can accumulate with the power of money. We are constantly being pushed to keep buying, consuming and distracting ourselves, held captive to a demeaning system that prevents us from looking beyond our immediate and petty needs.

The Love of Christ has no place in this perverse mechanism, yet only that love can set us free from a mad pursuit that no longer has room for a gratuitous love. Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been definitively lost.

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #8*

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



Recently Deceased:

Helen Teys [Kathy Teys Sister in law]

Anniversary:

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, Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt, Denise Busch, Mary Prosper, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Kate Fisher, Robert Caskie, Pauline Jones, Therese Le, Don Nicol, Robert Greig, Lynette Katlewski, Anthony Teys, Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, Xavier Munoz

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:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Readings 14 September 2025

First Reading	Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm	Ps 77:1-2. 34-38
Second Reading	Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel	John 3:13-17

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

14 September Acolyte Roster

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

14 September Lector Roster

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

14 September Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh,
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee,

14 September 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

14 September SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	14/09	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	15/09	Vigi Varghese

On a lighter note.

