

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

Parish Office	Office Hours	Website	St Thomas Aquinas Primary School
25 Blackham Street	9:00am - 3:00pm	olsh.org.au	Charnwood ACT - 6258 4077
HOLT ACT	Monday		Principal - Matthew Garton

Safeguarding Officers	Pastoral Council Chair
Jenny McGee	
Carl Madsen	
Marg Hourigan	James Nield

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH

New Contact Details

The Parish Website is:

www.Olsh.org.au

The shared email address for Sharon and Kirsty is:

Belconnenwest@cg.org.au

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

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

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

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*

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

“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.

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.

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

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

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

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

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

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

Mass Intentions the week of 19 - 25 Jan

Mon 19/01	Peter
Wed 21/01	
Thur 22/01	
Fri 23/01	
Sat 24/01	
5:00pm	
6:00pm	
Sun 25/01	
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.

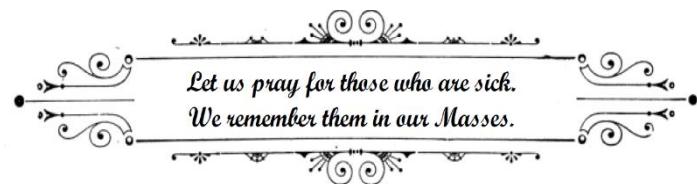
PLANNED GIVING UPDATE

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.



Recently Deceased: Sara Serrano

Anniversary:

Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Frederick Felsinger, 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 Auguszczak, Paul Pistoer, 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

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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	
9:00am	

8 Feb Morning Tea after Mass

9:00am	
9:00am	