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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

26 January 2025

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Jesus' Mission

In today's gospel, Jesus returns to the synagogue where he has worshipped throughout his life. It is a familiar setting, one filled with the echoes of prayer, the rhythms of scripture, and the presence of his community. Yet, on this occasion, something extraordinary unfolds.

Handed the scroll of Isaiah, Jesus reads from chapter 61, proclaiming the words of liberation and restoration. But then, he does something remarkable—he inserts a line from chapter 58: "to set the downtrodden free." This deliberate addition transforms the reading into a powerful declaration of his mission.

This moment in Nazareth is often called Jesus' "inauguration" or "mission statement." It marks the beginning of his public ministry and sets the tone for the entire Gospel of Luke. Jesus makes a bold and unequivocal statement about the nature of his mission: he has come to bring good news to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, sight to the blind, and liberation to those who are burdened.

Luke's gospel is profoundly shaped by this focus on the marginalized. Again and again, Jesus seeks out the outcast, the forgotten, and the downtrodden. His actions and teachings consistently challenge societal norms, extending God's mercy to those whom the world has pushed aside.

For us, this passage serves as a call to reflect on our own lives. Are we aligned with Jesus' mission? Do we hear and respond to the cries of the oppressed and the vulnerable? Jesus' proclamation in the synagogue is not just an historical moment but a living invitation for us to embody his mission in our time and place.

The people in the synagogue that day likely felt the weight of Jesus' words, just as we should now. His message is both comforting and challenging—comforting in its promise of liberation and challenging in its demand for action. Like Jesus, we are called to bring good news, to work for justice, and to set the downtrodden free.

May this passage inspire us to follow Jesus' example, carrying his message of hope and liberation into a world that so desperately needs it.

Based on: *Gospel Reflection* 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

LIFE IS A JOURNEY

6 Day Retreat
with Fr. Chris McPhee msc

Where: St John the Apostle
Catholic Church
When: 10-15 March 2025
Time: 9:30am Mass
Session: 10:30am – 11:30am
Repeated: 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sat 15 March: 11:00am concluding
with mass at 12:30pm
Cost: \$80 (If cost is prohibitive,
please contact the parish office. We
warmly welcome everyone and do
not want financial concerns to
prevent anyone from attending).

*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.*

Register at: kippax@cg.org.au

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

Anointing after Mass
Friday 31 January
9:30am Mass



CLAIM THE DATE
Anointing of the Sick during Mass
Friday 28 February ■ 11:00am
Lunch ■ 12noon

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

MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
1st Friday of every month ■ 9:30am



7 February 2024

Sacred Heart Devotion

The heart is the centre of our
being, and the seat of our emotions and
love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus
symbolizes his great love for humanity.
Jesus initiated this devotion out of his
great love for us.

Thursday Night before 1st Friday
Prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament
Gethsemane Thursday
6 February
7:30 – 8:30pm



Parish Office Happenings

Fr. Chung is on annual leave return to on
Sunday 2 March 2025.

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday 27 January for the Australia Day
public holiday.

LIBRARY NEWS

The display in the library for the month
of February is on hope. Titles include
"Crossing the Threshold of Hope" and
"Hope against Darkness"

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Pilgrims of Hope

He Loved us First

HE LOVED US”, Saint Paul says of Christ (cf. Rom 8:37), in order to make us realise that nothing can ever “separate us” from that love (Rom 8:39). Paul could say this with certainty because Jesus himself had told his disciples, “I have loved you” (Jn 15:9,12). Even now, the Lord says to us, “I have called you friends” (Jn 15:15). His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us his love and friendship. For “he loved us first” (cf. 1Jn 4:10). Because of Jesus, “we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us” (1Jn 4:16).

*Pope Francis: Dilexit Nos, #1
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*

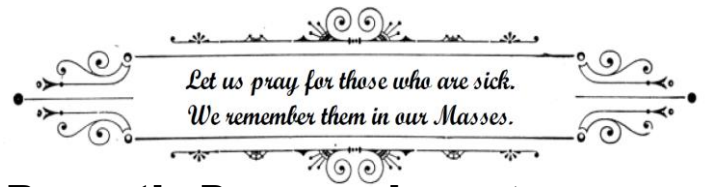
Heart Spirituality

Concerning mutual respect

Always keep in mind that in the Heart of Jesus all are members of the same family and the same body, so that the blessings and trials of each are common to the whole body, and all the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus form but one heart and one soul (Acts 4:32).

Imitators of the Heart of Jesus, are called to feel affection and genuine charity for one another, anticipating one another with kindness, not taking into account differences of character, language or country. They will delight in helping one another by giving good example in everything, by prayer, advice, admonition and by every means possible.

Constitutiones MSC 1877, C. IX, n 1



Recently Deceased: Fr. John Ryan
Fr. Chris Murphy msc

Anniversary: Margaret Hill, Declan Morris, Riley Carberry, Rupert Waterford, Jehanne Thelland, Alexander Powell, Alice Tonna, Robert Thomas, Nola Newton, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Nicholas Roots, Julian Oakley, Violet Duve, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelita Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Victoria Wilkinson, Kenneth Vella, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher, Peter Moore, Robert Millucci, Robert Haverfield.

Mass Intentions the week of 27 January – 2 February

Mon 27/01	
Wed 29/01	
Thur 30/01	
Fri 31/01	
Sat 25/01	
5:00pm	
Sun 26/01	
8:30am	Helen, Steven, Joseph, and Winifred Khoury
10:00am	
6:00pm	Alison Coates

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!

SAPIENTIA RETREAT

Single adults, ages 18-30, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia for a weekend retreat at St Mary’s Towers, Douglas Park, NSW, from 7-9 February 2025. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fun and fellowship. Fee: \$300 per person. Please complete the google form (<https://forms.gle/hHyBFDjN3A5pexXJA>) to register your intention. Registrations close 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	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month</i> 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month</i> 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month</i> 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month</i> 6:00pm Parish Centre
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month</i> 7:00pm Parish Library
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i> 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News
to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Readings 2 February 2025

First Reading	Mal 3:1-4
Psalm	Ps 23:7-10
Second Reading	Heb 2:14-18
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40

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

2 Feb Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rod Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

2 Feb Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Busi Nkomo

2 Feb Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	Pat Cowburn, Angela Boreham
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Peter Igoe-Taylor

2 Feb Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Helen Murphy
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster, John McGee

2 Feb SJAShop

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	Marilyn Calliess
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	26 Jan	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	27 Jan	

On a Lighter note



"Don't prescribe anything for my memory.
I like it when I forget I'm old!"