

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
12 January 2025

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Jesus' Baptism and Connections to Daily Life

Hearing God's Voice:

At Jesus' baptism, the Father affirms His identity: *"You are my Son, the Beloved."* We too are God's beloved sons and daughters, yet how often do we pause to hear this voice? In our daily lives, amidst the noise and busyness, God continues to speak words of love and affirmation to us.

Take a moment each day to quiet your heart and hear God say: *"You are my beloved."* How does this change the way you see yourself and others?

Living in Relationship:

The baptism event reveals God as a relationship of love—Father, Son, and Spirit. It invites us to reflect on our relationships with family, friends, colleagues, and our community.

Are there relationships in your life that need healing, reconciliation, or deeper connection? How might you imitate the gentleness of the Spirit, the humility of the Son, and the love of the Father in your interactions?

Walking Humbly Like Jesus:

Despite being the Son of God, Jesus enters the waters of baptism in humility, standing in solidarity with humanity. His example challenges us to walk humbly in our own lives.

In what ways can you embody humility and solidarity with others—perhaps by reaching out to those on the margins, offering encouragement, or being present to someone in need?

Reflecting the Trinity in Community:

God's Trinitarian nature teaches us that unity does not erase individuality. Just as the Father, Son, and Spirit are distinct yet united, we are called to build communities where diversity is celebrated and each person's gifts are valued.

How might you contribute to fostering unity in your family, workplace, or parish community?

A Closing Thought

While we may struggle to fully comprehend the Trinity, we are called to encounter it with hearts open to wonder. The baptism of Jesus is an invitation to dwell in God's love—a love that flows endlessly between Father, Son, and Spirit, and reaches out to embrace all of creation. May we carry this love into our daily lives, living as beloved children of God and sharing that love with others.

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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

No Masses Wednesday or Thursday

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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

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

2nd Tuesday of the month Coffee Group
14 January – 2:00pm Ichi Café at Kippax
Contact: Barbara Mawson 6254 7989

3rd Sunday of the month gathering
19 January at 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Parish Centre

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Next gathering: Friday 17 January
Christmas Gathering
St John the Apostle Parish Centre



Relax, Review, Reflect

The Water Diviner

"The Water Diviner is a book and a movie about an Australian farmer who travels to Turkey after World War I to recover the bodies of his three sons who died in the war."

Friday 17 January at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 28 JANUARY – 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

St John's Friendship Group

Morning Tea

next meeting on
Wednesday 29 January
10:00am - parish centre.

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

"Be on earth the Heart of God"



The Presentation of the Lord
Blessing of the Candles
Bring your candles to be blessed
1/2 February
Saturday 5:00pm Vigil
8:30am, 10:00am and 6:00pm
Sunday

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Register your interest for your child/children for the 2025 Sacramental Program.



Use the QR Code to register.

Registration Night details will be advised soon

For students in Year 3 for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist and Year 6 for the Sacrament of Confirmation

For students attending non catholic schools who have not received these Sacraments from Year 3-6

LIFE IS A JOURNEY

5 Day Retreat

with Fr. Chris McPhee msc
March 10-15 2025

St John the Apostle Catholic Church
Life is a Journey Retreat is a reflective, prayerful excursion that contemplatively aligns our personal journeys with the journey of Jesus, focusing on transforming our past through the intimacy of God's love.

Silence is a central part of this retreat; however, there will be times to share and interact with others on the retreat.

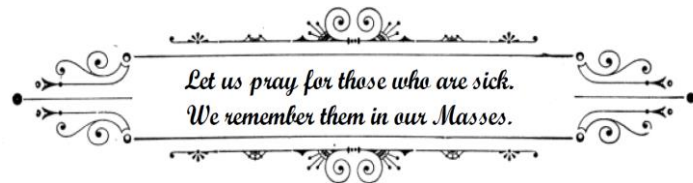
The retreat can be for any adult.

Register at: kippax@cg.org.au



Pins & Needles
Mon 20 January – 7:15pm
Parish Library

Heart Spirituality



Mary shares in the work of redemption

The life of Jesus is marked by three solemn periods: his entry into the world, his public mission and his death on the cross. His mother is associated with these great events that bring about a whole new life. She is there as the sacrament of divine love, as the mysterious helpmate of the new Adam, in a new creation. She gives birth on Calvary to all peoples in God, made fruitful by the blood and grace flowing from his Sacred Heart. At Cana she obtains from her son the first of his miracles; she establishes the Apostles in faith and receives the assurance of the institution of the eucharist and other sacraments.

Jules Chevalier msc
OLSH, p. 85f Issoudun, 1892

Stewardship

Servant Leadership

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example. Certainly, the sinless Saviour did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.

Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

Recently Deceased:

Margaret Richardson [wife of Gary]

Anniversary: Pauline Burt, Jamie Bourke, Cooper McDonald, Mary Gorey, John Machin, John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon, Virginia Policarpio, Eamonn Kennedy, Terence Martin, Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall, Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Tara Ottewill, Frederick Felsing, Shaun MacKey, Josephine Fox, Bradley Keenan, Albert Bingham, Josephine McLaren, Eugenia Kurzynski, Horace Staunton, Leonard Crowe, Ernest Hackett, Christopher Hemmingway, Claudine MacDowell, Danielle Sykes, Brendan Gibson, Chris Thamer, Bernadette Davis, Emauel Grech, Joan Casey, Nicholas McInerney, James Fitzgibbon, Kyall Green, Maxwell Lewis, Geoffrey Fisher, Michael Sweeney, Armando Arugay, Jane Packard, Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Desmond Jones, Janelle Sykes, Marie Murphy

Mass Intentions the week of 13 - 19 January

Mon 13/01	
Wed 15/01	
Thur 16/01	Jeevaraj Gunaratnam
Fri 17/01	Robert Scarr
Sat 18/01	
5:00pm	
Sun 19/01	
8:30am	
10:00am	Relatives of Christian Perera
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!



Anointing after Mass Friday 31 January

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

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

SJAFriendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre
Movie Night	4 th Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library
Community Connections	3 rd Sunday of the Month 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

Readings 19 January 2025

First Reading	Is 62:1-5
Psalm	Ps 95:1-3, 7-10
Second Reading	1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel	John 2:1-11

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 Jan Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Francesca Deklin
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Nunga Umaru, Peter Le

19 Jan Lector Roster

5:00pm	
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Bernadette Murnane, Margaret Luck

19 Jan Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Gordon Donnir, Marie McKie
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Marini Ignatius, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Charlotte D'Cruze, Lionel D'Cruze

19 Jan Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Barbara Mawson
8:30am	Clyde Sloan, Norma Sloan
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Christine Lancaster

19 Jan SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	12 Jan	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	13 Jan	Edgar Nnajide, Chioma Nnajide

On a lighter note

