

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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28 September 2025

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The Rich Man and Lazarus

In this parable, Jesus presents a stark contrast between two lives: a rich man, clothed in luxury and comfort, and Lazarus, a poor man, covered in sores and longing for scraps. The rich man isn't portrayed as cruel, dishonest, or actively wicked. He may have been considered righteous by the standards of his community—attending worship, keeping religious laws, and perhaps even giving alms. Yet he is condemned, not for what he *did*, but for what he *failed* to do.

This story challenges our instinct to equate goodness with religious observance alone. The rich man's failing wasn't his wealth—it was his indifference.

Each day, he passed by a fellow human being in desperate need, and each day he looked the other way. His sin was a closed heart, a life turned inward. He was distracted by *having*—possessions, status, comfort—and lost sight of *being*—being present, being compassionate, being responsible for his neighbour.

Jesus doesn't condemn wealth, but he does warn against what it can do to the heart: numb it, insulate it, distract it. What matters in God's eyes is not how richly we live, but how richly we love. The chasm between the rich man and Lazarus in the afterlife is the result of the chasm the rich man allowed to grow during his lifetime—a chasm of inattention and disengagement.

This parable invites us to notice who is at our gate. Who are the Lazaruses in our world—those suffering silently, those dismissed, those left behind? It asks us to soften our hearts, not just with sympathy, but with action. In the end, Jesus teaches that faith is not measured in rituals or appearances, but in how we respond to the person in need who crosses our path.

**Based on: *Living the Gospel – paying attention.*
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*

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, West Belconnen

A Letter regarding the next steps for the parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, West Belconnen, from Archdiocesan Chancellor, Patrick McArdle can be read at [PPC Minutes | St John the Apostle - Kippax](#)

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

Standard 3: Partnering with families, carers and communities. Some Key Competencies

The entity:

- Empowers parents and carers to participate
- Informs parents, carers and the community of safeguarding approaches and governance operations

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



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>

Mental Health Week

Date: 5th – 11th October 2025

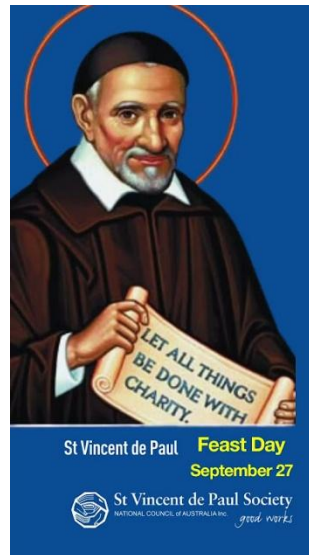
Theme: “Community”

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/>



Vinnies celebrations

You are invited to join the celebration of 50 years of our Vinnies Conference at 10:00am Mass

Sunday, 28 September.

It coincides with the feast day of St Vincent de Paul and 100 years of Vinnies in the ACT. After Mass there will be morning tea and a display of our Vinnies journey. More info: Mike 0419 818 410.

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.



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

Explosion Youth Conference

8 – 11 October

St Clare's College

Are you in high school and looking to go deeper in your faith? Join other young people in community, prayer, and fun, hearing from local and national speakers as we break open the theme of

'Have I not chosen you?' Be immersed in community and the sacraments during this life-changing conference. All high schoolers are welcome!



Heart Spirituality

The gift of the Heart

Everything that God does is to win our heart. All his works are a petition:

My child, give me your heart.

Give! For love is free; I do not want to steal your heart against your will; give it to me; that is enough for me; possessing your heart, I shall possess you entirely, and through you all the rest. Doubtless, God by right as Creator owns both us and all things; his dominion is absolute; but he still wishes to possess all by gift. He gives everything and wishes that everything be given to him. And since he gives everything through love, he wishes that all be given him through love. We possess the whole of God's Heart; he wants to have the whole of ours: *My child, give me your heart.*

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.65f., Paris 1900.

Mass Intentions the week of 29 September – 5 October

Mon 29/09	Maria & Robert Scarr
Wed 01/10	
Thur 02/10	
Fri 03/10	
Sat 04/10	
5:00pm	
Sun 05/10	
8:30am	
10:00am	Doris Galea
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!

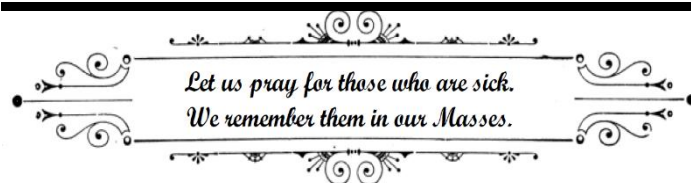
“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Pilgrims of Hope

The Heart of Christ pierced on the Cross

The pierced Heart of Christ embodies all God's declarations of love present in the Scriptures. That love is no mere matter of words: rather, the open side of his Son is a source of life for those whom he loves, the fount that quenches the thirst of his people. As Saint John Paul II pointed out, “the essential elements of devotion [to the Sacred Heart] belong in a permanent fashion to the spirituality of the Church through out her history; for since the beginning, the Church has looked to the Heart of Christ pierced on the Cross”.

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #101*
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Carol Gibb, Fr. John Rate msc, Joyce Smith, Kim Cormick, Edmond, Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patrick Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Victor Bitterman, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Bernard F Roberts, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Lillian Templeton, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaaren, Pauline Thompson

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:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Readings 5 October 2025

First Reading	Hab `1:2-3, 2:2-4
Psalm	Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:6-8. 13-14
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10

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

5 October

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rodney Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Maxime Kpudzeka, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

5 October

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

5 October

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

5 October

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

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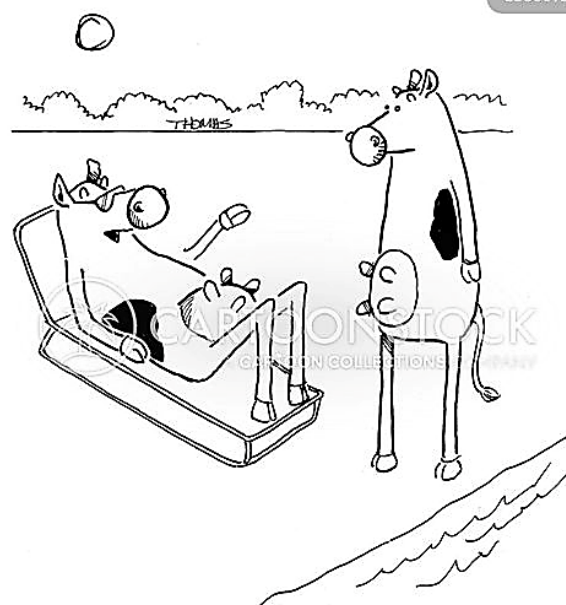
SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	28 Sept	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	29 Sept	Parish Staff Team

On a Lighter note



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"Warm milk tends to put me asleep."