

# OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH, WEST BELCONNEN

## St John the Apostle Church Kippax St Thomas Aquinas Church Charnwood

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**11 January 2026**

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**#02.26**



### Graced Moments

This is the first of four passages (Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13 – 53:12) traditionally known as the servant songs. They constitute a unique set of poems that identify a mysterious figure, who acts as a pious agent of God's compassionate care. Most significant in this description of the servant is his having been endowed with God's own spirit. Here the servant has received the spirit of the Lord in order to bring forth justice to the nations. This justice is not harsh and exacting, making a public pronouncement of God's judgment of Israel; it is gentle and understanding. The passage describes the deliverance of the whole world, not the rescue of Israel from its particular bondage. The universalism here cannot be denied.

Normally, an observant Jew like Peter would not enter the home of a Gentile like Cornelius. The first words of his discourse ('I begin to see') indicate that he was not always open to association with Gentiles as he is now. It was a newly gained insight about God that changed his view of those who did not have Jewish ancestry. He realised that 'God shows no partiality' and, therefore, neither should he. All are acceptable to God, Jew and Gentile alike. Like Jesus, Peter now moves in circumstances (contact with Gentiles) that were considered unclean. Like Jesus, he disregards such a judgment and refuses to conform to such a manner of estrangement.

Jesus leaves the familiarity and security of his home in the region of Galilee and journeys to the Jordan River where John is baptising. John questions the appropriateness of Jesus' submission to the baptism that John performs. He maintains that he should be baptised by Jesus instead. Although he will make different claims about himself and his ministry and will require different things of his followers, by participating in John's baptism Jesus associates himself with the message of repentance and the need for renewal that John represents. A dove appears and the Trinitarian scene is completed with the voice from heaven, which identifies Jesus as 'Son'. The episode has also been considered by many as the depiction of the divine commissioning of Jesus.

*Resources used: Gospel Reflection, by Diane Bergant CSA at LiturgyHelp*

### Parish Administration

#### Parish Priest

Fr. Tru Nguyen msc

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#### Assistant Priest

#### Parish Officers

Sharon Greaves

Kirsty Vera

#### St John the Apostle Primary School

Florey ACT- 62583592

Principal - Jo Reed

[www.sjaps.act.edu.au](http://www.sjaps.act.edu.au)

#### Parish Office

25 Blackham Street

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#### Office Hourse

9:00am - 3:00pm

Monday

Wednesday - Friday

#### Website

[olsh.org.au](http://olsh.org.au)

#### St Thomas Aquinas Primay School

Charnwood ACT - 6258 4077

Principal - Matthew Garton

[www.staquinas.act.edu.au](http://www.staquinas.act.edu.au)

#### Safeguarding Officers

Jenny McGee

Carl Madsen

Marg Hourigan

#### Pastoral Council Chair

James Nield

## **OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH**

As we transition to the new parish,  
please be aware of administrative  
changes taking place.

There will be changes in email  
addresses and Websites. These changes  
will be advised once the parish office  
is reopen.

We thank you for your patience,  
support and understanding during this  
time.

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### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Parish Office is closed and  
will reopen on  
Monday 12 January 2026

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### **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Office**

Please note that the Parish Office  
is closed on Tuesdays.

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday - Friday  
9:00am - 3:00pm

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## **URGENT OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH Finance Update**

All parishioners on Planned Giving  
using Direct Debit and Credit Card  
will need to complete new forms.  
These forms will be emailed out to all  
parishioners and also available in  
both Churches from 12 January  
2026. Please return all forms to the  
parish office.

Parishioners using Electronic Funds  
Transfer will need to contact the  
parish office to get the new bank  
details.

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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## **We Welcome Fr Krish Mathavan**

who will be celebrating Masses  
in our Parish this weekend.

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Saturday 18 January**

Community Connections  
For People Living Alone  
3:30pm – Parish Centre

### **Monday 19 January**

Pins and Needles  
7:00pm – Parish Library

### **Friday 23 January**

Movie Night  
7:00pm - Parish Library

### **Monday 26 January**

Australia Day Public Holiday  
Parish Office Closed

### **Tuesday 27 January**

Women's Breakfast  
7:30am – Bean Origin Café Belconnen

### **Friday 30 January**

Anointing of the Sick after Mass



## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB**

Returning

Sunday 25 January 2026

3:00pm

SJA Parish Library

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### **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish West Belconnen**

*is committed to the care, wellbeing and  
protection of children, young people and  
people at risk in our community*

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

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## Sapientia

Single adults, 18-35 years of age, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for this weekend retreat of prayer, formation, and fellowship.

**13-15 February 2026**  
St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre  
Douglas Park

For more information or to register:  
[www.trybooking.com/DHJBL](http://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL)  
or email the Sisters at  
[sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).



## 2026 SACRAMENTAL DATES

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Penance Formation Session for parents

17 February 2026

Presentation Masses

21/22 February 2026

All Masses both Churches

1st Rite for Children

18 March [St John the Apostle]

19 March [St Thomas Aquinas]

Information regarding Registering for the Sacraments will be available when the parish office reopens

## OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH

Archbishop Prowse along with MSC Provincial Fr. Stephen Hackett, will be celebrating Masses to bless our new parish.

14 February 2026

5:00pm St John the Apostle, Kippax

15 February 2026

9:00am St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Enrolling: 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February

Before and after the 10:00am in the foyer also available in the parish centre.

Classes will commence on Sunday 15 February at 9:15am



## Mass Intentions the week of 12 - 18 Jan

Mon 12/01	
Wed 14/01	
Thur 15/01	
Fri 16/01	

<b>Sat 17/01</b>	
5:00pm	
6:00pm	

<b>Sun 18/01</b>	
8:30am	Robert Scarr
9:00am	Chris Murphy msc
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

## Recently Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Kevin McMahon, Nita Smith, Helen Duncan, Hugh Barber, Gregory Hore, Geoffrey Bogg, Bill Raadts, Florence Anthony, Kathryn Jones, Charles Taylor, Terry O'Gorman, Therese Markham, Richard Stalker, Barry Dwyer, Ken Lorraway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Machin, Peter Ivory, Phillip Gow, John Burt, Mary Costello, Edna Lydon, Virginia Policarpio, Margaret Richardson, Eamonn Kennedy, James Watson, Terence Martin, Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall,

# St John the Apostle Kippax

## 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

## Praying the Rosary before Mass

Weekdays in both parishes at 9:05am

## 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
Gethsemane	Thursday before First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration	Mass 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Sacred Heart Devotion Mass	First Friday of the Month 9:30am

## ROSTERS

### 18 Jan Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Bede Foundling
10:00am	Rose & Bonnie Benedictosw
6:00pm	Luan Nguyen

### 18 Jan Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Jordan Forke, John O'Heir
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Busi Nkomo, Karna O'Dea

### 18 Jan Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Marie McKie
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, John Blackwell
6:00pm	Charlotee & Lionel D'Cruze

### 18 Jan Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Barbara Mawson
8:30am	Clyde & Norma Sloan
10:00am	James & Jessica Nguyen, Pav Perera
6:00pm	

### 18 Jan SJAShop

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

# St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood

## MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am  
Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion:  
Tues 9:30am

## Praying the Rosary before Mass

Weekdays in both parishes at 9:05am

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	2nd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office

## PRAYER LIFE

Eucharistic Adoration	Thursday Weekly 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Men's Scripture Discussion	Wednesday after 9:30am Mass
Open Scripture Discussion	Thursday after 9:30am Mass
Latte with Our Lady. Rosary outside the Charcoal Chicken	First Saturday of the month 10:15am

## ROSTERS

### 18 Jan Acolyte Roster

6:00pm	Gavin Howard
9:00am	Margie Hourigan

### 18 Jan Lector Roster

5:00pm	Brian and Irene Daly
9:00am	Megan Winter, Jancye Winter

### 18 Jan Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Fran Handoko, Cathy Howard
9:00am	Leo Walsh, Helene Axelby

### 18 Jan Music Ministry / Slides

5:00pm	Recorded / Janette O'Sullivan
9:00am	Recorded / Peter Jean

### Children's Liturgy

9:00am	
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### 8 Feb Morning Tea after Mass

9:00am	Kaye Radovanovic, Trish Blacker, Gerri Bleaser
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