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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 October 2025

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Persist in Prayer

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

When Jesus tells the story of the widow and the unjust judge, he does so not to compare God to the judge, but to make a sharp contrast. The judge in the parable is indifferent to justice and dismissive of human need. He neither fears God nor respects people, yet even he is moved to act—not out of compassion, but to avoid being worn down by the widow's persistence.

Jesus is saying: if even someone as hard-hearted as this judge can respond to repeated requests, how much more will God—who is just and merciful—respond to those who cry out to him day and night?

This parable is a reassurance that God is not distant, reluctant, or unwilling to help. God does not need to be badgered or manipulated into listening. Rather, God is attentive, loving, and desires justice. Jesus encourages his disciples to persist in prayer, not because they need to prove something to God, but because persistent prayer is a sign of deep trust and genuine need.

In times of delay or silence, it can feel as though our prayers go unanswered, but Jesus reminds us here that prayer is not only about results. It is also about remaining connected to God, expressing our longing, and nurturing our hope. Prayer, then, becomes less about changing God's mind and more about opening ourselves to God's presence and sustaining our faith.

The closing question of the parable stirs something deeper: *"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"* It is a challenge to remain faithful even when answers are slow in coming, even when justice feels distant. Persistent prayer keeps our hearts awake to God's justice, shapes our desires to align with God's will, and sustains our hope in a world that often feels unfair.

So let us not grow weary in prayer. Let us bring our needs, our longing for justice, and our cries for healing to the One who listens—not grudgingly, but with love—and who responds, not out of weariness, but with compassion and justice.

Based on: *Have you thought? A parable about God*, 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 6: Effective complaints management. Some Key Competencies

The entity:

- Implements an effective complaints management system
- Appropriately supports anyone who brings forward a complaint

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

Kairos Outside Canberra #21 - for Women

Have you or has someone you know experienced having a loved one in prison? Kairos Outside provides support for female relatives or friends of a current or former inmate. We are holding a weekend with a safe and understanding environment on 24-26 October.

Contact: Teresa Millynn 0414737476,

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Pray: <https://signup.com/go/nvxxTLW>

RESERVE THE DATE/S IN YOUR DIARY

Thanksgiving Mass to mark the end of the liturgical year.

Friday 28 November - 6.15pm for Mass at St John the Apostle Church, Kippax, followed by supper.

Retreat – 29/30 November

Fr Khoi Nguyen msc from the Heart of Life Centre will lead a retreat titled “*Listening with a Hopeful Heart*”.

STA: 2.00 pm on Saturday afternoon finishing with the 6:00pm mass.

REPEATED

SJA: 2:00pm on Sunday afternoon finishing with the 6:00pm mass.

The two sessions are a Christmas gift to parishioners so there will be no cost. More information will be provided in late October.

Pins & Needles - 16 October - 7:15pm r
SJA Parish Library

Film Night Relax, Review, Reflect
24 October 7:00pm SJA Parish Library
“The Thursday Murder Club”

Bookclub - 28 September – 3:00pm
SJA Parish Library
“The Choke” by Sofie Laguna

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

2 November 2025

After 10:00am Mass

from SJA to STA

BBQ lunch at 12noon at St Thomas’

Registration is essential by 30 October

kippax@cg.org.au or 6254 3236

Chevalier Day

Mass Tuesday 21 October 2025 9:30am

Followed by Morning tea

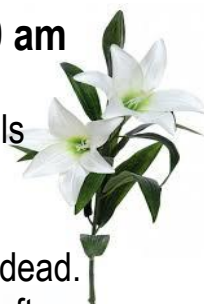
Jules Chevalier msc

15 March 1824 - 21 October 1907

The Annual Remembrance Mass

Saturday 15th November 10:00 am

At this mass, we will pray especially for all those whose funerals or burials we celebrated here in the past year, but all are welcome to join us and pray for all their beloved dead. Morning tea will be held in the foyer after mass.



HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER MASSES

Please complete your November mass intention envelope and return it to the parish office. We would appreciate receiving these before 31 October. The names of your deceased loved ones who you want to remember during the month of November will be read out before the Monday and Wednesday weekday mass. We will also continue to have mass intentions during the month of November for those anniversaries and intentions that occur during that month.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday 1 November

10:00am Mass



ALL SOULS DAY

Sunday 2 November

All weekend Masses

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed



“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

Prayer

Jesus says, "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive; whoever seeks will find; and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks." These are the words dictated by my love, which is more eager to give than people are to receive. It hastens to open the door for them, afraid they might have to wait too long. Note how my love multiplies its promises to make you more confident in asking for the graces you need, and to prepare you to receive them. If you want to become perfect, raise up to me the cry of your distress; lay your needs before me, and I promise you my help without fail.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.194f., Paris 1900.

Mass Intentions the week of 20-26 October

Mon	Irene Seneviratna
Wed	Kevin Suh
Thur	Maria Le Thi Tien
Fri	

Sat	
5:00pm	Gordon Riggs Snr

Sun	
8:30am	Winnie Bourke
10:00am	Angelo Fallacer
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!

CLAIM THE DATE

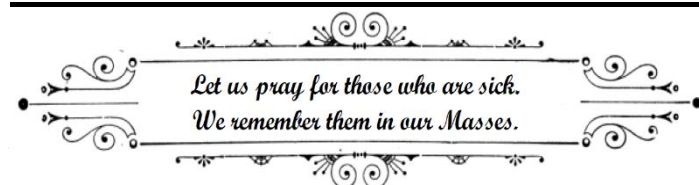
Anointing of the Sick during Mass
Friday 31 October ■ 11:00am
Lunch ■ 12noon

Blessed Peter To Rot

On **Sunday 19 October**, Bl. Peter To Rot will be canonised and become the first saint of Papua New Guinea.

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

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 and we will be in touch!



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jeffrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Eric French, Peter Naughton, Justin Fisher, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg, Angela Bajrami, Chee Loh, Bruce Davis, Sebastian Licciarrello, Patrick Hall, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormely, Constance Goodall, Richard Koch, Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst, Robert Imber, Michael McKenzie-McHarg, Ross Webber, Lorreli Newton, Marion Boland, Barry Parsons, Patricia Harman, Anne Jones, Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley, Kerry Hogden, Patrick Menzies, Helen Gorrell, Elsie Screen, Nicholas Moore, Frank Montgomery, Martin Moloney, Malcolm Lovelock, Francis Fulton, Peter Geraghty, Alejandra Bai, Paul Newton, Jack McMahan, Angelo Fallace, Silva Santos, Gregory Robinson, Ann Raadts, Peter Fox, May Skelly, Patrick Healey, Rose Ireland.

Community Connections

Connecting with people living alone
Monthly Gathering
19 October 3:30pm - 5:00pm
SJA Parish Library

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:

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our
heart.
Alleluia!

Readings **26 October 2025**

First Reading	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalm	Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23
Second Reading	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel	Luke 18:9-14

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

26 October Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Di & Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Maryanne Ferguson

26 October Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, James Nield
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Edgar Nnajide, Kerry Yard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Peter Igoe-Taylor

26 October Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Karen Bower
10:00am	Boni & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Marian Crowley

26 October Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Marie McKie
8:30am	Joan Beswick, Pamela Blackwell
10:00am	Margarete Gill, John Blackwell & family
6:00pm	Francesca Deklin

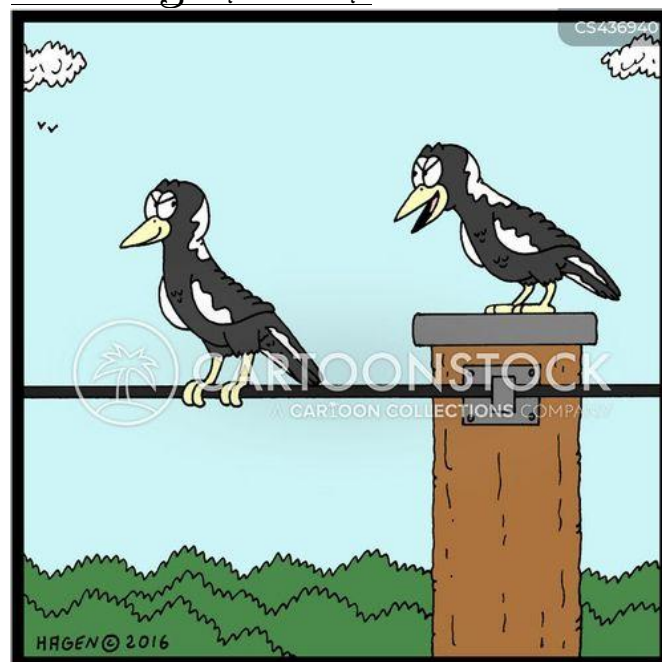
26 October SJAShop

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	19 Oct	Mary Cruickshank
Church Cleaning:	20 Oct	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

On a Lighter note



I'm bored: Let's go and swoop over cyclists' heads
and scare the heck out of them...