

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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14 September 2025

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Lifted Up

"The Son of Man must be lifted up... so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." (John 3:14-15)

To gaze upon the Cross with reverence is a profoundly counter-cultural act. In the Roman world, the cross was not a sacred symbol but a grotesque instrument of state terror—a means of erasing enemies from memory and from life itself. Crucifixion was meant not only to kill but to humiliate, dehumanise, and obliterate. The bodies of the crucified were discarded without honour, their names forgotten, their legacies crushed.

And yet, in a stunning reversal, the early Christian community gradually came to see this instrument of annihilation as the sign of God's enduring love. In this passage from John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of being "lifted up"—a phrase that refers not only to his physical elevation on the cross but also to the spiritual exaltation of that very moment. Just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the desert so that the Israelites might look upon it and be healed, so too must Jesus be lifted up—so that all who look to him with faith may be healed from sin and death.

This "lifting up" is not about glorifying suffering for its own sake. Rather, it is about the transformative power of divine love. In Jesus, God enters into the very heart of human pain, rejection, and mortality. The cross becomes the place where death is not the end but the threshold into life eternal.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16), reminds us that God's motive is not condemnation, but love: The Cross, once a tool of destruction, becomes the sign of that gift. It is not the violence of the cross that we venerate, but the love that willingly bore it.

To revere the Cross today is to proclaim that God can bring redemption out of what seems irredeemable. It is to say that even the darkest places in our lives can become sites of grace. It is to believe that nothing—not even death—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

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*

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/>

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

Standard 1: committed leadership, governance and culture. Some Key Competencies

The entity:

- Builds a safeguarding culture
- Has zero tolerance to abuse
- Has transparent and accountable governance
- Provides a safe environment

https://www.acsltd.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/National-Catholic-Safeguarding-Standards-Edition-2_FINAL_December2022.pdf



FIRST GATHERING

Sunday 28 September – 3:00pm
Parish Library

Discussing our first Book

A relaxed gathering for conversation, reflection, and friendship over a cuppa. If this sounds like something you'd like to be part of, please let us know!

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



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

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

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

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



Pins & Needles

Mon 15 September – 7:15pm
Parish Library

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Church born from the Heart of Christ

When on the cross the struggle sets in between life and death, the Roman soldier will strike the Heart, as the source of life, to force it to let go of any life that might still be in it. The life of Christ has already left that refuge! But from that adorable Heart, torn by the lance, from which life had gone, another life appeared for us.

The Word, coming from the Heart of his Father, made the world emerge from nothing; and from the Heart of the incarnate Word, pierced on Calvary, I see a new world emerging, the world of those he has chosen. And this creation, so fertile, full of grandeur and inspired by love and mercy, is the Church, the mystical body of Christ, which makes the new creation present on earth until the end of time.

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.145f., Paris 1900.

Mass Intentions the week of 15-21 September

Mon 15/09	John Jayawardena
Wed 17/09	
Thur 18/09	
Fri 19/09	Helen Teys, Kathy Teys

Sat 20/09	
5:00pm	Jo Mulligan Maria Nguyen

Sun 21/09	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

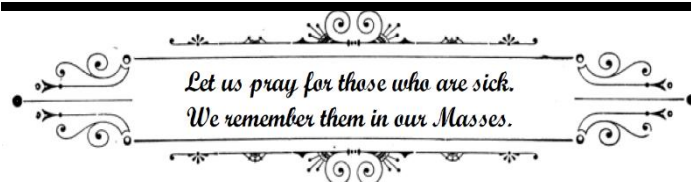
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Pilgrims of Hope

The fountain of Life

St Bonaventure makes us appreciate first the beauty of the grace and the sacraments flowing from the fountain of life that is the wounded side of the Lord, "In order that from the side of Christ sleeping on the cross, the Church might be formed and the Scripture fulfilled that says: 'They shall look upon him whom they pierced', one of the soldiers struck him with a lance and opened his side. This was permitted by divine Providence so that, in the blood and water flowing from that wound, the price of our salvation might flow from the hidden wellspring of his heart, enabling the Church's sacraments to confer the life of grace and thus to be, for those who live in Christ, like a cup filled from the living fount springing up to life eternal".

Pope Francis. Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #107
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt, Denise Busch, Mary Prosper, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Kate Fisher, Robert Caskie, Pauline Jones, Therese Le, Don Nicol, Robert Greig, Peter Hill, Lynette Katlewski, Anthony Tys, Allan Biggs, Xavier Munoz, John Haley, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Magdalen Ripszam, Marijona Grybaitis, Jana Nassir, Bernard Roberts, Luke White, Josephine Mulligan, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe, James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Next gathering: Friday 19 Sept

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

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

SJAFriendship 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:

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed
the world.

Alleluia!

Readings **21 September 2025**

First Reading	Amos 8:4-7
Psalm	Ps 112:1-2, 4-8
Second Reading	1 Tim 2:1-8
Gospel	Luke 16:1-1132

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

21 September

Acolyte Roster

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

21 September

Lector Roster

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

21 September

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Marie McKie
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Krop
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, John Blackwell
6:00pm	Charlotte & Lionel D'Cruze

21 September

Hospitality Roster

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

21 September

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	14 Sept	Pat Gilcharist
Church Cleaning:	15 Sept	Vigi Varghese

On a Lighter note

