

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

TWENTYTSEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 October 2026

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OLSH Parish Pilgrimage & Pastoral Priorities Planning Day
Saturday, 17 October 2026

Stage 1: Pilgrimage Walk

9:45 am – Gather and registration at St John the Apostle Church

10:00 am – Pilgrimage Walk begins from St John the Apostle Holt and end at St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood

Stage 2: Open Forum and Parish Pastoral Priorities Planning

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

This session will be facilitated by Philomena Billington to provide an opportunity for us to listen to one another, discern together, and identify pastoral priorities for the future of our parish. Building on the themes emerging from our Parish Assembly, we will explore how we can continue to grow as a parish that is:

- Welcoming
- Invitational
- Prayerful
- United
- Missionary

Together, we seek to strengthen our shared vision for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, West Belconnen as we respond to God's call and the needs of our community.

There will be games and activities for children between 11am - 12:30pm

Stage 3: Shared Lunch

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Please join us for lunch as we continue our conversations and build community together.

All parishioners are warmly invited to participate in all three or any of the stages. It is a day we ***“Walking together in faith, listening to the Spirit, and discerning the future of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish West Belconnen.”***

Please RSVP by Sunday, 11 October to belconnenwest@cg.org.au

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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Monday

Wednesday - Friday

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Charnwood ACT - 6258 4077

Principal - Matthew Garton

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Pastoral Council Chair

James Nield

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.

**Morning Tea after Mass
St Thomas Aquinas Church
This Sunday**

Sunday 4 October after 8:30am Mass

**Parish Pilgrimage
17 October 2026**

Our pilgrimage will focus on our gifts and hopes for our parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart West Belconnen. It will be an opportunity to listen to one another, discern together and identify practical next steps for a welcoming, prayerful, unity and missionary parish.

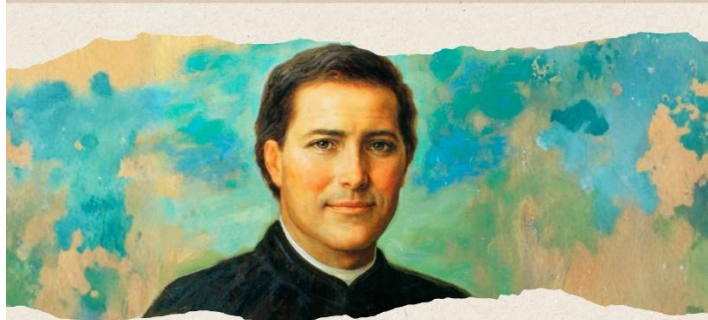
**PARKING AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS
CHARNWOOD**

The carpark at Charnwood Church has recently been spraypainted. There are now 3 disabled carparks. The curved drive at the front of the church is marked clearly "No Parking", this driveway needs to be clear at all times for the use of emergency vehicles.



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KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE



Join us for lunch to honour MSC Founder Fr. Chevalier on the anniversary of his passing, 21 October 1907, and celebrate the flame he carried that remains alight in us today.

Date: Wednesday, 21 October, 2026

Mass : 9:30 AM (St. Thomas Aquinas' Church)

Lunch 12:00 PM- 2:00 PM

(Parish Centre, 25 Blackham St, Kippax)

RSVP for Catering By 14 October, 2026
via email: belconnenwest@cg.org.au

OLSH PARISH ASSEMBLY REVIEW

Over three weeks the parish bulletin will have a brief outline of what we learnt from the OLSH Parish Assembly (25 July, 2026) and the 182 responses received from parishioners. Thank you all for your contributions which offer us hope as we walk together on the journey of creating our new parish.

As a **Welcoming & Invitational Parish**, parishioners said they experience: a community of love and acceptance; sense of belonging; kindness; diversity of people; priests very gentle; sanctuary; welcoming even when not fully involved in community; "a warm smile made me feel I wasn't alone"; encouragement to participate; the MSC charism alive, lived and valued.

Hope – we find ways to encourage youth; ensure connection for the lonely, the widow, youth, young adults, children and families including young married couples and new members of the parish; affirm every person no matter where they are in the spiritual life; say "hello"; encourage participation; welcome the noise of little ones; have more Sunday morning teas. Challenge: Some parishioners are struggling with the changes of moving from two parishes to one, so let's lift each other up and embrace our differences, patiently.

Novena to

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

To mark October, a special month of Mary, we can take a journey with the novena to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart adapted from one Sr Merle Salazar prepared as a nine-day pilgrimage. The Novena will be sent out daily from the parish office commencing on Friday 9 October.



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OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Join our parish community for two special evenings of prayer, and candlelight as we seek the intercession of Our Lady.

6:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 7** (ST. THOMAS AQUINAS' CHURCH)

6:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 14** (ST. JOHNS' CHURCH)

Special Offering of Intentions

Please place your written intentions in the prayer jar in the foyer before each evening begins. We will offer these to Mary during the Rosary.



In Loving memory

Recently Deceased: John Reed

Anniversary:

Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Agustin Fernandea-Budiel, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Lillian Templeton, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Pauline Thompson, Samuel Jelfs, Patricia Jean, Timothy Whiteford, Clara DiPauli, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocho, Verdi Guy, Dolores Mansillas, Raymond Dummett, Iosifa Szakal, Gwen Jones, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Brenda Boreham, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen. Lauri Brennan, Christiana Wunsch, Ida Maria Aufiero

Interested in becoming Catholic?



Join our parish journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a welcoming space to ask questions, share your story, and learn about the Catholic faith. We'll also have a separate program for children aged 9-12. For inquiries, please contact the parish office or Br Daniel.

KIT Monthly Magazine

Keeping In Touch – KIT -

Help us keep our parish community connected – Please send your contributions to
belconnenwest@cg.org.au.

Parish Support Finance Officer

People are invited to apply for the position of **Parish Support Finance Officer**. This is a permanent full-time position supporting parishes across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with the **inputting of financial data and reporting** requirements.

Essential Requirements:

- Bookkeeping experience
- Accurate data entry skills
- Experience with financial packages
- Awareness of GST legislation and reporting requirements
- Experience with Microsoft 365 and excel
- Strong verbal communication skills to be able to serve as the primary point of contact for financial queries

Salary will be subject to qualifications and experience. The position will be based in the Archbishops Office for Evangelisation, Canberra. For a copy of the Duty Statement and to submit an application please email Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager
leanne.boyd@cg.org.au Applications close Friday 16 October 2026.

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St John the Apostle Church

25 Blackham Street, HOLT 2615

St Thomas Aquinas Church

23 Lhotsky Street, CHARNWOOD 2615

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday SJA Holt 5:00pm

Sunday STA Charnwood 8:30am

Sunday SJA Holt 10:00am

Sunday SJA Holt 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Rosary before Mass

Weekdays in both churches at 9:05am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

In both churches Tues 9:30am

St John the Apostle Church

Monday and Friday 9:30am

St Thomas Aquinas Church

Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am

ROSTERS

11 October

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Michael Carberry, Skye McPadden
10:00am	Peter Kian, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Maria Scarr, Bede Foundling

11 October

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Colleen Reed
8:30am	Jancye Winter, Megan Winter
10:00am	Victoria Gonzales, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

11 October

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Gavin Howard, Cathy Howard
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Frank Colley, Maria Walker
6:00pm	Carolyn O'Neill, Rod O'Neill

11 October

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Mercia Needham, Judith O'Neill
8:30am	
10:00am	Jessica Nguyen, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Joseph Blundell

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	4 Oct	Julie DeMarco
Church Cleaning: SJA	5 Oct	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie Milne, Ted Milne
Grounds SJA	10 Oct	Carl Madsen, Bede Foundling

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	Contact Parish Office
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 SJA Library
Eucharistic Adoration	Thursday Weekly 5:30pm – 6:30pm STA Church
Gethsemane Eucharistic Adoration	Thursday before First Friday Mass 7:30pm – 8:30pm SJA Church
Sacred Heart Devotion Mass	First Friday of the Month 9:30am SJA Church
Men's Scripture Discussion	Wednesday after 9:30am Mass STA Parish Centre
Open Scripture Discussion	Thursday after 9:30am Mass STA Parish Centre
Latte with Our Lady	First Saturday of the month 10:15am Rosary outside the Charcoal Chicken

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Readings

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

11 October 2026

Isaiah 25:6-10

Ps 22

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 11:1-14