



To be on earth the Heart of God

# KIT @ Kippax



Michael's visit home, here visiting a nearby church with his Dad, Mum and Aunty. See more on pages 15-16.

## *Time out for reflection*

### The Sacred Heart of Jesus



The kindness and love of God our saviour for humanity, is revealed in Jesus. Jesus who loved with a human heart. The heart of Christ is full of love and mercy. A heart who felt compassion for the crowds. A heart who could ease the burdens of those who came to him, to find rest for their souls. Devotion to the Sacred Heart gives a vision of the whole of religion as being God's love revealed so that humanity might respond in love.

The spirit of Heart Spirituality is shaped by a love for justice and a concern for all, especially the very poor. We are called to love the poor with the tenderness of the Heart of Christ, recognising that in today's world we meet poverty in many and various forms such as insecurity, suffering, loneliness, discord among nations, aimlessness, injustice, oppression, frustrated hopes, despair, homelessness, and hunger to name a few.

The spirit of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is a family spirit, a spirit of kinship. It is shaped by charity, kindness, humility, simplicity, hospitality and good humour. Heart Spirituality brings a message of hope, particularly to those who search for life's meaning, to those whose rights are disregarded. In every person who hopes, in every person who seeks to find themselves and longs for unity in a world of justice and peace, in every person who is oppressed, we discover Christ.

The mission is carried out in a life of service – as missionaries of the love of Christ, working to assist all people with whatever afflicts them. This mission of love manifests the kindness of God. Our first response to Christ's love, is our love in return – loving God and loving others.

The Jewish Talmud states that **the highest form of wisdom is kindness** and Jules Chevalier msc lived a Charism of Kindness for nearly sixty years.

Resource used: Jules Chevalier – man with a mission, by E. J. Cuskelly msc

# Editor's Note



Sacraments Farewells, and Feast Days, filled the calendar in June. On Thursday 9 June thirty children of the parish and the primary school received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a spirit filled liturgy; the children feature on page 5.

On the 10 June we said farewell to Brian Green at the 9:30am mass followed by morning tea. Brian a long-time parishioner will be deeply missed – a tribute to Brian is on page 4.

We celebrated the feast of Pentecost on Sunday 5 June. Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Hospitality ministers took place at the weekend masses. Parishioners then blessed them with the parish blessing song, see page 5.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart, which we celebrated on Friday 24 June is a special day for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. In this our jubilee year we planned a big day of celebrations beginning with mass at 10:00am followed by High Tea. In the evening we held a karaoke night with a food truck theme of pulled pork rolls and soup. A fun evening enjoyed by the small number who attended. Fr Michael returned from India in time for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, he entertained the people with a performance of a Bollywood dance. See the photos on pages 9–11.

During July, over the weekends of 23/24 and 31/1, the children of the parish and parish primary school will celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Please hold these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. Vatican II states, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (CCC. 1324). Let us pray that receiving the Eucharist will become an integral part of their lives.

St Vincent de Paul's winter appeal launches on the last weekend in July. We give thanks for our SVdP Conference at St John's and the good works they do on behalf of all of us. Link to donate on page 6.

With every blessing,

*Marian*

# Farewell Brian Green

On the 10 June at the 9:30am mass followed by morning tea, we said farewell to Brian Green who is moving to Brisbane to be closer to family. Brian has been a parishioner at St John's for around 30 years. He has participated in the ministries of Acolyte, Lector, and Minister of Communion, at both weekday and weekend masses. Brian has lost count of the number of funerals where he has served as Acolyte. He has been a stalwart of the 8:30am Sunday mass where he regularly did the welcome announcement at the commencement of mass. Along with his ministerial duties Brian also managed the Piety Store. He undertook these duties with the due diligence and care that he applied to everything he undertook in the parish.

At his farewell Brian was described as a prayerful man of God. In his reply speech Brian talked of how his spirituality has grown and deepened during his time at St John's. He attributed this to the spiritual nurturance of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Priest.

Brian will be very much missed. We wish him every blessing for this next stage of his life and for his new life in Brisbane.

**May the Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
Cause his face to shine on you  
and give you peace.**





## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

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*Pentecost*

# VINNIES 2022 CEO SLEEPOUT



Hi my name is Ted Kell, Clare and I have been parishioners of St Johns parish since it started. Before retirement I worked full time as a contract carpet layer and Clare has been working and volunteering for Vinnies for over 30 years.

After retiring I was looking for something to ease my back ache and discovered the Pain Pod, a Tens Machine which is great for any type of pain. In 2012 I read about the Vinnies Sleepout and decided that it was something I could do. We have slept in many different well known locations. This year it was held at the portrait gallery.

The year we slept at Questacon it poured rain but I was lucky enough to be under one of the permanent umbrellas. When I woke up next morning most people had been moved to the underground car park leaving their wet cardboard shelters scattered everywhere. The coldest night was probably at the airport or maybe the Arboretum, this year was mild compared to some.

As this is my 10th year sleeping out my plan was to reach \$10,000.

Thanks to my parish, family, friends and supporters I have exceeded my goal and still going. St Johns has always been a generous parish. We are very fortunate to be in a beautiful MSC parish family. It's great to be able to help people in our area who need a hand.

Sleep out.  
Change lives.



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Celebrating Ted at the Sacred Heart High Tea

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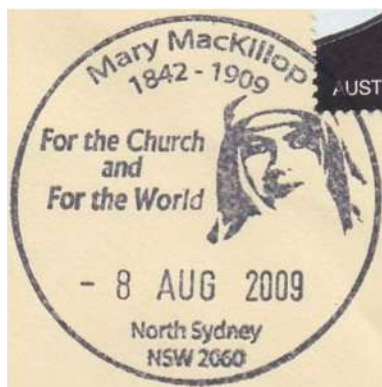
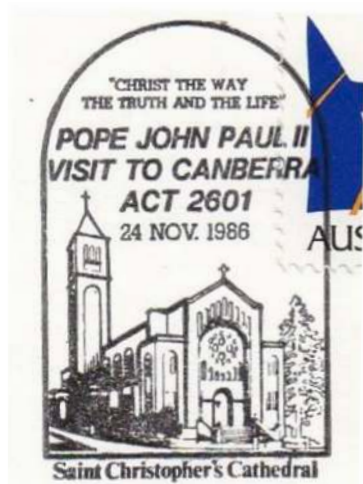
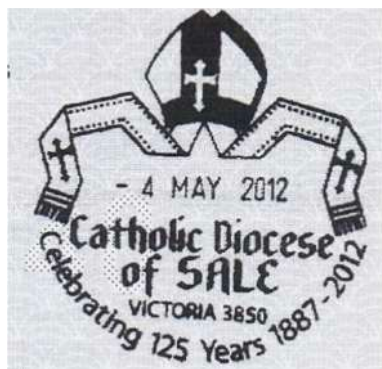


*“Not all of us  
can do great things. But  
we can do small things  
with great love.”*

*Mother Teresa*

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**Vinnies**  
good works



Father Peter Wood, an avid reader and founder of Parish Book Club was a passionate stamp collector. Part of his collection accompanied him to St John the Apostle, Kippax.

"It's enough for now," he would say.

"But someday I would like to have a stamp room."

I, like many, kept an eye out for stamps on letters and parcels and helped to build his collection.

Philately is not just the collecting of stamps. It is all things postal. Father Peter introduced me to the world of pictorial postmarks. These small, insignificant, and often overlooked impressions from an inked rubber stamp commemorate events, provide links to a town's history, and make great souvenirs. Those depicted here are linked to the history of the Church in Australia.

A couple of years after Father Peter left the Parish, I had the pleasure of visiting him in Moonah, Tasmania. He greeted me with a beaming smile, ushered me into the presbytery hallway, and said, "Come this way." I followed him, not knowing what to expect. He opened a door and said, "Take a look!" He had a STAMP room!!!

**Fr. Peter Wood msc was Acting Parish Priest in 2007 when Fr. Michael Fallon msc Parish Priest was on Sabbatical in Rome. Fr Peter died on 29 August 2018.**

A postmark commemorating the Golden Jubilee of St John the Apostle, Kippax is available on request from the post office at Kippax Shopping Centre until the end of the year. A postmark usually includes the name of the post office or mail centre that receives the mail. This pictorial postmark bears the place name, Holt...that makes it doubly special.

# Treasures from the Archives

## The Four Evangelists

This year commemorates 50 years of the Parish of St John the Apostle, Kippax. There are several saints named John – St John the Apostle, is one of the Four Evangelists or writers of the Gospels, the others being St Matthew, St Mark, and St Luke. In art the Four Evangelists are represented by: a winged man or angel (Matthew), a winged lion (Mark), a winged ox (Luke), and an eagle (John), and almost always appear together as a group.

As in all things artistic within the Church each symbol has meaning. One source of the Evangelists' symbols may be from the final book of the New Testament (Rev 4, 6-8) – a description of a scene in which the throne of God is surrounded by four living creatures – one like a lion, one like an ox, one like an eagle and one with the face of a man. The creatures never stopped praising God with the words:

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

Early Christian writers ascribed these symbols to the Evangelists according to what they saw as the essence of each Gospel. St Matthew was represented by the man/angel as his Gospel emphasised the humanity of Jesus. St Mark was given the lion as his Gospel emphasised the kingship of Jesus. St Luke's Gospel highlighted the sacrificial aspects of Jesus' life and so the ox was chosen. St John was ascribed the eagle because his Gospel was considered the most soaring and revelatory. An alternative explanation has Kingship as its theme – Jesus' kingship of creation as the centre surrounded by man (king of men) lion (king of wild animals), ox (king of tame animals) and eagle (king of birds).

The Bathurst Diocesan Archives holds a set of gold vestments hand-embroidered with the symbols of the Evangelists. They were made in Ireland and feature the ox and lion on the front and eagle and man/angel on the back. They date from the mid-twentieth century and are in the **Roman** or **fiddle-back style**.



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART *Annointing Mass*



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART *High Tea*



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART *Karaoke night and dinner*





# June Baptisms

We welcome into the SJA Community of the Body of Christ the following children baptised during the month of June.

*Maeve O'Mahony*

Daughter of Anthony and Courtney

*Zion Pagulayan*

Son of Neil and Gritchain

*Zoe Dubravs*

Daughter of Robert and Sophie

*Sebastian and  
Madeline Pollard*

Children of Damien and Cherie



**Baptism  
is the best  
gift we have  
received.  
Through it,  
we belong to  
God and we  
possess the joy  
of salvation.  
January 13, 2019**

## African sunset

The sun goes down  
behind the dark green forest,  
a massive ball of red –  
lighting the clouds  
with wondrous hues of orange,  
blue and pink,  
colour beyond description –  
uplifting to the soul.

The tall and stately palm trees  
stand so majestic –  
their outlandish beauty  
so vividly, touchingly  
against a tropic sky!

The crickets hidden in the grass  
begin their night-long song,  
reminding me that toilsome day  
has passed – 'tis time for rest.

I turn to go – my weariness forgotten,  
loathe to leave such ravishing  
enchantment; yet happily I tread along  
my heart agog! For I have seen  
a thing of beauty!

EAMONN MURTAGH

### Dear friends at St John's

I am seriously ill now and very handicapped. I have terrible suffering.  
Please pray for me.

I offer up my suffering and reach out in love and prayer to you all.

Please love and support my son and carer Shane,  
who does everything for me and is so like his dad.

*Philomena Murtagh*

## Blessed Peter To Rot

### Feast Day 7 July 2022

In August 1997 I returned to Vunapope Mission in East New Britain Province (ENB) Papua New Guinea after the volcanic eruption in Rabual – Provençal City of East New Britain. The occasion was to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of my former principal Sr Bernadette MSC and the official opening and blessing of the Peter To Rot Memorial Church at Rakunai ENB PNG.

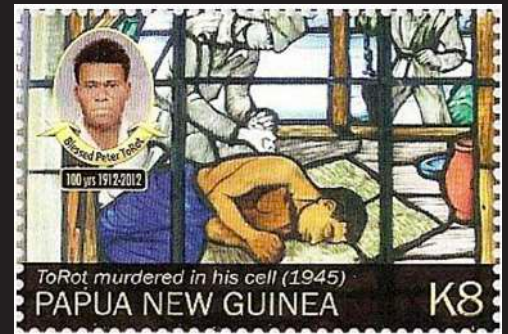
The island of East New Britain has a very close association to the MSC. The mission station Vunapope where I worked from 1985–1988, was established by the German MSC and our Australian MSC had a secondary school 15 kms down the road from Vunapope for boys aged 15–18.

Peter To Rot was born on 5 March 1912 on the New Pomerania island in the then-German New Guinea (New Britain) as the third of six children to Angelo Tu Puia (the well-respected village chief) and Maria la Tumul who had both converted to Roman Catholicism in 1898.

His father taught him the basics of catechism and sent him to the local mission school in 1919 despite the fact that education was not an obligation at the time. He was quite agile in climbing coconut trees and he was more than willing to do this to acquire coconuts for older villages. It was rare for him to be mischievous at school, but he was honest and quick to help those in need. In 1930 the parish priest of Rakunai, Father Laufer msc, asked his father if he would allow To Rot to start his studies for the priesthood. His father said that the time was not right for that but it would be more than appropriate if his son studied to become a catechist. In 1930 he began his studies at Saint Paul's College of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Taliligap after which he was commissioned as a catechist for the parish of Rakunai in 1933 when the local bishop gave him the catechist's cross. To Rot then returned to his village where he would go on to aid Father Laufer. He was an excellent teacher and an organizer of classes for people, and he had a Bible on his person at all times.

On 11 November 1936 he married Paula la Varpit and the couple went on to have three children; one died as an infant, and another died soon after the war. His final child lived into old age and was born after To Rot's death. The pair were married in a church though some of the local and traditional customs were observed.

Once the Japanese forces occupied the nation in March 1942 (forcing an Australian garrison out) their soldiers interned all the foreign missionaries though remained indifferent to religion overall. The parish priest left To Rot in charge of his parish and he became its active leader because of this. In this role he cared for those who were ill and poor while also aiming to better educate converts. Towards late 1943 the Japanese authorities restricted religious services and a few months later forbade them in full. But To Rot continued to hold them in secret and did not fear the implications on his own life despite the fear of those around him. The destruction of the church a short while later saw him build a "bush church" outside the village to hold secret services; he kept records of baptisms and weddings there.



Glass stain windows from the Peter To Rot Memorial Church Rakunai ENB PNG

To Rot was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the Vunaiaara concentration camp. On one occasion his wife and two children came to visit him, and she begged him to give up being a catechist so he would remain safe. But To Rot was adamant he would not relinquish his responsibilities to the people. On the date of his death, he said to his mother: "the police told me that, this evening, a Japanese doctor will come to give me some medicine. Surprising since I am not sick. I suspect this is a trick." He told his wife to bring his cross and good clothes so he could go to God dressed in proper attire.

He was given lethal injection in 1945 and then given something to drink. But the guards saw that the poison was slow so made him lie down while the doctor covered his mouth; he was stricken with convulsions and was held down as he died while being struck on the back of his neck with a beam.

His beatification received approval from Pope John Paul II on 2 April 1993 after the pope confirmed that To Rot had been killed "in odium fidei" (in hatred of the faith). John Paul II beatified To Rot on 17 January 1995 in Port Moresby while on his visit to Papua New Guinea.

Submitted by Sabina Van Rooy

## Fr Michael's holiday visiting family and friends



Welcomed home by family and friends



My Nephew Rithvin glad to welcomed me home



Welcomed by MSC priests Basker and Peter at Bangalore airport



with MSC priests Prabhu and Selvam



My uncles birthday celebrations



St John Evangelist church Bangalore where I was helping before coming to Australia. On my left Fr. Muthu MSC classmate and my right Fr. Dayalan msc newly ordained priest.



Saying goodbye to my uncle who is going to Singapore for his work



St. Antony church feast



St. Antony church feast



Sacrament of Eucharist at my parish

## Fr Michael's holiday visiting family and friends



India Union Entrance



visit to Our Lady of good health Basilica at Velankanni



House Blessings



50th Anniversary of religious profession of Sr. Anthonyammal and her granddaughters sacrament of Eucharist



Visit to vinnies twin conference in India



25th Wedding Anniveresary at our MSC parish Our Lady of the sacred heart church Bangalore



Coming back to Australia



St John De Britto church patron saint of our dicoese of Sivaganga



Celebrations for my cousin Fr. Inigo MMI birthday



Hard to say goodbye to my second nephew Ryan Paul



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*Friday, June 3, 2022*

*Dear Fr & Parishioners,*

*I extend my sincere thanks for Kippax Parishioners most generous donation of \$1,056.05 toward General. I see that over time you have donated \$31613.61 for use on our projects across the Pacific, Asia and Africa for which we are very grateful.*

*Your donation of \$1,056.05 will help Sr Marie-Laure Bankoande findse at Sakoula in BURKINA FASO where we are helping to Solar powered pump and water tower to connect to existing bore hole at a cost of some \$ 11,700. The local community will contribute AUD649 toward the project. This project will assist 985 locals.*

*"Do you hear the cry that comes to us across eighteen centuries? It is His testament of love: I want all to be one in love, united in heart and soul, while forming one and the same family ... from where comes this cry and this program of love? From the Heart of Jesus. He calls for unity. To break unity is to wound Him cruelly!" - [MSC Constitutions, 1985, n61]*

*We will keep you in our daily prayers and thoughts and your assistance is greatly appreciated by the recipients.*

*All blessings*

*Fr Roger Purcell MSC  
 Director - MSC Mission Office*

*A gift in your Will to the MSC Mission Office is a gift that lives on in helping others.*

*If you have received the enclosed book previously, please let us know and share it with someone.*

*Kimi*

*Big Thank You to you + all for this donation - With individual donations it came to over \$12,000.00.*

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Let no one be discouraged  
by the belief that there is  
nothing that one man,  
or one woman can do  
against the enormous  
array of the world's  
ills.

Against misery, and  
ignorance, injustice,  
and violence.

Few will have the  
greatness to bend  
history itself, but each  
of us can work to change a  
small portion of the events, and in the  
total, of all those acts, will be written the  
history of this generation.

It is from numberless, diverse acts of  
courage, and belief that human history  
is shaped. Each time a person stands  
up for an ideal, or acts to improve the  
lot of others, or strikes out against  
injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of  
hope, and crossing each other from a  
million different centres of energy and  
daring, those ripples build a current, that  
can sweep down the mightiest walls of  
oppression, and resistance.

**Robert F. Kennedy**

Submitted by Graham Erickson



## In remembrance

On the night  
He was betrayed,  
on the night  
of Corpus Christi,  
He took into  
His gentle hands  
the bread of  
His Body.

After giving thanks  
and breaking it,  
He gave it away.

Like a man  
overwhelmed with love,  
He surrendered Himself  
to divine mystery.

And with the wine  
of His Blood,  
He completed  
the new covenant.

To His disciples  
He then said, 'Do this  
in remembrance of me.'

SHANE MURTAGH

# Money Matter\$!

## TAX RECEIPTS

From the Archdiocese – 17 June 2021

### Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (CCSBF)

The parishes of Canberra have been long term supporters of the CCSBF since its inception.

The donations received by the CCSBF totalled \$4.7 million in 2020, of which the parishes contributed \$128,119.

The Catholic Education Commission has approved parishes ceasing their donations as from 1/7/21. This decision was also approved by the Archdiocesan Finance Council and the Trustees at their meetings earlier in the year.

**Helen Delahunty** | Archdiocesan Financial Administrator

## Planned Giving Tax Receipts

In the July 2021 KIT we advised you that there would no longer be a tax component applied to planned giving donations.

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Annually the Archdiocese's charges parishes a levy for the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund [CCSBF], which for our parish is around \$10,000.

However, from the 1 July 2021 the Archdiocese will no longer charged this fee. This means that the parish expenditure will decrease by \$10,000 per year.

However, this decision to not levy the CCSBF fee has implications for parishioner's tax benefits. As the CCSBF is a recognised charity with the ATO it is that percentage ratio of the planned giving that carries a tax benefit. This means that in the future there will no longer be a tax benefit applied to planned giving.

As there is now no need to issue tax receipts the SJA Finance Council took the decision to align our planned giving year with our financial year, January–December. We will issue Giving Statements from 2 January–25 December 2022 in January 2023. However, you can request a copy of your giving at any time, please telephone the parish office to request a giving statement.

## Major Work Projects – Church Building

Works completed	
Repairs to Church Roof	\$24,220
Upgrade of Church lights to energy efficient	\$31,520

Works still to be completed	
Replacement of windows in the Choir area	\$105,000
Upgrade to external church lights and carpark lights	\$4,805

Total expenditure is expected to be between \$166,000 and \$200,000. To fund these projects, we have applied and been approved a loan of \$200,000 from the Catholic Development Fund.

## Planned Giving

The SJA Finance Council is currently working on presenting a talk on planned giving. We anticipate that the talk will be given at each mass a weekend in the month of August.

Thank you for your continued support towards the parish finances.

## JULY 2022



Fr. Kimi  
on holidays  
FIJI

1	Friday	Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library
2 & 3	Saturday Sunday	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4	Monday	
5	Tuesday	
6	Wednesday	
7	Thursday	Adoration – Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament 7:30pm – 8:30pm
8	Friday	Funeral – Robert Bower 1:00pm Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library
9 & 10	Saturday Sunday	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11	Monday	
12	Tuesday	Baptism Preparation @ 10:30am Parish Library
13	Wednesday	
14	Thursday	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7:30pm
15	Friday	Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library Men's Group @ 6:30pm – Parish Centre
16 & 17	Saturday Sunday	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism during 10:00am mass Sunday Afternoon Book Club @ 3:00pm Parish Library
18	Monday	Pins & Needles @ 7:15pm Parish Library
19	Tuesday	
20	Wednesday	
21	Thursday	Parish Finance Council Meeting @ 11:00am
22	Friday	Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library Film night @ 7:30pm
23 & 24	Saturday Sunday	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of the Eucharist @ 5:00pm Vigil & 10:00am masses
25	Monday	
26	Tuesday	Women's Breakfast @ 7:30am – Bean Origin Belconnen
27	Wednesday	SJA Friendship Group Mass @ 9:30am followed by morning tea
28	Thursday	Liturgy Meeting @ 7:30pm
29	Friday	Anointing of the sick after 9:30am mass
30 & 31	Saturday Sunday	FORMATION SESSION FOR LECTORS 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of the Eucharist @ 5:00pm Vigil & 10:00am masses St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal