

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**      **YEAR C**  
**27 April 2025**      **#22.25**

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### **Blessed Are Those Who Believe**

The story of Thomas is one many of us can relate to. He wanted proof—something tangible to hold onto before he could fully believe in the risen Jesus. His doubt was not defiance, but an honest longing for certainty. When Jesus appears and invites Thomas to touch his wounds, Thomas responds with a profound declaration of faith: “My Lord and my God!” But then comes Jesus’ words that echo through the centuries: “You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” (John 20:29) This is a message not just for the early Christians, but for all of us today. We have not physically seen Jesus, yet we are invited to trust in his presence and his promises.

Faith is not always easy. Like Thomas, we may wrestle with questions, doubts, and uncertainties. We may long for a clear sign of God’s presence, especially in times of hardship or suffering. Yet Jesus reassures us that belief is not about having all the answers—it is about trusting in the unseen, holding onto hope even when we do not fully understand.

We experience Christ’s presence in many ways: in the kindness of others, in moments of unexpected grace, in the deep peace that comes through prayer. Sometimes faith is not about certainty but about the willingness to remain open—to keep searching, questioning, and trusting that God is at work in our lives.

Jesus’ blessing on “those who have not seen and yet believe” is not a rebuke of Thomas but an encouragement for us. It reminds us that our faith, even when imperfect, is seen and valued by God. It assures us that belief is not about having all the evidence but about being open to encounter Christ in new and unexpected ways.

As we reflect on this passage, let us find encouragement in Jesus’ words. Let us embrace both our faith and our doubts, knowing that Christ meets us where we are. And may we, like Thomas, come to recognize him as “My Lord and my God” in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our lives.

**Based on: Have you thought? – Does he mean us?, 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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### Ministry

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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*

## MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month ■

9:30am

2 May 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

**Prayer before the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Gethsemane Thursday  
1 May 7:30 – 8:30pm**



**YCS  
BELCONNEN**

11 May  
After Sunday Mass

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Year groups 7 – 12 are welcome

Join us for games, praise, prayer, food  
and social justice

### PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Frs. Tru and Chung will be attending a  
gathering at Douglas Park from

**Monday 5 to Friday 9 May.**

There will be a liturgy of the Word with  
Holy Communion at 9:30am for the week  
in both parishes.

St John the Apostle Kippax  
Monday, Tuesday and Friday

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Formation Evening for parents

Monday 19 May

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

[kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Formation Evening for parents

Monday 28 April

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

[kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

**St John the Apostle Primary  
School** is open for enrolments for all  
age groups especially Kindergarten  
for 2026.

### Tours available

Thursday 8 May - 2.00 pm & 5.00pm

Thursday 15 May - 2.00 pm & 5.00pm

Please call the Front Office on  
6258 3592 to make or an appointment with  
the Principal, Jo Reed.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

**Michael Fallon**

**Memorial Mass at**

St John the Apostle Parish

Monday 28 April 9:30am

### **Funeral Details**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30am

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish,  
Kensington

Graveside Service 1:00pm

MSC Cemetery, St Mary's Towers, Douglas  
Park

The funeral will be live-streamed

<https://www.caktusproductions.com.au/fr/michaelfallonmsc>



## Easter Triduum

Thank you to all those parishioners who  
were involved in the planning, preparation  
and participation in the Easter Triduum  
this year.

We are blessed with the gifts and talents of  
each and every parishioner which  
continually nurtures our parish community.

# Heart Spirituality

## Friendship with God

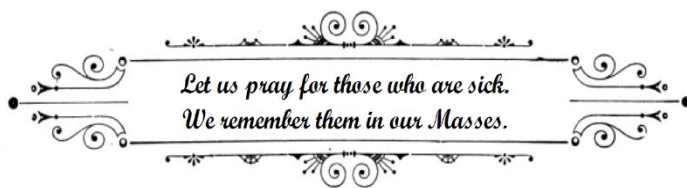
Our heart has not only the need to love; it experiences also the need to be loved. Where shall we turn to find a true friend into whose heart we can pour what is overflowing in ours? To whom can we confide our most intimate secrets?

Jesus Christ has a keen desire to be our friend, so let us turn him, making him our friend. How precious his friendship is! We can count on his fidelity; he will never fail us, not even when we are in the midst of trials. God is a sincere friend.

Jesus Christ makes not exceptions of persons. No matter what our talents, not matter where we may be or what may have happened to us, his friendship will always be genuine. His Heart will always be open to receive us, to lavish his love upon us.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Meditations 1, p. 414f., Issoudun 1891.

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



## Recently Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Jaochim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes, Vladislav Malnar, Joseph Kowalski, Miroslav Chodora, Patricia Ticehurst, Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Quigley, Cyril Harper, Michael Bell, Denis Carey, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashley Johnson, Anna Clobus, Neil White, John Schmich, Gertrude Harridence, Pauline O’Gorman, John Braddon, John Costello, Lillian Boyd, Ruth Lloyd, Jack Draper

# Pilgrims of Hope

## Fulfilment is found in Love

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 realisation 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 follows 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

## Mass Intentions the week of 28 April – 4 May

Mon 28/04	
Wed 30/04	
Thur 01/05	
Fri 02/05	
<b>Sat 03/05</b>	
5:00pm	
<b>Sun 04/05</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	Donna Hogan
6:00pm	

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

## MenAlive Recharge

**When:** Saturday 24 May (2.00pm to 5.30pm) followed by rosary, Mass and a shared meal

**Where:** Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden, 115 Hodgson Cres, Pearce

**Cost:** Nothing.

Let’s come together, renew our faith, and encourage one another to respond to the great need.

Contact Mat at 0438446489 or Fr Emil at 0414 523 036.

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

SJAFriendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 10:15am shared morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:30pm – 5:00pm Parish Centre</i>

### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

Give thanks to the Lord for his good,  
his love is everlasting

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me,  
Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me,  
but still believe!  
Alleluia!

### **Readings 4 May 2025**

First Reading	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
Psalm	Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13
Second Reading	Rev 5:11-14
Gospel	John 21:1-19

### **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

### 4 May **Acolyte Roster**

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

### 4 May **Lector Roster**

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

### 4 May **Ministers of Communion**

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

### 4 May **Hospitality Roster**

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

### 4 May **SJAShop**

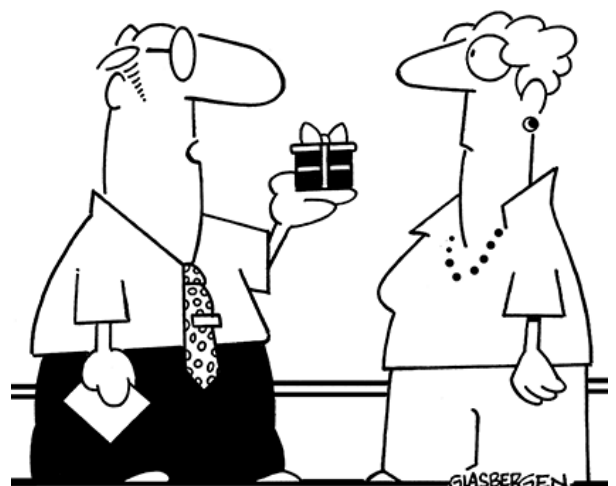
5:00pm	Lyn O'Brienn
8:30am	Marilyn Calliess
10:00am	
6:00pm	

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	27 Apr	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	28 Apr	

### On a lighter note

#### HAPPY RETIREMENT



**"In appreciation for 25 years of service  
as a kindergarten teacher, we made you  
this gold watch from macaroni and glitter."**