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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 November 2025

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Witness with Courage

"Your endurance will win you your lives." (Luke 21:19)

When we read this passage from Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus speaking about the destruction of the Temple, wars, earthquakes, famine, and persecution. It's dramatic and unsettling. But to understand its purpose, we must remember that Luke was writing decades after Jesus' death, at a time when many of these predicted events had already occurred. The Temple had been destroyed, early Christians were being persecuted, and the fledgling communities were feeling the pressure of uncertainty and fear.

Luke's intention, then, is not to provide a historical transcript of Jesus' words, but to offer hope and reassurance to his community. The gospel is written not as biography but as proclamation. The evangelist is showing his readers that Jesus understood their suffering, and more than that, that their suffering had meaning. Jesus "predicts" these events not to frighten, but to reassure. The message to the early Church — and to us — is clear: *Hold on. Stay faithful. Do not be afraid. God is still at work in the midst of chaos.*

Jesus does not promise ease or escape. He speaks of betrayal, hardship, and opposition — even from one's own family. But he also promises presence: "I myself will give you words and a wisdom..." (v. 15). The trials his followers face will not be the end of the story, and not even a hair of their head will be lost — not in the ultimate sense. Their endurance will lead them into life.

This message remains relevant today. When we feel overwhelmed by the "earthquakes" and "wars" of our own time — be they personal, communal, or global — Luke reminds us that we are part of a bigger story. Faithfulness does not mean being spared from difficulty; it means trusting that God is with us through it. The gospel was written to help people *keep going* — and it does.

In times of turmoil, we are called to witness with courage, to trust that Christ speaks within and through us, and to remain steadfast in love.

Based on: *Living the Gospel – Comfort*, 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 10: Policies and procedures support the safety of children and adults. Some Key

Competencies

The entity:

- Develops and reviews safeguarding policies and procedures
- Makes policies and procedures accessible
 - Implements policies and procedures

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

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.

<https://forms.gle/vvKmq4FLzdV2c8ae7>

Use the QR Code to register or

YCS BELCONNEN

November 16th After Sunday Mass
From 7:00pm – 9:00pm
St John the Apostle Parish Centre
Year groups 7 – 12 are welcome

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.
Contact: Barbara Mawson in you have any quesitons on 6254 7989.

This will be the last meeting for 2025 and we will resume in January 2026

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

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

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

RSVP: 25 November 2025

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.



Pins & Needles

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

Heart Spirituality

Witness of Father Píperon

Nobody surely has known the very Reverend Fr. Chevalier more intimately or loved him more than I have. None of us can appreciate more than I the good he accomplished, since by the merciful designs of Providence, I was closely associated with him for forty-two years. However, my intention has not been to sing the praises of our beloved and venerated Father. His works will do that a thousand times more eloquently than my feeble pen.

I have always admired his love for the Heart of Jesus to whom he consecrated his life; his undaunted enthusiasm in working for the glory of this divine Heart; his dedication for souls; his zeal for the house of God; his constancy and courage in time of trial (and God knows how much he had to suffer); his charity; his capacity to forget offences. This latter quality made me often say: if you want a favour from Father Chevalier, offend him and you are sure to get it.

Fr. Píperon msc - Issoudun 2 April 1899.

Mass Intentions the week of 17-23 November

Mon 17/11	
Wed 19/11	John the Baptist
Thur 20/11	Ancestors
Fri 21/11	All Souls
Sat 22/11	
5:00pm	
Sun 23/11	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.

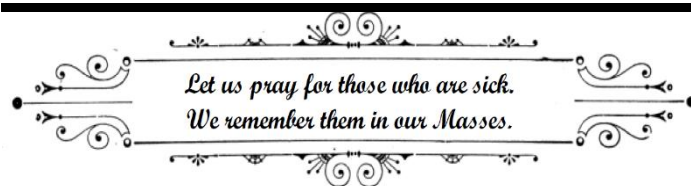
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Pilgrims of Hope

God wants our Heart

Devotion to the heart of Christ reappears in the spiritual journey of many saints, all quite different from each other; in everyone of them, the devotion takes on new hues. Saint Vincent de Paul, for example, used to say that what God desires is the heart: "God asks primarily for our heart – our heart – and that is what counts. How is it that a man who has no wealth will have greater merit than someone who has great possessions that he gives up? Because the one who has nothing does it with greater love; and that is what God especially wants...."

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #148*
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

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, Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson, Allan Cockroft, Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe, Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Lelsie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae

Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Next gathering: Friday 21 November

St John the Apostle Parish Centre



Relax, Review, Reflect

"Chocolat"

Friday 21 November at 7:00pm
in the 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:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Readings **23 November 2025**

First Reading	2 Sam 5:1-3
Psalm	Ps 121:1-5
Second Reading	Col 1:12-20
Gospel	Luke 23:35-43

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

23 November Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

23 November 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

23 November Ministers of Communion

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

23 November Hospitality Roster

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

23 November SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	16 Nov	Angela Boreham
Church Cleaning:	17 Nov	Vigi Varghese

On a Lighter note

