

# OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH, WEST BELCONNEN

St John the Apostle Church Kippax St Thomas Aquinas Church Charnwood

*To Be on Earth the Heart of God*

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**25 January 2026**

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## Reflection

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around.

**Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter**

### 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

#### Parish Administration

##### Parish Priest

Fr. Tru Nguyen msc

[TruDuc.Nguyen@cg.org.au](mailto:TruDuc.Nguyen@cg.org.au)

##### Assistant Priest

##### Parish Officers

Sharon Greaves

Kirsty Vera

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

##### 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

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

## 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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### **OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH - Key Register**

As part of our administrative requirements for the new parish, we require an updated Key Register for both Mass Centres. Any parishioner who has a key to access either Church, parish centre or parish office are required to contact the parish office for updated registration.

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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. We also encourage parishioners who are not currently on Planned Giving to sign up.

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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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### **PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE**

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

## **Lenten Retreat:**

### **Meeting Christ in Our Deepest Need**

You are invited to a 3-session Lenten retreat, *Meeting Christ in Our Deepest Need: A Lenten Journey*, facilitated by Greg Sunter. Greg is an experienced facilitator with a strong background in small-group ministry. Holding Master's degrees in Theology and Education, he helps people engage deeply with Scripture, grow in prayer, and connect faith with daily life. He is well known for his parish newsletter gospel reflections, which explain Scripture in its historical and cultural context and relate it to contemporary lived experience. More about Greg:

<https://www.wholehearted.com.au/about/>

Greg will reflect on this year's Lenten Gospels and there are time for personal reflection and optional sharing. Everyone is welcome no prior study needed and no pressure to speak.

Time:

- Friday 27th February 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm;
- Saturday 28th February 10 am -11 am;
- Sunday 1st March 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm

**Place:** 25 Blackham St, HOLT ACT 2615

**Cost:** \$20 for all 3 sessions

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

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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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### **Women's Breakfast**

Tuesday 27 January – 7:30am

Bean Origin Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen



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### **SJA Friendship Group**

#### **Morning Tea**

next meeting on **Wednesday 28 January**  
**10:15am - parish centre.**

Brendan Gibson, Chris Thamer, James Howe,  
Bernadette Davis, Emanuel Grech, Celia Wood,  
Nicholas McInerney, Colleen Haigh,  
Joan Casey, James Fitzgibbon, Kyall Green,  
Maxwell Lewis, Geoffrey Fisher, Teresa Bond,  
Michael Sweeney, Jane Packard,  
John Augustyszczak, Armando Arugay,  
Paul Pistor, Scott Blacker, Terry O'Brien,  
Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Desmond Jones,  
Janelle Sykes, Marie Murphy, Margaret Hill,  
Declan Morris, Riley Carberry, Alice Tonna,  
Rupert Waterford, Jehanne Thelland,  
Alexander Powell, Fr. Neville Drinkwater,  
Joy Danaher, Cesare DeFranceschi,  
Robert Thomas, Nola Newton, Nicholas Roots,  
Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, John Stefek

# 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

### 1 Feb Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rod Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Maxime Kpudzeka, Vy Pham
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter le

### 1 Feb Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Kirsty Vera
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Gabe Sequeira, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Margaret Luck

### 1 Feb Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena, Judy Netting
8:30am	Angela Boreham
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Maureen Burgess, Peter Igoe-Taylor

### 1 Feb Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	John and Jenny McGee

### 1 Feb SJAShop

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

# 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

### 1 Feb Acolyte Roster

6:00pm	Michael Carberry
9:00am	Peter Osborne

### 1 Feb Lector Roster

6:00pm	Fran Handoko, Richard Cruise
9:00am	Leo Walsh, John Connellan

### 1 Feb Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Brian Daly, Irene Daly
9:00am	Terry Johnson, Trish Blacker

### 1 Feb Music Ministry / Slides

6:00pm	Recorded, Janette O'Sullivan
9:00am	Recorded, Josh Osborne-Goldsbrough

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