

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 TRINITY
31 May 2026

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Dear parishioners of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish West Belconnen,

I write to you with gratitude for your participation in the recent consultation regarding our weekend Mass times.

After accounting the responses we received last weekend, the majority of parishioners have indicated their preference for Option B. Accordingly, the revised Sunday Mass schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday Vigil – St John the Apostle, Kippax: 5:00 pm
- Sunday – St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood: 8:30 am
- Sunday – St John the Apostle, Kippax: 10:00 am
- Sunday – St John the Apostle, Kippax: 6:00 pm

This new schedule will take effect from the weekend of 3–4 July 2026. I am conscious that this change will affect many parishioners in different ways. I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience or difficulty it may cause. Please know that this decision has been made with the pastoral and liturgical consideration of the parish and in response to the realities we face as a community. I continue to seek your prayers during this transition and at the same time encourage you to remain united in love and faith of Jesus.

I also invite you to save the date for our Parish Assembly on Saturday, 25 July 2026. This will be an important opportunity for us to come together, reflect, and continue discerning the future of our parish.

Thank you once again for your understanding, support, and commitment to our parish life.

With prayer and gratitude,
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

Parish Administration

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| Parish Priest Fr. Tru Nguyen msc TruDuc.Nguyen@cg.org.au | Parish Officers Br. Daniel Magadia msc daniel.magadia@cg.org.au | Parish Officers Sharon Greaves Kirsty Vera Belconnenwest@cg.org.au | St John the Apostle Primary School Florey ACT- 62583592 Principal - Jo Reed www.sjaps.act.edu.au |
| Parish Office 25 Blackham Street HOLTACT | Office Hours 9:00am - 3:00pm Monday Wednesday - Friday | Website olsh.org.au | St Thomas Aquinas Primay School Charnwood ACT - 6258 4077 Principal - Matthew Garton www.staquinas.act.edu.au |
| Pastoral Council Chair James Nield | 6254 3236 | Safeguarding Officers Carl Madsen Marg Hourigan belconnenwest.safeguarding@cg.org.au | |

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

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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

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

Pins & Needles

7:15pm – 15 June

St John the Apostle Catholic Church
Parish Library

We Welcome

Fr. Partha Paniyadimai msc to our parish this weekend.

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/>

Thursday Night before 1st Friday

Prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament

Gethsemane Thursday

4 June - 7:30 – 8:30pm

MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1st Friday of every month ■ 9:30am

5 June 2026

Sacred Heart Devotion

The heart is the centre of our being, and the seat of our emotions and love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes his great love for humanity. Jesus initiated this devotion out of his great love for us.

MOVIE NIGHT

7:00pm – 26 June

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Parish Library

We are watching

“Marnie”

BOOKCLUB New Members Welcome

Sunday 28 June 2026 – 3:00pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Parish Library

We are reading:

“*Wifedom: Mrs Orwell's invisible life*”

by Anna Funder

A NOTE FROM BRIAN MAHONY

Brian has recently moved into care at the BaptistCare Griffith Aged Care Home

Are you an ANU student? Join the ANU Catholic Society!

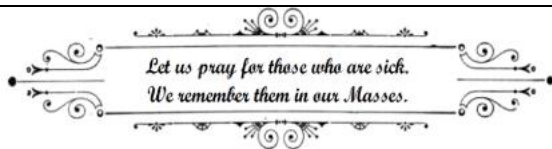
Journey together in faith with the ANU's community of Catholic students. Join us for weekly Mass on campus at the St John the Evangelist Chapel, 51 Daley Road; faith formation; RCIA; social events (food provided); and volunteering opportunities.

Contact us at anucathsoc@gmail.com. We are also on Instagram and Facebook.

6:00pm Mass every Friday at John XXIII College

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:

Anniversary:

Kevin McAlister, Pat Butchrer, 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, Olga Sarran, Margaret Coker-Godson, Terry Sheppard, Neryl Hogan, Marie Hill, Roxanne LeCornu, Mary Stinton, Stefanie Seaton, Margaret Keogh, Thomas Guy, Stephen Carew, Elizabeth Strike, Jack Draper, Mary Vague, Marie Johnson, Evelyn Weinman, Geoffrey Steward, Ian Cupitt, Denise Doyle, Marcia Jasper, John Bray, Dorothea Guilfoyle, William Briggs, Florence Kennedy, Terrence Jones, Genevieve Fitzpaattrick, Ilona Ham, Anette Connellan, Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr

Gospel Reflection

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

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

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| 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

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| 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

7 June Acolyte Roster

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| 5:00pm | John Hogan |
| 8:30am | Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales |
| 10:00am | Maxime Kpudzeka, Vy Pham |
| 6:00pm | Peter Le |

7 June Lector Roster

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| 5:00pm | Fay Padarin, Marian England |
| 8:30am | Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj |
| 10:00am | Frank Colley, Gabe Sequiera |
| 6:00pm | Elizabeth McDonald, Rod O'Neill |

7 June Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | Chitra Jayawardena, Anthony Jayawardena |
| 8:30am | Rose Lawatsch, Angela Boreham |
| 10:00am | Anthony Noakes, Pam Connor |
| 6:00pm | Peter Igoe-Taylor, Carolyn O'Neill |

7 June Hospitality Roster

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| 5:00pm | Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena |
| 8:30am | Carmel Screen, Rob Breen |
| 10:00am | Libby Kain |
| 6:00pm | Francesca Deklin |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society | 31 May | Chioma Nnajide |
| Church Cleaning: | 1 June | |
| Grounds | 6 June | Michael Blyth |

Readings

7 June 2026
 First Reading Deut 8:2-3, 15, 19-20
 Psalm Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
 Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17
 Gospel John 6:51-58

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23 Lhotsky Street, CHARNWOOD

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PRAYER LIFE

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| 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

7 June Acolyte Roster

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| 6:00pm | Michael Carberry |
| 9:00am | Peter Osborne |

7 June Lector Roster

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| 6:00pm | Fran Handoko, Richard Cruise |
| 9:00am | Leo Walsh, Huw Warmenhoven |

7 June Ministers of Communion

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| 6:00pm | Megan Smith, Irene Daly |
| 9:00am | Terry Johnson, Trish Blacker |

7 June Music Ministry / Slides

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| 6:00pm | Recorded, Janette O'Sullivan |
| 9:00am | Recorded, Eden Ybas |

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Glory and praise for ever!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glory to the Father, the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit:
 to God who is, who was,
 and who is to come
 Alleluia!