

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR A
1 March 2026 #09.26



Reflection

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

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

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN PREPARE FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Last week, our candidates explored 'Making Choices,' learning about our gift of free will and how our choices affect ourselves, our relationships with others, and our relationship with God.

This week is centred on Jesus, and how shows us to live. We are reminded that Jesus seeks our friendship, to be ever closer to each of us. With this in mind, how do we understand our prayer life? How do we understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Our candidates are also reflecting on the Parable of the Lost Sheep. We, too, are invited to ponder how the shepherd valued each sheep, seeking those who got lost. Imagine the shepherd's joy once they are found.

MOVIE NIGHT

7:00pm – 6 March

St John the Apostle Catholic Church
Parish Library

We are watching “Twin Sisters”

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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH PARISH MAGAZINE

The parish Magazine “KIT” is reliant on the contributions by parishioners. If you have any contributions, please send them to belconnenwest@cg.org.au.

PARISH COMMUNICATION

If you are not receiving the weekly bulletin, monthly KIT Magazine or flyers from the parish, please register your email address at belconnenwest@cg.org.au

PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY’S

Lenten Prayer Group

10:00am Fridays during Lent
St John the Apostle Kippax Library

Stations of the Cross

6:00pm Fridays during Lent
St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood Courtyard

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/>

Adoration During Lent

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood Church

5:30pm – 6:30pm

St John the Apostle Kippax Church

7:30 – 8:30pm

Thursday Night 26 February

5, 12, 19, 26 March

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Confession during Adoration

Thursday 19 March

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

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

**TIME TALENT
TREASURE**

Commitment

Weekend,

7/8 March

When you will return your completed forms

A message from Sr Colleen

I have decided that I no longer want to live on my own and will move in to Goulburn at the end of April. I will have a unit within a complex of 8 where other sisters live. As you know I love being a part of the parish family and continue to hold you in my heart and in my prayers!

I will continue to spend a week each month at Mary MacKillop Chapel and let the rest unfold with time.

I have been truly blessed and for that I give thanks. God bless us all. ❤️🙏

An Evening of Dialogue

hosted by Genevieve Jacobs AM

Lead by Fr Laurence Freeman OSB

Marist College, Pearce ACT

7 to 8.30pm Tuesday 10 March

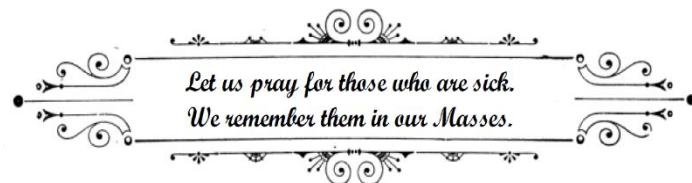
Fr Laurence is the director and spiritual guide of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM)

Fr Laurence is in Canberra at the invitation of Archbishop Christopher Prowse,

There is no cost for the gathering at Marist, but please register by email to

nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au

Further info: contact - rod@rodpage.com



Recently Deceased:

Nathan Caesar [son of Wendy Wade]

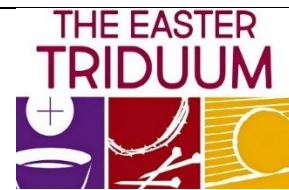
Anniversary:

Liana Rivera, Timothy Mahoney,
Dorothy Hornick, Damien Lamb,
Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Darrell Rutter,
Jim Grace, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan,
Waine Summerfield, Alan Leach,
Bernard Fitzgerald, Barbara Gardiner,
Shirley Hofman, Eileen Luke, Joe Conlon,
Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton,
Caelan MacKenzie, Niola Torelli,
Raymond Wood, Elaine Drummett,
Eugene DeRose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson,
Syouji Gozum, Donna Guymer,
Richard Kingsford, Richard Corr

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members of the Parish Finance Committee will be talking at all masses this weekend and next weekend.

We Welcome Fr. Krish Mathavan to our parish this weekend.



Holy Thursday

2 April 2026 - 7:00pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Altar of Repose

Evening Prayer will conclude at 9:30pm

Good Friday

3 April 2026 - 10:00am

Stations of the Cross

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

The Passion of the Lord

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

3:00pm

Easter Vigil

4 April 2026 – 7:00pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

5 April 2026

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

8:30am and 10:00am

There will be no evening Mass

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

9:00am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The parish office will be closed
Monday 9 March – Canberra Day

Friday 3 April

Reopening

Wednesday 8 April
for the Easter period

ANZAC Day

Monday 27 April

St John the Apostle Church Kippax
25 Blackham Street, HOLT

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

Rosary before Mass

Weekdays in both parishes at 9:05am

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 2nd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:30pm – 5:00pm
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

8 March Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Peter Kain
6:00pm	Nunga Umaru

8 March Lector Roster

5:00pm	Colleen Reed, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

8 March Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	John McGee

8 March Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher, Mercia Needham
8:30am	Mandy Lalor, Wendy Wade
10:00am	Shovin Weerawarnakula, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Igoe-Taylor

8 March SJAShop

5:00pm	Mercia Needham
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	1 March	Maryanne Ferguson
Church Cleaning:	2 March	Joseph Le Van Hai, Lanh Dang, Sam Van Nguyen
Grounds	7 March	Michael Blyth

Readings 8 March 2026

First Reading Ex 17:3-7
 Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
 Second Reading Rms 5:1-2, 5-8
 Gospel John 4:5-42

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23 Lhotsky Street, Charnwood

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Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:00am
 Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am
 Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
 Tues 9:30am

Rosary before Mass

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	2nd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:30pm – 6:00pm
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

8 March Acolyte Roster

6:00pm	Adam Smith-Platts
9:00am	Skye McPadden

8 March Lector Roster

6:00pm	Annaliese Smith-Platts, Peter Osborne
9:00am	Josh Osborne-Goldsbrough, Charles Wood

8 March Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Geoff Barker, Helene Axelby
9:00am	Lian Kiley, Stephen Kiley

8 March Music Ministry / Slides

6:00pm	Recorded, Patrick Smith-Platts
9:00am	Beverly & Choir, Eden DeCastro

8 March Morning Tea after Mass

9:00am	Irene Daly, Marg Ellis
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RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
 as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
 From the shining cloud
 the Father's voice is heard:
 this is my beloved Son, hear him.
 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!