

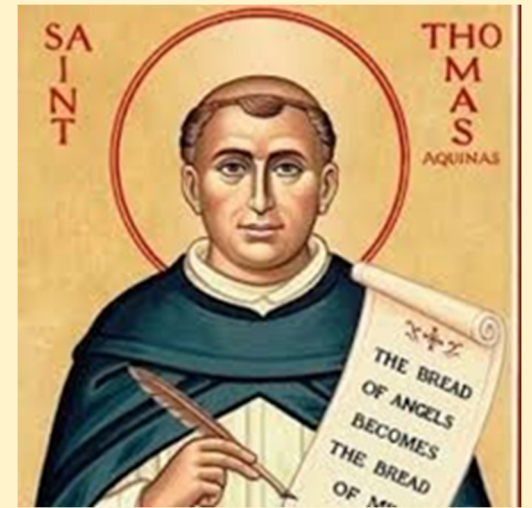
# St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

The Most Holy Trinity

2 June 2024



### Parish Vision

The Parish of St Thomas Aquinas seeks to maintain a strong, joyful, welcoming community. We strive to deepen our faith and spirituality, as individuals and as a community. We will live our faith more fully by carrying the message of the Gospel to all.

### MASS & SACRAMENTS

#### Sunday:

Vigil (Saturday) 6pm

Sunday 9am

#### Weekdays:

Mass: Tuesday-Friday 9.30am

Communion Service: Monday 9.30am

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 5-5.30pm

#### Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month

#### Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated during Mass on the First Wednesday of the month at 10am followed by morning tea.

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It seems appropriate, therefore, that we offer communion under both kinds (the consecrated hosts and the precious Blood). The practice of distributing communion under both kinds will be reintroduced on a permanent basis beginning in July.

During the COVID pandemic this practice was brought to a halt. However, it is time to move on and recover some form of normality in our daily lives and in our religious practices. Permission from the Archdiocese to resume the practice of communion under both kinds is granted provided strict hygiene procedures are carried out.

In the General Instruction of the Roman Missal it clearly states the preference for this practice:

*Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father (GIRM, 281).*

Fr Gerard

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 8 June	Sunday 9am 9 June
<b>Acolyte</b>	Michael	Rod
<b>Servers</b>	Damyn & Aditya	Maeve, Evie
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Brian H	Bernadette
<b>Readers</b>	Penny, Brian D	Megan, Grace
<b>Music/Screen</b>	Recorded, Janette	Recorded, Patrick
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Monica C, Anne M	
<b>Morning Tea 9 June</b>	Trish Blacker, Nathalie Lang, Helene Axelby	



*Prayers For the Sick & Deceased*

**For the Sick**

Maida Kajkic, Peter McArdle, Frederick Nield, Tom Roberts, Carolyn Holloway, Susie Purcell, Trish Jean, Bernard Tierney, Margie Paten, Christine Greenwood, David Holt, Irene Daly.

*We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time.*

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries :**

Rhona Holt, Rose McHatton, William Briggs, Terrence Jones, Patricia Hillis, Francie Carroll, Margaret Strangman, Genevieve Fitzpatrick, Mary Vaglie, Florence Kennedy, William Egan, Ronald Davis, Vince Carroll, Leslie Philip, Anedore Fielding, Marie Marcel, Nora Howe, Bernice Bergsma, Catherine Boyce, Janette Berryman, Nathan Rolfe, James Maggs, Leslie McKenna

*We remember in prayer all those who have died.*

Deceased are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**Open Scripture Discussion Groups**

Wednesday following 9:30 am Mass.

Friday following 9:30 am Mass during school terms.

**Latte with Our Lady**

Rosary outside Charcoal Chicken every first Saturday of the month at 10:15 am. Praying for renewal and safety in our parish with coffee and a chat. Contact Julie 0412 337 367.

**Adoration & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

5.30-6.30 pm every Thursday.

All parishioners are invited to come and spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**COLLECTION DETAILS**

**Collection During Mass** There is one collection during Mass at the time of the Offertory.

**Tap and Go Machine** next to the Collection Box to give people an opportunity to donate, should they wish to do so, when they aren't carrying cash.

**Direct Debit forms** available by contacting office.

**Electronic Funds Transfer** Bank account details are available on the website, or by contacting the office.

**HISTORICAL**  
**CONTEXT**

**Covenant**

*Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context, covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam – each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolised it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses and David – each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.*

## REMINDER: LADIES LUNCH.

As a part of the 50 year anniversary celebrations of our St Thomas Aquinas Parish, a Ladies Lunch will be held on 6 June at Southern Cross Club Jamison. All ladies of our parish (both current and ex parishioners) are invited to come together to celebrate this wonderful milestone. Bookings are essential. Please contact Gerri on 0418407565 or [gdbleser@gmail.com](mailto:gdbleser@gmail.com) by Sunday 2 June if you would like to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Save the Date\* - Sunday 30 June

The parish will be hosting an information session with Marymead/CatholicCare about their proposal to lease some of the parish land and build units for young people in need. This will be an opportunity to hear more about the proposal, ask questions and raise issues for further follow up. The session will be held in the school hall directly after Sunday mass - 10am. Morning tea will be provided.

 **Anointing of the Sick** **Wednesday 6 June 10:00am**

followed by morning tea in the parish center.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Fr. Richard Thompson Vicar General on Thursday 13 June at 6:00pm.

## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

*Formation Session for Parents*

Thursday 25 July and 1 August—6:00pm Parish Church

*Presentation Mass*

27 July—6:00pm

*First Holy Communion Masses*

Weekends of 7/8 and 14/15 September

If you have a child in Year 4 or 6 who does not attend St Thomas Aquinas Primary School and would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office: [Charnwood@cg.org.au](mailto:Charnwood@cg.org.au)

## Poetry, presence & Payday:

### Aquinas on the Eucharist

To mark the occasion of the 750th anniversary of the death of St Thomas Aquinas and to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish of St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood, a commemorative talk will be presented by Rev Dr Joseph Vnuk OP.

July 18, 2024 7.00pm

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Hall

25 Lhotsky Street, Charnwood.

Light refreshments will be served after the talk

## Cultural Competency Workshop

### 22 June 2024

The ACG Catholic Women's Taskforce presents a 1-day workshop on Cultural Competency: Ngunnawal Context, facilitated by Kylie Shea. The workshop will be held at St Vincent de Paul's Parish Centre, 7 Bindel St Aranda ACT. Registrations are essential and available at [cgwomen.com.au](http://cgwomen.com.au)

## Annual Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

### Eden NSW—Saturday 3rd August

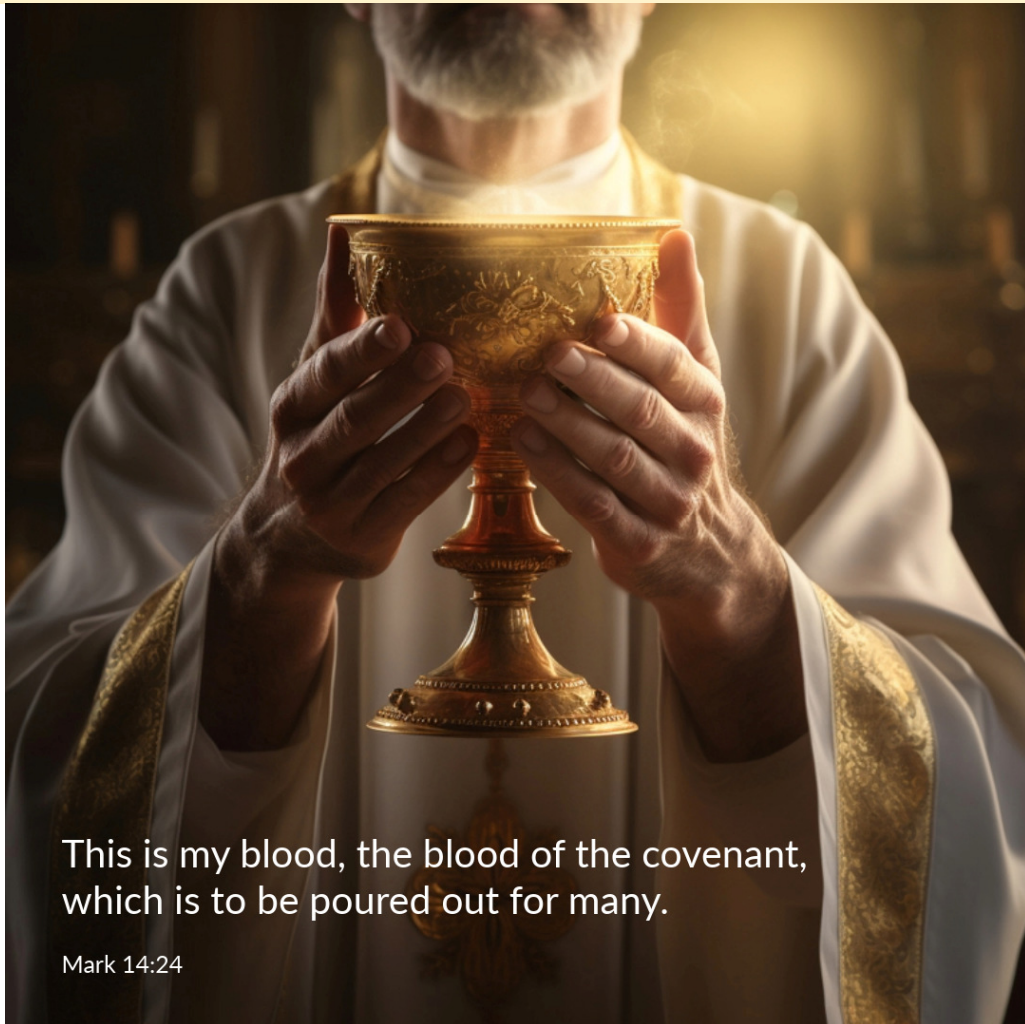
Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he leads the pilgrimage. This pilgrimage holds a special significance as it commemorates Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, at the very site she visited on two separate occasions, in 1899 and 1901.

The day will start with 7:30am Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral and then travel to Eden. The day include a pilgrim's walk, Mass and a parish lunch. The Mary MacKillop Hall will be open for the community. If you wish to attend, there is more information and registration at <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx>

*Save the Date*

5 June Wed	Anointing of the Sick Mass 10:00am
6 June	Combined Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee
13 June Thurs	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 6:00pm

# FEAST OF THE WORD



This is my blood, the blood of the covenant,  
which is to be poured out for many.

Mark 14:24

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (eucharistía). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord  
For his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
Is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
You have loosened my bonds. **R.**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
my vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all people. **R.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven,  
says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.