

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**YEAR C**

**12 October 2025**

**#46.25**

### Gratitude completes healing

*"The other nine, where are they?"*

Jesus' question echoes through time, touching the heart of anyone who has ever forgotten to say thank you in the midst of joy or relief. Ten lepers are healed—ten lives transformed—yet only one, a Samaritan, turns back to give thanks.

It's easy to judge the nine who didn't return, but perhaps we should first recognize ourselves in them. When something beautiful happens—an answer to prayer, a new opportunity, the lifting of a burden—it's natural to rush forward, caught up in the excitement of what lies ahead. The lepers had so much to reclaim: families, homes, the touch of another hand, the dignity of being welcomed back into society. The whirlwind of restoration must have been overwhelming.

But in their haste to resume life, they forget to return to the source. They forget to *acknowledge the Giver*, focusing only on the gift.

The Samaritan, considered an outsider in so many ways, models the response of true faith: he turns back. His gratitude becomes worship. His healing is not just physical but spiritual—Jesus tells him, "Your faith has saved you."

This story invites us to slow down in our own lives. Where have we rushed forward, basking in blessings but forgetting their source? How often have we taken joy in answered prayers without returning to the One who answered them?

Gratitude doesn't just honour God; it completes our healing. In returning to Jesus, we're not only acknowledging what has been done for us—we're entering into deeper relationship with the One who does it.

So today, we might each pause and ask: *What blessings have I received—and have I returned to give thanks?*

*Based on: Gospel focus – Where are they? 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 5:** Robust human resource management.

Some Key Competencies

The entity:

- Implements safe recruitment, professional development and ongoing support and supervision of Church personnel
- Ensures all personnel are aware of safeguarding policies and procedures
- Ensures ministry formation processes address safeguarding needs

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### 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.

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### Vinnies Conference meeting

Next meeting is Monday 13 October at 7pm. Contact Mike: 0419818410.



Sunday 28 September – 3:00pm  
Parish Library

w"The Choke" by Sofie Laguna

Contact: Kirsty at [kippax.finance@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax.finance@cg.org.au)

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Pins & Needles

7:15pm – 16 October

St John the Apostle Catholic Church  
Parish Library

## Chevalier Day

Mass Tuesday 21 October 2025 9:30am

Followed by Morning tea

Jules Chevalier msc

15 March 1824 - 21 October 1907

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### Blessed Peter To Rot

On **Sunday 19 October**, Bl. Peter To Rot will be canonised and become the first saint of Papua New Guinea. It is a great day of celebration for the Church in PNG and for all those associated with the Chevalier family, as Peter's family joined the Church as a result of the missionary work of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

We will celebrate with special prayers at all Masses on that weekend. Join us to mark this wonderful day with a special morning tea after the 10.00 am Mass at St John's.

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### The Refugee Resettlement Committee

are meeting and following the global situation of refugees. We are looking for more members to join including younger members who have skills in design, fundraising, employment, education, English skills development, and can give a bit of time in the evenings and on weekends. Also looking for any young adults who want to give support and be a social connection for young refugees. Please contact [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au) and we will be in touch!

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### Community Connections

*Connecting with people living alone*

Coffee Group – 14 October

2:00pm - Ichi Café

Kippax Shopping Centre

Monthly Gathering

19 October 3:30pm - 5:00pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Parish Library



**Relax, Review, Reflect**

**"The Thursday Murder Club"**

**Friday 24 October at 7:00pm**  
*in the SJA parish library.*

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**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**

# Heart Spirituality

## The necessity of reparation (2)

Jesus has made the Eucharist the summary of all his gifts, the supreme expression of his love for us. People mostly respond to these wonders of kindness with ingratitude or contempt. Listen to what Jesus said in these last times to Blessed Margaret Mary: "See, my daughter, how sinners treat me and despise me." Then he showed himself to her as an Ecce Homo, lacerated and disfigured, completely covered with wounds and bruises, his adorable blood flowing all over his body; he said to her in a sad and sorrowing voice: "Is there no one who would have pity on me, who would want to suffer with me and take part in my sorrow, in this pitiable state in which sinners put me, especially at present?"

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.217f., Paris 1900.

## Mass Intentions the week of 13-19 October

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Mon 13/10        | Thanksgiving |
| Wed 15/10        |              |
| Thur 16/10       |              |
| Fri 17/10        |              |
| <b>Sat 18/10</b> |              |
| 5:00pm           | Joe Mewubrn  |
| <b>Sun 19/10</b> |              |
| 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 October

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

# Pilgrims of Hope

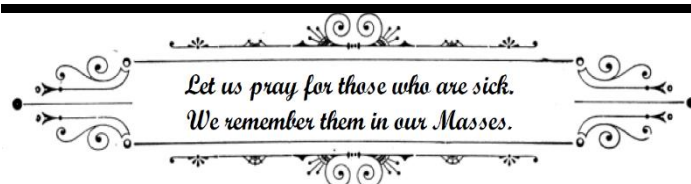
## The Eucharist Nourishes

Amid the frenetic pace of today's world and our obsession with free time, consumption and diversion, cell phones, and social media, we forget to nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist.

While no one should feel obliged to spend an hour in adoration each Thursday, the practice ought surely to be recommended. When we carry it out with devotion, in union with many of our brothers and sisters and discover in the Eucharist the immense love of the heart of Christ, we "adore, together with the Church, the sign and manifestation of the divine love that went so far as to love, through the heart of the incarnate Word, the human race".

**Pope Francis. Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #85**

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



## Recently Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Clara Di Pauli, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Dolores Mansilas, Iosif Szakal, Raymond Dummett, Gwen Jones, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Brenda Boreham, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen, Lauri Brennan, Malcolm Waterton, Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jeffrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Peter Naughton, Justin Fisher, Eric French, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg, Angela Bajrami, Chee Loh, Sebastian Licciarrello, Bruce Davis, Patrick Hall, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormely, Constance Goodall, Richard Koch, Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst, Robert Imber, Michael McKenzie-McHarg, Ross Webber, Lorreli Newton

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Baptisms                              | 1st & 2nd Sun during Mass           |
| Reconciliation                        | Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm                 |
| Sacramental Program                   | Contact Parish Office               |
| School of Religion<br>(Parish Centre) | Sunday 9.15am<br>during school term |

## PRAYER LIFE

|                       |                                                          |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Meditation            | Friday 5:15-6.30 pm                                      |
| Rosary                | Monday – Friday 9:05am                                   |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month<br>7:30pm – 8:30pm |

## SOCIAL LIFE

|                       |                                                                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SJA Friendship Group  | <i>Last Wednesday of the Month<br/>10:15am shared morning tea</i>           |
| Pins & Needles        | <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month<br/>7:15pm Parish Library</i>         |
| Women's Breakfast     | <i>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am<br/>Bean Origin Belconnen</i> |
| Men's Group           | <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm<br/>Parish Centre</i>          |
| Movie Night           | <i>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month 7:00pm<br/>Parish Library</i>         |
| Community Connections | <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month<br/>3:30pm – 5:00pm Parish Centre</i> |

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in  
Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

### Readings **19 October 2025**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| First Reading  | Exodus 17:8-132 |
| Psalm          | Ps 120          |
| Second Reading | 2 Tim 3:14-4:2  |
| Gospel         | Luke 18:1-8     |

### **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

### 19 October **Acolyte Roster**

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

### 19 October **Lector Roster**

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

### 19 October **Ministers of Communion**

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

### 19 October **Hospitality Roster**

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

### 19 October **SJAShop**

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

### Weekly Rosters

|                  |        |                                                        |
|------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Society    | 12 Oct | Pat Gilchrist                                          |
| Church Cleaning: | 13 Oct | Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula |

### On a Lighter note

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

