

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica YEAR C

9 November 2025

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Jesus Cleanses the Temple

In this striking and memorable scene, Jesus enters the Temple and finds it filled with traders and money-changers. His response is forceful and deeply symbolic: he overturns their tables and drives them out. This is not simply an outburst of anger; it is a prophetic act, a deliberate challenge to a system that has lost sight of its purpose.

At the heart of Jesus' protest is not just the selling of animals or the exchange of currency, but what these activities represent: a temple culture that had become overly controlled by an elite religious class. This class managed and mediated access to God in ways that burdened and excluded ordinary people. What was meant to be a house of prayer for all people had become a marketplace, and more than that, a place of power and control, where the sacred was bought and sold and access to God came at a cost.

Jesus' actions speak directly to this distortion. By driving out the merchants, he is making a powerful statement: *true worship does not require the mediation of corrupt systems*. It does not require money, status, or approval from religious authorities. The presence of God is not confined to a building or a transaction.

When Jesus says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," he is pointing to himself as the new place of encounter with God. His body—his life, death, and resurrection—will become the new and living temple. In him, all barriers between God and humanity are torn down.

Jesus' cleansing of the Temple is not merely about reforming a religious institution; it is about reorienting our hearts. It challenges us to clear out what clutters our spiritual lives, to resist anything that makes access to God conditional, and to rediscover that the true dwelling place of God is not in stone buildings or human systems—but in the person of Christ, and through him, in each one of us.

Based on: *Gospel Focus – The Temple*, 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 9: Continuous improvement.

Some Key Competencies - The entity:

- Implements an effective safeguarding action plan
- Develops, implements and reviews appropriate safeguarding policies and practices
- Reports on findings

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

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.

2026 Sacramental Program Information Evening for Parents

18 November 2025 – 6:30pm – 7:30pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Register to attend the information evening for parents for the Sacraments of Penance [Reconciliation], First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Key information will be provided on the process for registering your child/children for the Sacraments in 2026, Formation Evening for parents Information and key dates for the Sacraments in 2026



For students in Years 3-6 for the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion and Year 6 for the Sacrament of Confirmation

<https://forms.gle/vvKmq4FLzdV2c8ae7>

Use the QR Code to register or



Pins & Needles

Mon 17 November – 7:15pm
SJA Kippax Parish Library

YCS BELCONNEN

November 16th After Sunday Mass

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Year groups 7 – 12 are welcome

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Planned Giving

Firstly, thank you to everyone who contributes financially to our parishes. It is simply not possible for a parish to operate without it.

For those who don't know, we now have a combined Parish Finance Council. We have been working through all of the parish accounts and processes for both churches and the best way to bring them together.

Our priority has been, what this means for you.

There will likely be new bank account details and some minor changes to the way we all contribute financially. We are hoping to keep things as simple as possible and plan on letting you all know as soon as practically possible.

Please continue as normal until any changes are communicated.

Stay tuned or reach out if you have any questions.

God bless

Josh Osborne-Goldsbrough

Chair - Combined Parish Finance Council

RETREAT

Date: 29/30 November

Theme: *Listening with a Hopeful Heart*

Presenter: Fr Khoi Nguyen msc

Cost: Free – our Christmas gift to you

Registration: kippax@cg.org.au

Please identify which day

Time & Place: STA Charnwood: 2.00 pm on Saturday finishing at 5:30pm with a break before the 6:00pm mass.

REPEATED

Time & Place: SJA Kippax: 2:00pm on Sunday finishing at 5:30pm with a break before the 6:00pm mass.

Please bring a journal or notebook.

Khoi Nguyen is a priest of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC), a scholar in the field of disability, and a person living with vision impairment. He is currently pursuing a PhD, researching the intersection of Vision Impairment Spirituality and MSC Heart Spirituality.

Thanksgiving Mass

All ministers are invited 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.

Please bring a plate ... a main dish or dessert

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart revealed God's mercy on earth

The Heart of Jesus is essentially merciful, because it is the Heart of God; mercy is his very nature. The Blessed Trinity put in his Heart for our sake all the treasures of its tenderness and love, and so the Sacred Heart poured them out profusely on every misfortune he came across. His role on earth was not to condemn but to forgive;
not to spurn those who suffer
but to comfort them;
not to alienate sinners,
but to enlighten and convert them;
not to turn away the sick,
but to heal them;
not to abandon a lost sheep,
but to bring it back to the sheepfold;
not to quench the smoking wick,
but to make it burn brightly;
not to break the crushed reed,
but to strengthen it.
That is the Sacred Heart.
What kindness, what mercy!

Jules Chevalier msc

Méditations II, p.641f., Issoudun 1891.

Mass Intentions the week of 10-16 November

Mon 10/11	
Wed 12/11	
Thur 13/11	
Fri 14/11	Dorothy Lenihan
Sat 15/11	
5:00pm	Witzens & Brockway Families
Sun 16/11	
8:30am	Francisco & Maria de la Torre
10:00am	Mansoor Shammass & Salwa Halabiya
6:00pm	

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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

Pilgrims of Hope

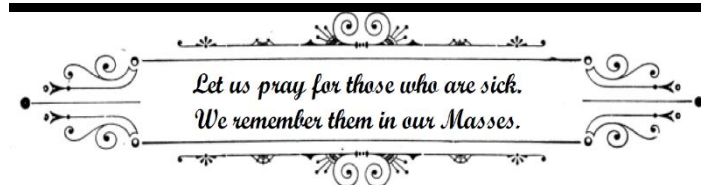
Do I have a heart?

Whenever a person thinks, questions and reflects on his or her true identity, strives to understand the deeper questions of life and to seek God, or experiences the thrill of catching a glimpse of truth, it leads to the realization that our fulfilment as human beings is found in love.

In loving, we sense that we come to know the purpose and goal of our existence in this world. Everything comes together in a state of coherence and harmony. It allows that, in contemplating the meaning of our lives, perhaps the most decisive question we can ask is. "Do I have a heart?"

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us*, 23

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



Recently Deceased: Daphne Ashley

Daphne's funeral will take place on Monday 17 November at St Bede's Catholic Church Braidwood NSW.

Anniversary:

Patricia Smith, John Roots, Adrian Gilchrist, Margaret Webster, Marie-Jeanne Shatzman, Veronica Tippet, Gary Williams, Frances Stow, Margaret Conlon, Maria Van Audenaerde, Brenden Keir, Connelia Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witzens, Gloria Hunter, Jordan Blachfield, maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen Randall, Gary Marsh, Fransien Ashauer, Nell Clarke, Matthew Biggs, Joey Griffiths, Marie Corr, Nelson Canas, Irene Collbourne, Constianus Slusser, Patricia McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan, Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Peter Hayes, Phyllis McAllister

Friendship Group Morning Tea

next meeting on **Wednesday 26 November 10:15am - parish centre - Christmas Theme**
Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. This will be the last meeting for 2025 and we will resume in January 2026

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:

The waters from the temple brings life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house,
says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia!

Readings 16 November 2025

First Reading	Mal 3:19-20
Psalm	Ps 97:5-9
Second Reading	2 Thes 3:7-12
Gospel	Luke 21:5-19

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

16 November Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Maria Scarr
10:00am	Rose & Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	Nunga Umaru, Peter Le

16 November Lector Roster

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

16 November Ministers of Communion

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

16 November Hospitality Roster

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

16 November SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	9 Nov	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	10 Nov	Edgar & Chioma Nnajide

On a Lighter note

