

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 OF EASTER

10 May 2026

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Change of Weekend Mass

Since the beginning of this year, there has been only one priest responsible for six weekend Masses across our two churches, St John the Apostle Kippax and St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood. To maintain the current schedule, we have relied on visiting priests from other dioceses and from the local area. While we are grateful for their assistance, this arrangement is not sustainable in the long term.

The Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Liturgy Committee and Parish Finance Council members are currently being consulted to consider draft timetable options, identify key priorities and concerns, and advise on how any changes can best support the pastoral, liturgical, and financial life of the parish.

It is hoped that any changes will take effect from the first weekend of July (4–5 July 2026).

Please keep this process in your prayers as we seek the best way forward for our parish community.

Fr Tru Nguyen msc

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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9:00am - 3:00pm

Monday

Wednesday - Friday

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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.

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Fr. Tru and Br. Daniel will be attending the Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly in May. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

The Mass can be divided into four major parts: the Introductory Rite (We Gather), the Liturgy of the Word (We Listen), the Liturgy of the Eucharist (We Give Thanks), and the Concluding Rite (We Are Sent).

Week two of the workbook explores the first two. As a community, this is a good time to reflect on how we gather, and how we listen to the God's word. Do we foster an atmosphere of warmth, joy, and welcome? Do we open ourselves to many ways God is speaking to us?

Let us continue to pray for our candidates and their families during this time of learning.

ALPHA – series of conversations

Do you have questions about life and meaning? West Belconnen Parish is hosting a series of conversations called Alpha,



beginning Wednesday the 13th of May for 8 weeks. Come to share some food, watch a video and discuss together. We will meet at St

John the Apostle Church from 6 - 7:30pm. Register here: bit.ly/olsh-alpha

Connecting with people living alone

Coffee Group – 12 May
2:00pm - Ichi Café
Kippax Shopping Centre

Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Saturday 30 May 2026.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart this year is the first time we will celebrate this special day for our parish. It is also an important feast day for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. To mark this special occasion, there will be an opportunity to learn more about Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on the Friday evening before the feast day, and to come together to celebrate the Eucharist on the Saturday.

Join us at St John's Parish Centre, Kippax, on Friday evening 29 May at 6.30 pm. After a short liturgy, Sr Dain Inglis, a Daughter of Our Lady of the Sacred, will give a 30-minute presentation, "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – to know her is to love her". You are invited to stay for a cuppa/ coffee following the presentation.

On Saturday 30 May at 10.00 am we will celebrate Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood. We hope as many as possible will stay for an early lunch as part of our parish celebration.

The Novena to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will start on Thursday 22 May 2026. This Novena will be prayed every morning and will conclude on Saturday 30 May for our Feast Day celebrations.

Spirituality of the Heart:

If you are interested in deepening your understanding of Spirituality of the Heart, the Chevalier family invites you to join a series of Zoom presentations. Sr. Merle Salazar, a Daughter of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, is presenting Four Movements of the Heart over a series of four Saturdays beginning on 16 May. The time for Australia is 3.30-4.30 pm. More information along with the Zoom links, Meeting IDs and Passcode is on the brochure that can be found on the <https://olsh.org.au/prayer-life/>

H A P P Y
MOTHER'S
day

For all mothers

For the one who has lost a mother

For the mother who has lost a child

For the one who longs to be a mother

You are not forgotten this Mother's Day

You are in our prayers and we love you.

*For all mothers and all those who mother
may you be blessed every day of your life.*

MOVIE NIGHT

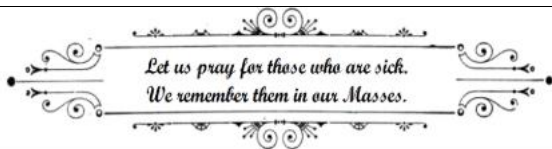
7:00pm – 22 May

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Parish Library

We are watching

“The Scarlet and the Black”



Recently Deceased: Fr. Jim Littleton msc
Anna Phan Thi Linh,
Sr Patricia Mary Bell LCM

Anniversary:

Jack Draper, Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray,
Helen Kelly, Cesar Leon, Lawrence
Southwick, Dorothy Towse, Adelaide
Giurgola, Terence Gaynor, Bernadette
McGrath, Andrew Harker,
Jeremy Hope, Zeffirina Penfold,
Kenneth Brennan, Krysta Lindstrom,
Harrison Wroe, Antonia Gladwish,
Pat McLindin, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey,
Betty Cowman, Edna Hamilton, Robert
Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda,
Bryan McGurgan, marie Millucci, Emma
Caskie, Denis Hogan, Nora Tighe, Robert
Egan, Daphne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra
Miniotas, Anne Ots, Michael Wilson, Neil
McFarlane, John Loadsman, Bernard Gibson,
Caleb Shaw, Peter Clubb, Gloria Flemming,
Tom Stewart, Edward McGregor, Michael
Logan, Magdalen Pistor, Diane Philip, Aldo
Giurgola, Ada Tendli, Malcolm Digby, James
Ohlin, June McCall

We Welcome

Fr. Partha Paniyadimai msc to our parish
this weekend.

MSC MISSIONS

Fr Roger Purcell msc has launched an
appeal to fund one of our largest overseas
projects, the construction of a Desalination
Water plant in the Pacific island of Kiribati.

With a target of \$195,000 to be raised,
several generous supporters have already
pledged funds to match your donation.

For every dollar donated this will be
matched dollar for dollar.

For example a \$50 donation will contribute
\$100 to the target.

DONATE NOW

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Men's Group

6:00pm Friday 15 May

Parish Centre Kippax

beer, wine, soft drink , snack food and pizza

Community Connections

For People Living Alone

Monthly Gathering

17 May 3:30pm - 5:00pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Parish Library

Pins & Needles

7:15pm – Monday 18 May

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Parish Library

Women's Breakfast

Tuesday 26 May – 7:30am

Bean Origin Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen



Friendship Group Morning Tea

next meeting on **Wednesday 27 May**

10:15am – SJA parish centre

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

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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	Contact Parish Office
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

17 May Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Rose Benedictos, Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	Luan Nguyen

17 May Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Vera Ngah
8:30am	Jordan Forka, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Busi Nkomo, Karna O'Dea

17 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Marie McKie
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, John Blackweel
6:00pm	Charlotte D'Cruze, Lionel D'Cruze

17 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Barbara Mawson
8:30am	
10:00am	James and Jessica Nguyen, Pav Perera
6:00pm	

17 May SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	Sabina Van Rooy
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	10 May	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	11 May	Edgar Nnajide, Chioma Nnajide
Grounds	16 May	David Momi

Readings

17 May 2026
 First Reading Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm Ps 46:2-3, 6-9
 Second Reading Eph 1:17-23
 Gospel Matthew 228:16-20

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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

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6:00pm	Gavin Howard
9:00am	Margie Hourigan

17 May Lector Roster

6:00pm	Brian Daly, Irene Daly
9:00am	Megan Winter, Jancye Winter

17 May Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Fran Handoko, Cathy Howard
9:00am	Leo Walsh, Helene Axelby

17 May Music Ministry / Slides

6:00pm	Recorded, Janette O'Sullivan
9:00am	Recorded, Peter Jean

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
 and my Father will love them and we will
 come to them.

Alleluia!