

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

24 May 2026

YEAR A

#21.26

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 started on Friday 22 May 2026 at 9:30am Mass. This Novena will be prayed every day at Mass and at Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion and will conclude on Saturday 30 May for our Feast Day celebrations.

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.

CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR MASS TIME CHANGES

Over the past few years (2023–2026)*, the Parish Mass attendance counts have shown a consistent pattern across our two churches: St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood (STA) and St John the Apostle, Kippax (SJA). Approximately one quarter of people counted attend Mass at St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood (STA), and three quarters attend at St John the Apostle, Kippax (SJA). Thus, we find that it is fair and just that for the four Sunday Masses there will be ratioed 1:3 between STA Charnwood and SJA Kippax. Following consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Liturgy Committee, and Parish Finance Council, and in light of the need to reduce the number of Sunday Masses from six to four, two possible timetables have been identified:

*-[Go online or available in the foyer for reference of Mass attendance accounts]

Option A

Sunday Mass Times
STA Charnwood Vigil 6pm
SJA Kippax Sunday 8:30 am
SJA Kippax Sunday 10 am
SJA Kippax Sunday 6 pm

Option B

Sunday Mass Times
SJA Kippax Vigil 5pm
STA Charnwood Sunday 8:30 am
SJA Kippax Sunday 10 am
SJA Kippax Sunday 6 pm

This weekend, we invite parishioners to choose your preference either Option A or Option B above. Your preference is very important in helping us discern the most suitable arrangement for our parish community. We will count the votes on Monday 25 June 2026, and the new Sunday Mass timetable will be announced next weekend 30th and 31st May. It is hoped that the changes will take effect from the first weekend of July 4th and 5th. Please continue to pray for our parish as we seek to “*act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God*” (Micah 6:8), and with one another.

Fr Tru Nguyen MSC

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Our candidates are exploring the Communion and Concluding Rites (We Are Sent). We read in Scripture that Jesus is the Bread of Life. Therefore, what we receive is not mere bread but Jesus, who offered himself as a sign of his love. And in receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we are transformed, called to glorify the Lord by our lives. It's worth reflecting that "Mass" and "Mission" have the same Latin root word, meaning "to send".

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

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday 1 June and Monday 8 June the parish office will be closed.

Volunteering with Vinnies

Happy National Volunteer Week. Thank you to our wonderful Vinnies volunteers. There are several ways that you can volunteer with Vinnies including as a Conference member supporting the needy in our local community. If you would like more information about volunteering with Vinnies and Conference work at Kippax please contact Mike Blyth 0419818410.

Women's Breakfast

Tuesday 26 May – 7:30am
Bean Origin Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen



The Mary French Library Dedication and naming of the OLSH parish library

Friday 29 May 2026 after the 9:30am Mass
Following the dedication and naming of the library there will be morning tea in the church foyer

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.

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/>

We Welcome

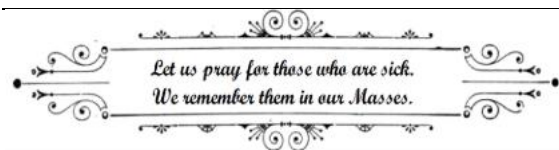
Fr. Krish Mathavan msc to our parish this weekend.



MSC MISSIONS

Fr. Roger Purcell msc from MSC Mission office will be in our parish on the weekends of 6/7 June and 27/28 June.

<https://australia.mscomission.org/>



Recently Deceased: Judith Sjostedt, Carole Radnedge

Anniversary:

Hermine Raeuscher, Brian Boylan, David Pinner, Christopher Boydew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris, James Maher, Virginia Agostinis, Peter Fogarty, Suzana Katavic, Giuseppe Miceli, Thomas Flynn, Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Agnes Fisher, Mary Harrison, Ruby Molloy, Kevin McAlister, Pat Butcher, Brian Durack, Alice Kurylowicz, Anthony Wade, Mary Blewitt, Rosemary Littlewood, Jeffrey Culnane, Leila Kurian, Maxwell Harmer, Anna Pisciotta, Bette Rutter, Beryl Moulis, Mary Clynch, David Mather, Wally Chymko, Eric Duve, Joan Kennedy, Hilary Hally-Burton, Margaret Coker-Godson, Olga Sarran, Terry Sheppard, Neryl Hogan, Marie Hill, Roxanne LeCornu

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

ROSTERS

31 May Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Vy Pham
10:00am	Maxime Kpudzeka, Peter Kain
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Nunga Umaru

31 May Lector Roster

5:00pm	Marian England, Kerry Yard
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Frank Colley, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Karna O'Dea, Jenny McGee

31 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Theresia Suh, Karen Bower
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Gabe Sequeira
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi

31 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Helen Murphy, Judith O'Neill
8:30am	Agnes Pham
10:00am	Manel Seneviratna, Christine Lancaster
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	24 May	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	25 May	
Grounds	30 May	All Groups

Readings

31 May 2026
 First Reading Ex 34:4-6, 8-9
 Psalm Dn 3:52-56
 Second Reading 2 Cor 13:11-13
 Gospel John 3:16-18

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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

ROSTERS

31 May Acolyte Roster

6:00pm	Adam Smith-Platts
9:00am	Rod Goodison

31 May Lector Roster

6:00pm	Annaliese Smith-Platts
9:00am	Michael Carberry, Charles Wood

31 May Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Gavin Howard, Cathy Howard
9:00am	Margie Hourigan, Leo Walsh

31 May Music Ministry / Slides

6:00pm	Recorded, Patrick Smith-Platts
9:00am	Recorded, Peter Jean

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit
 and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Come, Holy Spirit,
 fill the hearts of your faithful
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.
 Alleluia!