

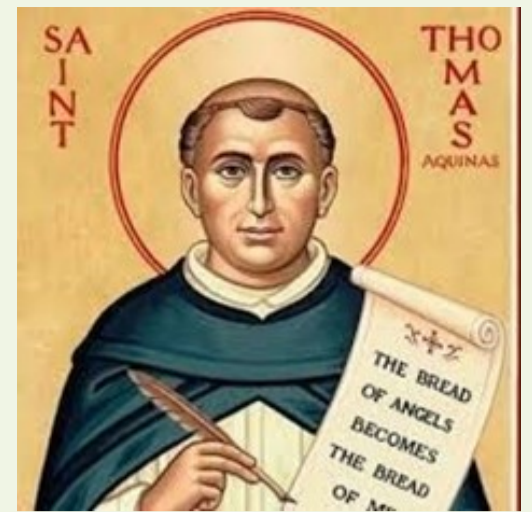
# St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 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*

Most of us would be familiar with the sight of Mormons travelling about in pairs. Usually they are well-groomed young men wearing dark trousers, white shirts and plain tie. They usually travel on foot or on bicycles. If you stopped to chat with these young people chances are that they would hail from Salt Lake City, Utah. They are on mission. They take quite literally the gospel account of Jesus sending out his disciples two by two.

Scripture is not always intended to be taken literally, but it *is* meant to be taken seriously. At the heart of today's gospel story is the call for the church to be missionary. Jules Chevalier (1824-1907), founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC), was well aware of this missionary nature of the church. Although it was written in a different time and reflects the sensibility of that age, I found the following instructions given to his fellow confreres to be a source of inspiration: "And so, dear brothers, take your money, your old clothes and especially your heart and set out on the road that leads to the home of the poor family. The road is difficult and narrow and full of bumps but take heart, it is also the road that leads to heaven. Keep moving because the poor person is hungry and that hunger cannot wait."

Fr Gerard

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 20 July	Sunday 9am 21 July
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brian D	Stephen
<b>Servers</b>	Andrea, Natalia	Nicholas, Aseem
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Alan	Lian
<b>Readers</b>	Irene, Pauline	Sr. Colleen, Charles
<b>Music/Screen</b>	Recorded, Janette	Choir, Josh
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	School Holidays	
<b>Morning Tea</b> 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 Flaton and Alex Wallace

### **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.



## Have YOU thought?

### Sent in pairs

*It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.*



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](mailto:sta.school.community.council@gmail.com)

### **Cultural Competency | 31 August 10:00AM**

The Catholic Women's Taskforce, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has a workshop on 31 August. Kylie Shea, a Ngunnawal woman will facilitate the sessions where we will learn about Ngunnawal culture. Venue: Parish Centre Aranda Register via [www.cgwomen.org.au](http://www.cgwomen.org.au)

### **Archdiocesan Women's breakfast with Dr Helen Alvare—8 August**

Join us for the Women's Breakfast with Dr Helen Alvare on Thursday, August 8th. In a relaxed conversation style, we will explore meaningful connections in marriage, family, career, mission, and community-building. 7:00 for 7:30 - 9:00 Canberra Room Hyatt. Tickets: \$30 - Students \$25. Purchase online at [www.tfo.org.au/women-breakfast/](http://www.tfo.org.au/women-breakfast/)

### **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](http://www.tfo.org.au)*

### **Canberra Catholic Bookshop**

More than just a bookshop, you will find a wide array of giftware and greeting cards, including plenty of options for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 9:30am to 5pm Wed - 8:30am to 5pm, Sat - 9am to 1pm Closed Sundays and public holidays 55 Franklin Street, Forrest, ACT 2603 (behind St Christopher's Cathedral) Mobile: 0478 248 679 | Tel: (02) 6239 9888 Email: [catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au](mailto:catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au) Or shop online at - <https://www.catholicbookshop.org.au/> (more products being uploaded weekly)

### **Poetry, presence & Payday: Aquinas on the Eucharist**

presented by Rev Dr Joseph Vnuk OP.  
July 18, 2024 7.00pm  
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Hall  
Light refreshments will be served after the talk  
**If you have not registered to attend, please do so as soon as possible.**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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)



Save  
the  
Date

18 July Thursday	Poetry, Presence and Payday: Talk by Rev Dr Joseph Vnuk OP
25 July Thursday	Formation Session for Parents Sacrament of the Eucharist
27/28 July Sat/Sun	Presentation Masses for children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist

# FOCUS ON THE WORD



So they set off to preach repentance;  
and they cast out many devils, and anointed  
many sick people with oil and cured them.

Mark 6:13

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that

threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R.*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. *R.*

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. *R.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our hearts  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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