

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

First Sunday of Advent

30 November 2025

Year A

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This Sunday, our Catholic Church begins a new liturgical year—Year A—and we turn our hearts and attention to the Gospel of Matthew's portraits of Jesus Christ.

In 2021, the Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry updated its mandate and developed from the last words of the Risen Christ from the Gospel of Matthew (28:19-20): *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age"* to guide the Church in living the joy of the Gospel that is characterised by: Encounter, Discipleship and Mission.

Encounter: We can encounter the living God and Jesus:

- In people and events (the Genealogy of Jesus (Mt 1:1-17) reveals to us that we can encounter God in our family as well. We read this passage on 17th December and Christmas Vigil).
- In nature ("*Look at the birds of the air*" and "*Consider the Lilies of the field.*" We read passage (Mt 6:24-34) for the 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time).
- In scripture (in year A we will listen to the Good News of Jesus according to Matthew).

Discipleship: As disciples we are formed and transformed by our encounter with God and Jesus' love for us.

- Jesus' love transformed Matthew, a tax collector (We read this passage (Mt 9:9-13) for Ash Wednesday and 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Mission: when we are transformed by the love of God all we desire is to share with others our experience of encountering the living Jesus and God's love for us and for all who open their hearts to receive God's love.

- Matthew's Gospel ends not with closure but with sending us on mission: "*Go, make disciples of all nations ... and know that I am with you always*" (We read this passage (Mt 28:19-20) for the Feast of the Ascension).

This year as we read the Gospel of Matthew, let us pray:
*Jesus, open my heart as I read your Gospel.
Help me encounter you, Emmanuel, God-is-with-us.
Let your love transform me from within and send me out on mission to be witness of your Good News with all I meet.
May I become your Heart on earth. Amen.*

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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

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am

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St John the Apostle Parish Kippax
is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community

A Special thankyou to Marian England

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for your many years of generous and dedicated service at St John the Apostle. Through your leadership, your willingness to step in wherever needed, and the gentle encouragement you offer to others, you have truly embodied the mission and vision of our parish and the MSC.

Thank you for the time, care, and love you have poured into the life of St John the Apostle. Please know of our deep gratitude and our prayers for you as you continue your journey of faith. May God bless you abundantly for all the ways you have blessed our community.

With appreciation and gratitude

Farewell to Fr Chung and Marian

As we look toward the new year, we prepare to farewell both Fr Chung and Marian.

Fr Chung has been appointed Chaplain to Downlands College (MSC),

Toowoomba, beginning 1 January 2026.

With the upcoming reorganisation of roles in the parish office, Marian will also conclude her service at the end of 2025 and will not be returning in the new year.

We invite the parish community to gather in gratitude and prayer as we send them forth with our blessing.

Farewell Mass:
Friday, 19 December at 9:30am
Followed by morning tea.

A leaving collection for Fr. Chung will be held at all Masses on the weekend
13/14 December.

COUNTERS WANTED

We are seeking volunteers on a Monday morning to count the Sunday Mass collections. Contact the parish office

kippax@cg.org.au

Positions Vacant – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, West Belconnen, Parish Officer x 3

On 1 January 2026 the parishes of St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood and St John the Apostle, Kippax will combine to form the new parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, West Belconnen.

Three positions are available for persons interested in applying to become part of the Parish Team, working from the Parish Office in Kippax. All roles are permanent part time:

*Parish Officer - 24 hours per week

*Parish Officer - 18 hours per week

*Parish Officer - 6 hours per week

Employment will commence in January 2026.

Employment conditions are subject to the Clerks Award.

For a copy of the Duty Statement/s please email Kippax

Parish Office kippax@cg.org.au or Charnwood Parish

Office charnwood@cg.org.au Applications addressing

the Selection Criteria and current CV to be sent to the

Parish Priest, Fr Tru Nguyen MSC

tru.nguyen@cg.org.au by COB 5 Dec 2025. Essential

Requirements for Parish Officer roles in West

Belconnen Parish:

- Experience with database packages & Microsoft Suite
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, as part of a team, and take direction
- Understand and administer areas of church and regulatory compliance (eg. Parish sacrament registers, Working With Vulnerable People, WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment.

Thursday Night before 1st Friday
Prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament
Gethsemane Thursday
4 December 7:30 – 8:30pm



MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
1st Friday of every month ■
9:30am



5 December 2025

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.

NOVENA PRAYER

Starting 30 November

End on Monday 8 December

Praying for Unity of the new parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart West Belconnen

Novena Prayer

Remember,

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
The great things the Lord has
done for you.

He chose you for his Mother.
He wanted you close to his Cross.
he gives you a share in his glory.

He listens to your prayer.
offer him our prayers of praise
and thanksgiving;

Present our petitions to him.

let us live like you in the love of your Son
so that his Kingdom may come.

Lead all people to the source of living
water that flows from His Heart,
spreading over the world hope and
salvation, justice and peace. See our
trust in your, answer our prayer, show
yourself always our Mother. Amen

Mass Intentions the week of 1-7 December

Mon 01/12	Frank Hurtis, Savio Ellis, Stanley Lewis
Wed 03/12	
Thur 04/12	
Fri 05/12	Doris Galea
Sat 06/12	
5:00pm	
Sun 07/12	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

To ensure that a mass time is available please
telephone the parish office to make a booking.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

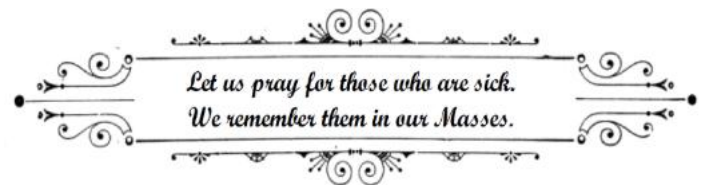
Heart Spirituality

He will heal all our ills

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the remedy destined to save the world. At this crucial moment, in which impiety urges minds to shake off the yoke of faith and of the law of God, one would have grounds for despairing of the salvation of society, if we did not rightly expect from his adorable Heart a more abundant outpouring of divine grace of which it is the treasury and the source; and if we did not find in his effective protection a most powerful rampart against the flood of evil that is threatening to invade everything. Spirituality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the providential remedy for society's indifference to God.

Jules Chevalier msc

Les Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.237, Parish 1900.



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare,
John Patterson, Allan Cockroft,
Winifred O'Neill, John Burns,
John Costelloe, Susan Sutch,
Darren O'Brien, Lelsie Lincoln,
Conelly Andrae, Alexandre Arekion,
Paul Wilson, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino,
John Soetens, Kane Cahill, Lola Boer,
Peter Needham, John Martin,
Martina Forjanic, Adam Suckling,
Brodie McMahon

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS 11:00pm

If you would like to be part of a choir
for this Mass please contact the parish
office. kippax@cg.org.au

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 2nd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
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
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

SJAFriendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 10:15am shared morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month 3:30pm – 5:00pm Parish Centre</i>

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Readings 7 December 2025

First Reading	Is 11:1-10
Psalm	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Second Reading	Romans 15:4-9
Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12

Bequest: Have you ever thought of leaving a Bequest to your parish?

By remembering your faith community in your Will, you contribute to the spiritual legacy that has enriched your life. Your bequest ensures the continuation of the traditions, teachings, and support that have shaped your journey.

ROSTERS

7 December Acolyte Roster

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

7 December Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Kirsty Vera
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Gabe Sequeira, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Margaret Luck

7 December Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena, Judy Netting
8:30am	Angela Boreham
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Peter Igoe-Taylor

7 December Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain
6:00pm	John & Jenny McGee

7 December SJAShop

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	30 Nov	Chioma Nnaji
Church Cleaning:	1 Dec	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

