

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
15 February 2026 #07.26



Reflection

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

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

Assistant Priest

Parish Officers

Sharon Greaves

Kirsty Vera

Belconnenwest@cg.org.au

St John the Apostle Primary School

Florey ACT- 62583592

Principal - Jo Reed

www.sjaps.act.edu.au

Parish Office

25 Blackham Street

HOLT ACT

Office Hours

9:00am - 3:00pm

Monday

Wednesday - Friday

Website

olsh.org.au

St Thomas Aquinas Primay School

Charnwood ACT - 6258 4077

Principal - Matthew Garton

www.staquinas.act.edu.au

Safeguarding Officers

Jenny McGee

Carl Madsen

Marg Hourigan

Pastoral Council Chair

James Nield

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. 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/>

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

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Registration is now open

via the QKR APP:

Discover: St John the Apostle Catholic Parish
Sacramental Programs

Contact the parish office if you have any
questions: belconnenwest@cg.org.au

Penance Formation Session for parents
17 February 2026

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

ENROLL NOW

Classes start 15 February

9:15am – 10:00am

SJA Parish Centre

MENS GROUP

6:00pm Friday 20 February SJAParish Centre
beer, wine, soft drink, snack food and pizza
Our first night we will incorporate a golf ball
putting contest accessible to all - with
prizes for those able to put a golf ball into a
nominated spot. Putters and balls supplied.

Women's Breakfast

Tuesday 24 February – 7:30am

Bean Origin Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen



We Welcome Archbishop Prowse and MSC
Provincial Fr. Stephen Hackett to our parish.

14 February 2026

5:00pm St John the Apostle, Kippax

15 February 2026

9:00am St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood

ANOINTING OF THE SICK DURING MASS

Friday 27 February Mass – 11:00am

St John the Apostle Church

A sandwich lunch will be held in the foyer
after Mass.

We would like to assist those who are
housebound and cannot normally attend
Mass to join this special Mass and lunch.
Please contact the parish office if you, or
someone you know, would like to attend but
needs assistance with transportation.

Vinnies conference members are
incredibly grateful for your continued
donations of non-perishable food items for
hungry local families. At the moment we are
in short supply of breakfast cereals, pasta
and pasta sauce, rice, canned meat (ham,
tuna etc), canned vegetables, canned fruit
and fruit juice. We regret that we don't have
space to store clothing donations, but these
can be taken to the Vinnies op-shop at
Kippax shopping centre. May God bless your
continued kindness.

Ash Wednesday

18 February

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

Mass 9:30am

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Mass 6:00pm

OLSHCare

- Are you unable to attend Mass
- Would you like Holy Communion brought to you
- Would you like a visit

Please contact the parish office:

belconnenwest@cg.org.au or 6254 3236

Morning Tea after Mass

St John the Apostle Church

Sunday 22 February after 10:00am Mass

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish



On the weekend of
21/22 February,
the Time, Talent and

Treasure forms will be available in the foyer.

Brochures will be available which will describe ministries.

Planned Giving Forms are in the foyer.

Commitment Weekend 7/8 March

When you will return your completed forms

Community Connections

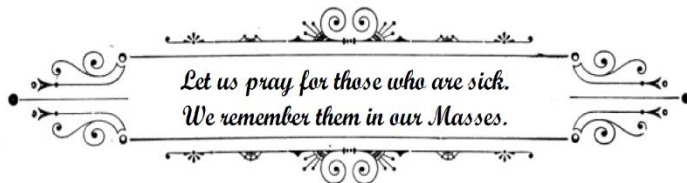
Connecting with people living alone

Monthly Gathering

15 February 3:30pm - 5:00pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Parish Library



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, John Thompson, Vincent Mawson, Raychell Nolan. Charlotte Lansdown, John Fauth, John Galogly, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat, Colin Waterford, David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella, Marueen Carey, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Vincent Higgins, Max, D'Souza, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Vince Howe, Eamonn Murtagh, Janette Faigafa, Pat Howe, Bernard Marcus, Rudi Meyer, Maria Bonadej, Joseph Vella, James Wiley, Frank Ripszam, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, John Marane, Leone Ashcroft, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Wally Rudyj. Ursula O'Donnell, Tony Lay, Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Fay Hodgetts, Eun Cho Shin, Andrew Vumbaca, Grant Lalor, Hayden Ricketts, Perlita Whitton, Wal Kulesza, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Ronnie George, Evelyn Swaris, Francisca Benedictos, Felice Collufio, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Liana Rivera Josephine Hawkins

Prayer for Our RCIA Candidates

We ask our parish community to keep our **six RCIA members** in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. May they grow in openness to God's grace, deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and come to know the fullness of life in the Catholic Church. Please pray that the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them at every step.

PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY'S

Lenten Prayer Group

10:00am Fridays during Lent

Commencing 20 February 2026

St John the Apostle Kippax Library

Stations of the Cross

6:00pm Fridays during Lent

Commencing 20 February 2026

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood Courtyard

Lenten Retreat with Greg Sunter

Friday 27 February – Sunday 1 March

Lenten Retreat Online

<https://olsh.org.au/lent-2026/>

As part of your preparation for Easter 2026, you are invited to spend time each week during Lent to reflect on and engage in prayer under the guidance of the late Fr. Michael Fallon msc. The weekly selections of audio files from Fr Fallon's retreats with their accompanying notes are available at **INTERNET LINK**. Each audio file is about 30 minutes long.

Behold & Resound

Saturday 21 March – SJA Kippax

A liturgy and Music Workshop

<https://olsh.org.au/>

BOOKCLUB

Sunday 22 February – 3:00pm

SJA Kippax Parish Library

Contact: Kirsty at

belconnenwest@cg.org.au



Friendship Group Morning Tea

next meeting on **Wednesday 25 February**

10:15am – SJA parish centre

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

St John the Apostle Kippax

MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
 Monday and Friday 9:30am
 Monday -Adoration after Mass
 Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
 Tues 9:30am

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

ROSTERS

22 Feb Acolyte Roster

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

22 Feb Lector Roster

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

22 Feb Ministers of Communion

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

22 Feb Hospitality Roster

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

22 Feb SJAShop

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	15 Feb	Mary Cruickshank
Church Cleaning:	16 Feb	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi Upasena, Nishan Upasena
Grounds	21 Feb	David Momi, Pam Connor

Readings 22 February 2026

First Reading Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 Psalm Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17
 Second Reading Rms 5:12, 17-19
 Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

22 Feb Acolyte Roster

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

22 Feb Lector Roster

6:00pm	Sophie Kiley, Sr Colleen Howe
9:00am	Terry Johnson, Eden DeCastro

22 Feb Ministers of Communion

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

22 Feb Music Ministry / Slides

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

8 March Morning Tea after Mass

9:00am	Irene Daly, Marg Ellis
--------	------------------------

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Happy are they who follow the law
of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father,
 Lord of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed to little ones the
 mysteries of the kingdom.
 Alleluia!