

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	Assistant Priest	Parish Officers	St John the Apostle Primary School
Fr. Tru Nguyen msc TruDuc.Nguyen@cg.org.au		Sharon Greaves Kirsty Vera	Florey ACT- 62583592 Principal - Jo Reed www.sjaps.act.edu.au

Parish Office	Office Hour	Website	St Thomas Aquinas Primary School
25 Blackham Street HOLT ACT	9:00am - 3:00pm Monday Wednesday - Friday	olsh.org.au	Charnwood ACT - 6258 4077 Principal - Matthew Garton www.staquinas.act.edu.au

Safeguarding Officers	Pastoral Council Chair
Jenny McGee Carl Madsen Marg Hourigan	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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

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

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

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.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

**We Welcome
Fr Krish Mathavan**
who will be celebrating Masses in our Parish this weekend.

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

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

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



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
or email the Sisters at
sydney@op-tn.org.



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

Mass Intentions the week of 12 - 18 Jan

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

Sat 17/01	
5:00pm	
6:00pm	

Sun 18/01	
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.

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]

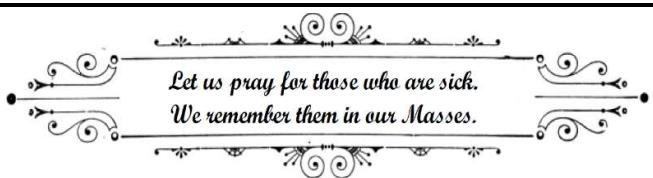
Information regarding Registering for the Sacraments will be available when the parish office reopens

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Enrolling: 1st and 8th 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



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	Theresia Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, John Blackwell
6:00pm	Charlotte & 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 Bleeser
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