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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5 October 2025

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Faith expressed in self-giving service

"Increase our faith!" the apostles said to the Lord.

This plea from the disciples sounds earnest, even humble. But Jesus' response is unexpectedly pointed: even faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. He then follows this with a story about servants doing their duty, without expecting praise.

Why this reply? The disciples don't specify what kind of faith they want increased. Faith in God? Faith in themselves? Faith in others? Perhaps, as Jesus' response suggests, it's all these together—because genuine faith, no matter how small, reshapes how we live. It grounds us in God, gives us courage to act, and calls us into humble, self-giving service.

Jesus is reminding his followers that faith is not primarily about achieving extraordinary spiritual power or certainty. Instead, it's about trusting enough to live as God calls us to live—even when the path is hidden, hard, or humble. Faith is expressed not in flashy miracles but in quiet, steadfast service. The servant in Jesus' parable doesn't seek special recognition. He simply does what is required of him.

Likewise, discipleship isn't about being noticed or rewarded—it's about living in response to God's love with faithfulness and humility.

This Gospel invites us to stop asking for "more" faith in the abstract, and instead to begin living the faith we already have—with trust, courage, and generous service. When we do, we may discover that even a seed-sized faith can move mountains—or at least, uproot a few mulberry trees.

Based on: Gospel focus – faith, 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

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

Standard 4: Equity is promoted and diversity is respected. Some Key Competencies

The entity:

- Recognises diversity and provides appropriate supports in inclusive ways
- Provides ministries and services in culturally safe and inclusive ways

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

FRIDAY 10 October 9:30am

Mass St John the Apostle Followed by
Morning Tea 10:30am
Menslink presentation

50 years of Vinnies

Thank you for sharing in the celebration of the 50th birthday of our Vinnies Conference at Kippax last weekend.

Our next Conference meeting will be on

Monday 13 October at 7pm in our room at the back of the Parish Centre.

Contact Mike for more information 0419818410.

Chevalier Day

Mass - Tuesday 21 October 2025
9:30am

Followed by Morning tea

Jules Chevalier msc

15 March 1824 - 21 October 1907

"Be on earth the Heart of God"



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>

RESERVE THE DATE/S IN YOUR DIARY.

Anyone involved in a parish ministry is invited to a Thanksgiving Mass to mark the end of the liturgical year. Join us at 6.15p.m. on Friday November, 28, for Mass at

St John the Apostle Church, Kippax, followed by supper.

To prepare for Advent ALL parishioners are invited to take some time to pray and reflect during the last week-end of November 29-30. Fr Khoi Nguyen msc from the Heart of Life Centre will lead a retreat titled "Listening with a Hopeful Heart". We will gather at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon finishing with the usual evening Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Church, Charnwood. The session will be REPEATED on Sunday afternoon to be concluded with the usual evening Mass at St John the Apostle Church, Kippax.

We hope you will be able to join us on one of these days. The two sessions are a Christmas gift to parishioners so there will be no cost. More information about registration will be provided in late October.

Heart Spirituality

The mustard seed

It is the smallest of all seeds, the Holy Gospel tells us; but it contains amazing expansive power. The same is true of our Saviour.

He appears insignificant to human eyes, despicable, unworthy of attention; but in his nature, heart and person, he possesses infinite strength. In him we find salvation and the graces necessary to make it operative. He gives us the Eucharist, that bread of the strong and source of blessings.

Jules Chevalier msc
Méditations I p. 247f., Issoudun 1891.

Mass Intentions the week of 6-12 October

Mon 13/10	
Wed 15/10	
Thur 16/10	
Fri 17/10	

Sat 18/10	
5:00pm	Joe Mewburn

Sun 19/10	
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!

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.

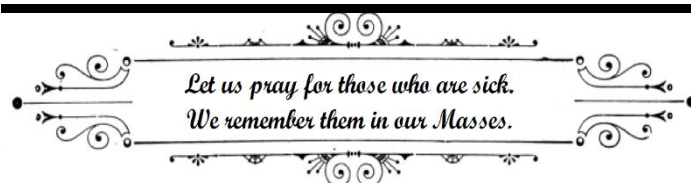
Pilgrims of Hope

Growth through devotion to the Sacred Heart

The Carthusians, encouraged above all by Ludolph of Saxony, found in devotion to the Sacred Heart a means of growth in affection and closeness to Christ. All who enter through the wound of his heart are inflamed with love. Saint Catherine of Siena wrote that the Lord's sufferings are impossible for us to comprehend, but the open heart of Christ enables us to have a lively personal encounter with his boundless love.

"I wished to reveal to you the secret of my heart, allowing you to see it open, so that you can understand that I have loved you so much more than I could have proved to you by the suffering that I once endured".

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #111*
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



Recently Deceased:

Jim Reynolds [Husband of Ann]

Anniversary:

Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Lillian Templeton, Charlie McLaaren, Pauline Thompson, Clara DiPauli, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Dolores Mansilas, Raymond Drummett, Iosif Szakal, Gwen Jones, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Brena Boreham, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen, Lauri Brennan, Malcolm Waterton

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday 6 October
Labour Day

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:

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Readings **12 October 2025**

First Reading	2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalm	Ps 97:1-4
Second Reading	2 Tim 2:8-13
Gospel	Luke 17:11-19

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

12 October 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

12 October Lector Roster

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

12 October Ministers of Communion

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

12 October 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

12 October SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	5 Oct	Maryanne Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	6 Oct	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

