

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



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A

7 June 2026

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New Sunday Mass Times

The new Sunday Mass times for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, West Belconnen are as follows:

Saturday Vigil: St John the Apostle, Kippax at 5 pm

Sunday: St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood at 8.30 am

St John the Apostle, Kippax at 10 am

St John the Apostle, Kippax at 6 pm

This new schedule will take effect on the weekend of 4–5 July 2026 and will remain in place when the assistant priest arrives.

For the past 5 months, I have come to realise that I cannot maintain the current six Sunday Masses. Furthermore, each priest in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is allowed four weeks of annual leave and one week of retreat each year. This means that with two priests there will be 10 weeks each year when only one priest is available in the parish, and that it will not be possible to celebrate six Masses. For this reason, we cannot continue with six Sunday Masses.

I ask you to be compassionate as God is compassionate (Lk 6:36) and to accept that I am a human being not an AI who can live the sacrament on demand and command.

Please continue to keep our community in your prayers at this time.

With God's grace and love,

Fr Tru Nguyen MSC

Parish Priest

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, West Belconnen

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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HOLT ACT

Office Hours

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

This weekend, several of our parish children are having their

First Holy Communion.

Over the last four weeks, their catechists and families have journeyed with them to prepare for this special moment, and **receive** the Body of Christ. They learned that Mass is a time when we **gather** together as God's people, **listen** to God's word, **give thanks** for God's love and blessing, and **are sent** forth to be the heart of God to others. Thank you to the parish community for your prayers of encouragement and support.



SAVE THE DATE

**Parish Assembly
Saturday, 25 July
2026**



PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

Sharon will be on leave from Monday 8 June and returning to work on Wednesday 15 July. During this period, Br Daniel will be periodically monitoring the parish emails. If you have any urgent matters during this time, please call the parish office on 6254 3236.

Community Connections

Connecting with people living alone

Coffee Group – 9 June

2:00pm - Ichi Café

Kippax Shopping Centre

Monthly Gathering

21 June 3:30pm - 5:00pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Parish Library

THANKSGIVING MASSES WEEKEND OF 27/28 June 2026

On the weekend of 27-28 June 2026, there will be a light supper after the Vigil Mass 6:00 pm and morning tea after the Sunday Mass 9:00 am at St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood.

There will also be morning tea after the Sunday Mass 8:30 am at St John the Apostle.

So please note that for the weekend of 27-28 June 2026, there will be no Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm or Sunday Mass at 10:00 am at St John the Apostle.

Solidarity in Christ,

NOTES OF MEMORIES

Parishioners are invited to write their memories Masses which will be effected when the new Sunday mass times take place, on the sticky notes provided in the foyers of both churches.



Pins & Needles

7:15pm – 15 June

St John the Apostle Catholic Church
Parish Library

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday 12 June

9:30am Mass

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

There will be a Morning tea held in the foyer

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.mscmission.org/>

MOVIE NIGHT

7:00pm – 26 June

St John the Apostle Parish Library

We are watching 'Marnie'.

BOOKCLUB New Members Welcome

Sunday 28 June 2026 – 3:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Library

We are reading:

"Wifedom: Mrs Orwell's invisible life"

by Anna Funder

Winter Choral Vespers

21st Jun, 19th Jul, 23rd Aug; 4pm.

Join the choristers at St. Joseph's Parish, O'Connor for an hour of sacred music and prayers with Eucharistic Benediction, followed by afternoon tea. Come and Sing

Session at 3pm. More details

here: <https://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers>.

Garage & Plant Sale

Saturday 20 June | 09:00 am

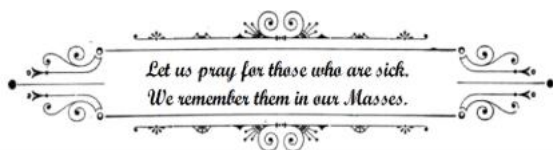
Saturday 20 June - 9am – 1pm

Marymead CatholicCare,

255 Goyder Street, Narrabundah

Address of Pope Leo XIV regarding the presentation and promulgation of the Encyclical Letter *Magnifica Humanitas* and the Encyclical Letter *Magnifica Humanitas* On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence can be found at

<https://olsh.org.au/wider-church-news/>



Recently Deceased: John Bulfin

Anniversary:

Mary Stinton, Stefanie Seaton, Thomas Guy, Margaret Keogh, Stephen Carew, Jack Draper, Elizabeth Strike, Mary Vague, Marie Johnson, Evelyn Weinman, Ian Cupitt, Geoffrey Steward, Denise Doyle, Marcia Jasper, John Bray, William Briggs, Dorothea Guilfoyle, Florence Kennedy, Terrence Jones, Genevieve Fitzpatrick, Ilona Ham, Anette Connellan, Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr, Wendy Hawes, James Webb, Ingrid Soria, Marie Tyack, Mavis Southwick, Sheila Phillips, William Egan, Josef Zabsar, Sr. Margery Daly, George Carney, Ann Joyce, Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashley, Helen Heindl, Patricia Hillis, Ronald Davis, Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson, Eileen Gehrig, Agneza Allars

St John the Apostle Parish, Kippax

Mission Office Appeal, June 6/7 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

This Feast holds many meanings for us.

The whole mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, and Word of God

The Body and Blood reveal his complete humanity

The Sacrament of Communion is a sign and symbol, and external revelation of the Church, Mystery of Communion.

We as Church are called to live in communion with God, with each other and with the whole of creation.

In the Mission Office we express this unity through our Projects which are a practical way to show love and concern for others. In this way we give people a "hand up" in life, a better way of life. Every Project spreads the Good News of Jesus and the life he offers. It is practical, down-to-earth and very much of this physical world.

Every one of you is part of what we do through your generous and ongoing donations. We cannot continue the work without your support. Together in this work we show our unity, our communion with the mission God gives us, with each other and with all the recipients of the funding we are able to give.

We thank you for your generosity and support and, with you, continue to reach out to those who need our assistance.

Notice: Mission Office Appeal
St Thomas Aquinas Church, Charnwood
June 27/28, 2026

Roger Purcell msc
Director



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

ROSTERS

14 June Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Bede Foundling
10:00am	Peter Kain, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Carl Madsen

14 June Lector Roster

5:00pm	Colleen Reed, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Rose Lawatsch, Mariana Rollejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

14 June Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Guill
6:00pm	Carolyn O'Neill, Rod O'Neill

14 June Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Mercia Needham, Judith O'Neill
8:30am	Mandy Lalor, Wendy Wade
10:00am	Christine Lancaster, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	7 June	Jule DeMarco
Church Cleaning: SJA	8 June	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie Milne, Ted Milne
Grounds SJA	13 June	Carl Madsen, Bede Foundling

Readings

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

14 June 2026

Ex 19:2-6

Ps 99:2-3, 5

Rms 5:6-11

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

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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

14 June Acolyte Roster

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

14 June Lector Roster

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

14 June Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Geoff Barker, Brian Daly
9:00am	Lian Kiley, Stephen Kiley

14 June Music Ministry / Slides

6:00pm	Recorded, Patrick Smith Platts
9:00am	Beverly VonStein & Choir, Josh OsborneGoldsbrough

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven,

says the Lord;

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!