

# 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*

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**18 January 2026**

**#03.26**



## Reflection

Israel is depicted as the servant of the Lord, and it is through this people that God will be glorified. The verb suggests that God boasts through Israel. There is probably a reference to the exile here, and it will be the mission of the servant to bring the people back to the Lord. The spectacular return of the scattered exiles and their re-establishment as a people will be seen as the work of God. The mission that originally focused on the rebirth of one nation is then broken open to include the salvation of all. This is what 'light to the nations' suggests.

The Letters to the Corinthians are some of the most important Pauline correspondence that we have. Paul begins his self-identification by applying to himself the designation 'apostle'. The word means one who is sent by another, sent with a commission. Paul states that he was called to be an apostle; the initiative was not his. Moreover, he is an apostle of Jesus who is called the Christ (the anointed one). This means that Jesus, the one who died before Paul came to know him, called Paul and sent him out as an apostle. In these three short verses we see the outline of Paul's Christology. He considers Jesus the Christ or anointed one, and he proclaims that Jesus is the source of the sanctification and well being of others.

The gospel reading includes John's report of the baptism of Jesus and his interpretation of that event. He identifies as Jesus the Lamb of God, most likely a reference to the Suffering Servant found in Isaiah 53:7-10. Calling him the Son of God is an allusion to Jesus' divine character. John then contrasts Jesus and himself, as well as the efficacy of their respective baptisms. John baptised with water; Jesus will baptise with the Spirit, a reference to the prophetic promise of future cleansing with water and the gift of God's spirit (cf. Ezek 36:25-26). While John may well have perceived Jesus as the fulfilment of messianic expectations, it is unlikely that he would have expressed this faith in Christian theological terms. The writer of the gospel has given John the faith that we now profess.

*Taken from: SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA*

### Parish Administration

#### Parish Priest

Fr. Tru Nguyen msc

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#### Assistant Priest

#### Parish Officers

Sharon Greaves

Kirsty Vera

[Belconnenwest@cg.org.au](mailto:Belconnenwest@cg.org.au) [www.sjaps.act.edu.au](http://www.sjaps.act.edu.au)

#### St John the Apostle Primary School

Florey ACT- 62583592

Principal - Jo Reed

#### Parish Office

25 Blackham Street

HOLT ACT

#### 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**

### **New Contact Details**

The Parish Website is:

[www.Olsh.org.au](http://www.Olsh.org.au)

The shared email address for Sharon  
and Kirsty is:

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

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

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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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### **OLSH PARISH MINISTRY DAY**

All volunteers in parish ministries are  
invited to the

OLSH Parish formation day  
Sunday 1 February

St John the Apostle Parish Centre  
2:00pm – 5:30pm

Facilitated by Fr. Chris McPhee msc

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### **OLSH Choir**

*In preparation for the Easter ceremonies,  
we are looking for choir members who  
would be available to sing. Please contact  
the parish office at:*

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

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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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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## **We Welcome**

**Fr Chris McPhee msc and**

**Fr Thoi Nguyen msc**

who will be in our Parish for  
the next few weeks.

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### **Ordination to the Priesthood**

We pray for Br. Thanh Le msc who  
will be ordained into priesthood on  
17 January 2026 in Vietnam.

Fr. Thanh is appointed to our parish.

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### **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

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **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

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### **PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE**

The parish office will be closed on  
Monday 26 January for  
Australia Day

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

## 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

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### 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]



### The Presentation of the Lord Blessing of the Candles

Bring your candles to be blessed  
Monday 2 February  
St John the Apostle Church  
9:30am Mass

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### Mass Intentions the week of 19 - 25 Jan

Mon 19/01	Peter
Wed 21/01	
Thur 22/01	
Fri 23/01	

<b>Sat 24/01</b>	
5:00pm	
6:00pm	

<b>Sun 25/01</b>	
8:30am	
9:00am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

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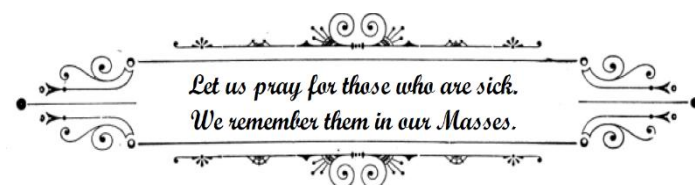
## PLANNED GIVING UPDATE OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH

All parishioners on Planned Giving  
using Direct Debit and Credit Card will  
need to complete new forms. These  
forms have been emailed out to all  
parishioners and also available in both  
Church foyers.

Please return all forms to the parish  
office, do not email. Forms can also  
be left in the locked letter box outside  
the parish office doors.

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

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**Recently Deceased:** Sara Serrano

#### Anniversary:

Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs,  
Frederick Felsing, Shaun MacKey,  
Josephine Fox, Bradley Keenan,  
Josephine McLaren, Eugenia Kurzynski,  
Horace Staunton, Albert Bingham,  
Leonard Crowe, Ernest Hackett,  
Christopher Hemmingway, Tara Ottewisll,  
Claudine MacDowell, Danielle Skykes,  
Chris Murphy msc, Brendan Givson,  
Chris Thamer, Bernadette Davis, Joan Casey,  
Emanuel Grech, Nicholas McInerney,  
James Fitzgibbon, Kyall Green, Maxwell Lewis,  
Geoffrey Fisher, Michael Sweeney,  
Teresa Bond, Armando Arugay, Jane Packard,  
Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Desmond Jones,  
Janelle Sykes, Marie Murphy, Joyce Paten,  
Christian Reavley, James Howe, Cecilia Wood,  
Colleen Haigh, John Augustczak, Paul Pistor,  
Scott Blacker, Terry O'Brien

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

## ROSTERS

### 25 Jan Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Di and Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Carl Madsen

### 25 Jan Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, James Nield
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Edgar Nnajide, Kerry yard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Peter Igoe-Taylor

### 25 Jan Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharah, Karen Bower
10:00am	Boni and Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Marian Crowley

### 25 Jan Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Marie McKie
8:30am	Joan Beswick, Pamela Blackwell
10:00am	John Blackwell and family
6:00pm	Francesca Deklin

### 25 Jan SJAShop

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
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 churches 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

### 25 Jan Acolyte Roster

6:00pm	Stephen Kiley
9:00am	Maria Walker

### 25 Jan Lector Roster

6:00pm	Sophie Kiley, Sr Colleen
9:00am	Terry

### 25 Jan Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Lian Kiley, Geoff Barker
9:00am	Trish Blacker, Michael Carberry

### 25 Jan Music Ministry / Slides

6:00pm	Double J, Jason Lean
9:00am	Recorded / Skye

### Children's Liturgy

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

9:00am	
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