

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

TWENTYT EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 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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9:00am - 3:00pm

Monday

Wednesday - Friday

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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.

Welcoming Fr Thanh Le MSC

We warmly welcome **Fr Thanh Le, MSC** to our parish community this weekend. Fr Thanh is now able to concelebrate Mass and participate in other ministries within the parish when accompanied by Fr Tru, Deacon Hoa, or Br Daniel. This arrangement will remain in place until his Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) registration and Working With Children Check (WWCC) have been finalised. This aligns with the current process while his checks are being completed. Please keep Fr Thanh in your prayers as he shares in the life and mission of our parish. May God bless him abundantly in his first public priestly ministry appointment.

Acknowledgement of Country

As part of our commitment to respect, reconciliation, and building strong relationships with the First Peoples of this land, a parish committee has been formed to explore ways of continuing the practice of the Acknowledgement of Country within our parish community.

Time and Talents

We are seeking a volunteer with website development or web design skills to help maintain and improve the parish webpage. If you have experience in this area and would be willing to share your time and talents, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Pins & Needles

7:15pm – Monday 19 October
St John the Apostle Catholic Church
Parish Library

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 23 October - 7:00pm
St John the Apostle Parish Library
We are watching: "Churchill"

Call for Volunteers – Parish Pilgrimage

Our Parish Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, 17 October. To help ensure the day runs smoothly and provides a welcoming experience for all participants, we are seeking volunteers to assist with various tasks, registration, coordination, and general support throughout the day.

All volunteers are invited to attend a preparation meeting on Tuesday, 13 October at 6.00 pm in the parish meeting room. This gathering will provide an opportunity to discuss the itinerary, allocate responsibilities, and answer any questions.

If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office or add your name to the volunteer sign-up sheet at the church.

Anointing of the Sick within Mass

11:00am – Friday 30 October, followed by a light lunch in the foyer.

Men's Group

6:00pm Friday 16 October
Parish Centre Kippax
beer, wine, soft drink, and pizza

Community Connections

Connecting with people living alone
Monthly Gathering
18 October 3:30pm - 3:00pm
St John the Apostle Catholic Church
Parish Library

Book Club

3:00pm – Sunday 25 October
St John the Apostle Parish Library
We are reading: *The Dry*
by Jane Harper

WOMENS BREAKFAST

Tuesday 27 October ~ 7:30am
Neutral Grounds Café
Nettfold Street Belconnen

Is Your Child Interested in Becoming Catholic? The RCIC is for you!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is a program tailored for children ages 9–12 who have not yet been baptised, or who were baptised in another Christian tradition. Through engaging age-appropriate sessions, we support the children on their faith journeys as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. For inquiries, please contact the parish office or Br Daniel Magadia MSC (daniel.magadia@cg.org.au).



In Loving memory

Recently Deceased:

Fr. Sebastian Luistro SSS

Anniversary:

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, Malcolm Waterton, Edward Van Audenaerde, Jeffrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Peter Naughton, Justin Fisher, Eric French, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg, Anegelo Bajramia, Chee Keng Loh, Janet Druett, Donald Cocks, Sebastian Licciarrello, Bruce Da vis, Patricia Hall, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormely, Constance Goodall, Richard Koch, Carmel Johnston, Jeffries Dallinger.

Week 2: Summary from OLSH Parish Assembly and responses – in preparation for our Parish Pilgrimage and Pastoral Priorities Planning Day 17th October 2026.

As a **Prayerful Parish** parishioners commented on the importance of: the Eucharistic celebration and prayer gatherings as a place of hope, life and belonging; listening to the gospel message, homily and receiving Holy Communion; good songs; quiet music; attending Mass with family; growth in faith through prayer; participating in different ministries, readers, acolytes etc.; “coming to Sunday school and preparing for my sacraments”; singing ministry that brings people together; the joy of belonging to God; a prayer group.

Hope - we develop more fully a variety of faith formation, young adult fellowship, children’s liturgy & a bigger role for children in our prayer life; show greater reverence when entering and leaving the church; nurture personal prayer.

Challenge: To meet the spiritual needs of those who favour different approaches to devotions, liturgy and formation – traditional / progressive; reflective / lively

KIT (Keeping In Touch) Magazine

KIT is our parish monthly magazine, keeping us connected with what has been happening in our parish and what is coming up. KIT is made possible by your contributions. We welcome stories, photographs and news about parish life, celebrations, events and the people who make our parish community what it is. Please send your it to the Parish Office at belconnenwest@cg.org.au. Help us keep our parish community connected – all contributions are gratefully received!

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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

18 October

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Gavin Howard, Stephen Kiley
10:00am	Rose Benedictos, Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	Carl Madsen, Adam Smith-Platts

18 October

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Joe Ots
8:30am	Lian Kiley, Chloe Kelly
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Annaliese Smith-Platts, Busi Nkomo

18 October

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Marie McKie, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Lian Kiley
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Gabe Sequeira, Theresia Suh
6:00pm	Lionel D'Cruze

18 October

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Barbara Mawson
8:30am	Sabina Van Rooy
10:00am	Pav Perera, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Nicole Maguire, James Costabile

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	11 Oct	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning: SJA	12 Oct	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula
Grounds SJA	17 Oct	Daivd Momi, Pam Connor

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:

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Readings

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

18 October 2026

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

