

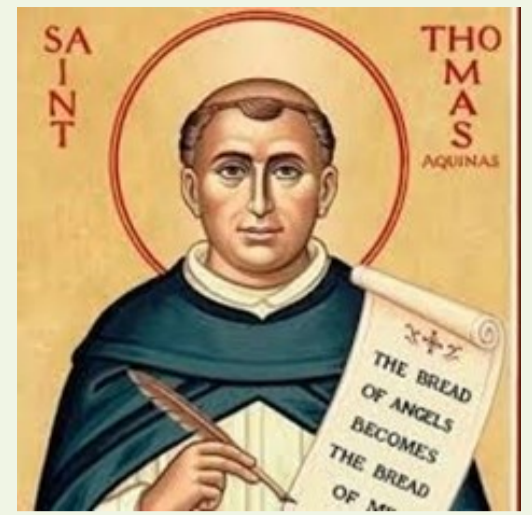
St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 July 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

This weekend we welcome Archbishop Christopher Prowse to our parishes of Charnwood and Kippax. Bishops have an essential role in promoting the apostolic mission of the church, ensuring the pastoral care of the faithful, and overseeing the liturgical life of the parishes within their dioceses. Pastoral visitation to parishes is one means by which the bishop carries out these obligations. It is also a wonderful opportunity for the bishop to engage with parishioners and encourage them in carrying out their baptismal priesthood in the service of God's kingdom.



I want to thank all those parishioners who attended the parish meeting last Sunday to listen to and discuss the proposal to erect mini homes for youth on our parish property. I particularly thank Peter Jean for facilitating the meeting and to Tim Cleary, the principal of STA primary, who was on hand to ensure we were all made comfortable in the school building. This is just the beginning of an ongoing exploration into the suitability and viability of this proposal.

Fr Gerard

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 13 July	Sunday 9am 14 July
Acolyte	Angelo	Rod
Servers	Vince, Sav	Robert, Melinda
Communion Minister	Anne	Trish
Readers	Richard, Penny	Annaliese, John
Music/Screen	Triple J	Recorded, Patrick
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	
Morning Tea	14 July Barbara Gaynor, Sylvie Osborne, Sybil Gately	



Prayers For the Sick & Deceased

For the Sick

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

Maida Kajkic, Frederick Nield, Tom Roberts, Carolyn Holloway, Susie Purcell, Trish Jean, Bernard Tierney, Margie Paten, Christine Greenwood, David Holt., Margaret and Jim Peoples

Recently Deceased: Gareth Pollard

Anniversaries

Ysare Cao, Maryann Watson, Leo Langtry, James Norton, Veronica McGregor, Gaetano De Nicola, Leopoldine Platzer, Marcus Watson, Keith Perks, Eileen Thornton, Fay Ardaiz, Kevin Howe, Kevin Benson, Gerrit Vink, Michael Dixon, Maria Gioia, Catherine Triggs, Rex Cartwright, David O'Rourke, Julius Bor, Mario Signorini, Maria Melhado, John Daly, Kyle Biddle, Nelson Pinto, Robert Archer, Eileen Fisher, Domenico Barbaro, Susan Porter, Florence Carmichael, Nicholas

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.

Funeral Mass

The funeral Mass for Gareth Pollard will be celebrated at St Thomas Aquinas on Thursday 11th July at 10.30am.

Please note there will be no Mass at 9.30am

Memorial Book

Deceased loved ones are recorded in the parish Memorial Book which is on display at the back of the church.

We ask that you contact the parish office to have your loved ones included in the book. Please do not write directly in the book.

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School is seeking a representative from the parish community to be part of the School Community Council. We hope that this representative will help facilitate a strong relationship between the school and parish. The Community Council meets twice a school term to discuss strategy and support of the school and community.

We encourage anyone who is interested to email sta.school.community.council@gmail.com

Vocations Dinner & Lunch with the Archdiocese seminarians at Pearce Presbytery. Friday 19 July 5:30pm evening prayer in Sacred Heart Church 115 Hodgson St Pearce and 6pm dinner with our three seminarians- sharing their experiences. Then Saturday 20 July a 12noon talk by Fr John Armstrong Spiritual Director of Homebush seminary followed by a light lunch. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Evenings for the Engaged*, **Sat 13 & 20 July**. *FOCCUS* - Tues 13th August 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au or Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 | 7 August—6PM

Speaker: Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University **Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter *For more information & tickets visit www.tfo.org.au*

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

NEW PARISHIONERS BOOK

New parishioners are invited to record your name and contact email address in the “New Parishioners” book located in the church foyer. The parish office will then send you a registration form and information about the parish.

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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

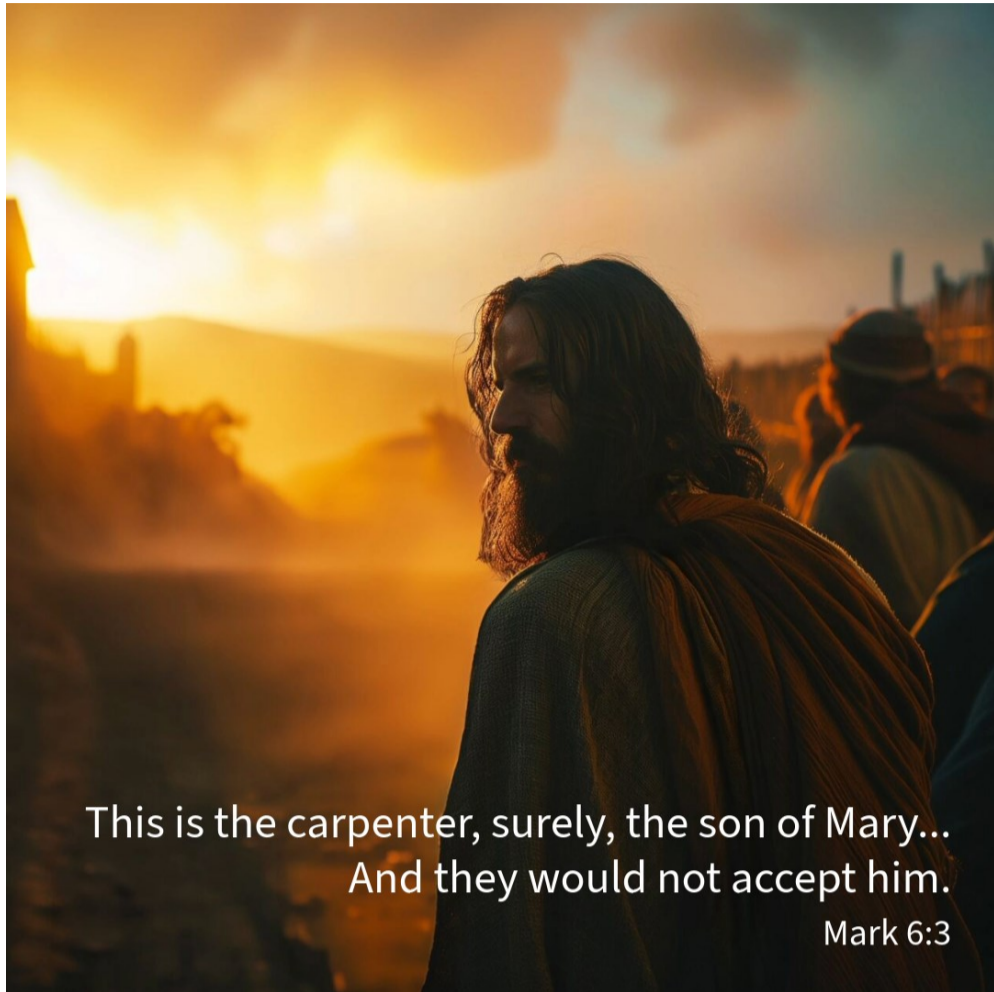
RSVP charnwood@cg.org.au by July 10, 2024



Save
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Date

5 –7 July	Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Friday	Pastoral Visit
18 July	Poetry, Presence and Payday:
Thursday	Talk by Rev Dr Joseph Vnuk OP
25 July	Formation Session for Parents
Thursday	Sacrament of the Eucharist

FOCUS ON THE WORD



This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary...
And they would not accept him.

Mark 6:3

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are

obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. *R.*

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. *R.*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy,
we are filled with contempt
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich. ,
with the proud man's disdain. *R.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
He sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.