

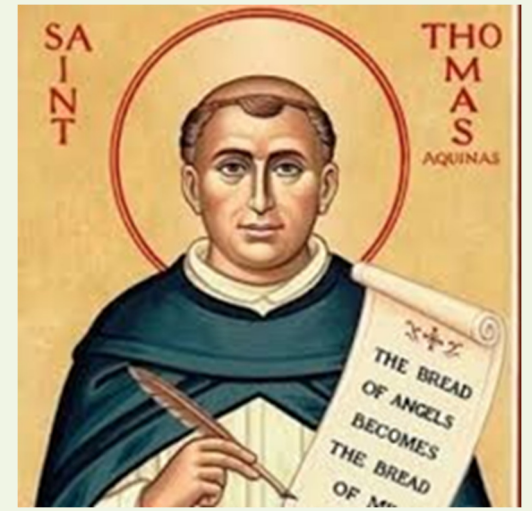
St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 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

A combined meeting of the Parish Finance Council and Pastoral Council was held last Thursday evening. One of the issues that was raised was the urgent need for maintenance and repairs to the church. Two particular needs were identified: the leak in ceiling of the sacristy and the rotting timber in various parts of the building. We will seek quotes and then hopefully repairs can take place. This is anticipated to be a costly operation but it cannot be delayed for much longer.

The other major consideration is the proposed erection of 'tiny homes' for emergency accommodation for youth. It needs to be stressed that there is absolutely no commitment from the parish at this stage. There has been a notice in this bulletin advertising an open meeting of parishioners after the 9am Mass on the 30th of June in which Marymead/CatholicCare will present details of the proposal. Parishioners will be given the opportunity to engage in exploring this idea. The school community has also been informed and invited to this meeting. This open meeting will be the beginning of a lengthy process of deliberation and discernment. Ultimately, it will require the will of the parish as a whole before any potential agreement might be entered into with Marymead.

Fr Gerard

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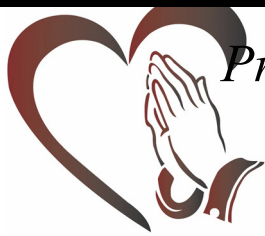
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Principal: Mr Tim Cleary

Rosters

	Saturday 6pm 15 June	Sunday 9am 16 June
Acolyte	Angelo	Stephen
Servers	Vince, Sav, Aseem	Robert, Melinda
Communion Minister	Irene	Lian
Readers	Annaliese, Michael	Charles, Sr Colleen
Music/Screen	Triple J	Recorded, Jocelyn
Children's Liturgy	Skye P, Catherine H	
Morning Tea 14 July	Barbara Gaynor, Sylvie Osborne, Sybil Gately	



Prayers For the Sick & Deceased

For the Sick

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

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

Recently Deceased : Annette Connellan

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.

FUNERAL NOTICE

ANNETTE MARY CONNELLAN

**Born Coonamble NSW 8 September 1951
Died Canberra ACT 6 June 2024**

Much loved wife of John.

Mother of Anna, Amy, Sarah and
mother-in-law of Tony and Jimmy.
Adored Nat Nat to Joshua, Tanya,
Samantha, Tara, Maxwell and Jake.

“All you need is love”

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of
Annette will be held at St Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Church,

Lhotsky Street, West Belconnen on
Monday 17 June 2024— 10:30am.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Annette's
name to the Australian Gynaecological
Cancer Foundation (agcf.org.au) would be
appreciated. Private cremation.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 1 July 2024: for those parishioners using Planned Giving Envelopes, they are ready for collection in the foyer of the church.

Canberra Symphony Orchestra presents

Special Event: Messiah

7:30pm, Fri 21 / Sat 22 June 2024

Adult tickets from \$65, with under 35, student and concession pricing available.

Artists: Brett Weymark OAM Conductor

CSO Chorus, Canberra Symphony Orchestra

Repertoire : George Frideric Handel Messiah, HWV 56

More information available at:

<https://cso.org.au/concerts/messiah>

Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Hundreds of people are displaced and many more affected by a devastating landslide that struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your urgent support is needed now. **Donate at** www.caritas.org.au/png

CARITAS—Make Hunger History

Your compassion can help farmers like Chiquito feed their families and make hunger history.

Donate online at www.caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history

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

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

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

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>

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Thursday 13 June	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass
Sunday 30 June	Parish Information Session with Marymead/CatholicCare
Wednesday 3 July	10:00am Anointing of the Sick during Mass , morning tea after
Thursday 18 July	Poetry, presence & payday: Aquinas on the Eucharist talk
Thursday 25 July	5pm Formation Session for Parents Sacrament of the Eucharist

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If a kingdom is divided against itself,
that kingdom cannot last.

Mark 3:24

Reflecting on today's Gospel, Pope Francis says that 'Jesus' response was not a lack of respect for his mother and his brethren.' He was not turning away from family, but rather widening the very concept.

'Jesus formed a new family,' the Pope explains, 'no longer based on natural ties, but on faith in him, on his love which welcomes us and unites us to each other, in the Holy Spirit.'

This is especially poignant when we remember that Jesus was just accused of being devilish. While Jesus' clever riposte turns the logic of the scribes upside down and puts them on the backfoot, the Pope suggests that 'this episode contains an admonishment which is useful to all of us.'

He points out that 'it can happen that deep envy of a person's goodness and good works can drive one to

falsely accuse him or her.' This, after all, was the root of the accusation against Jesus. We must be alert to this temptation ourselves, especially in the Church.

We should also be alert to a little detail in this Gospel which is easily overlooked. Pope Francis draws our attention to it, because it highlights why Jesus attracted both accusations and concerns in the first place.

Jesus, the Pope points out, 'did not even have time to eat.' He was too busy encountering people and encouraging them. 'Jesus,' the Pope says, 'was like that: people first; serving people; helping people; teaching people; healing people. He was for the people. He did not even have time to eat.'

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness
of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. *R.*

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. *R.*

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
More than watchman for daybreak. *R.*

Because with the Lord there is mercy,
And fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
From all its iniquity. *R.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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