

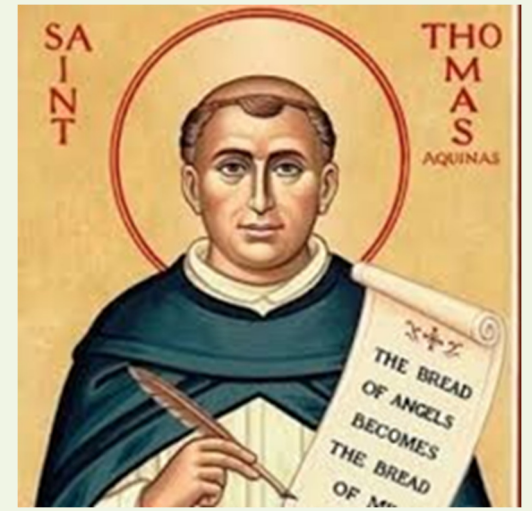
# St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 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*

Last Thursday the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated in our church. What a wonderful occasion for the children who participated in this sacred event which will no doubt remain in their memories throughout their lives. Confirmation, of course, is not a stand-alone sacrament. It is intimately linked with Baptism and Eucharist, which together make up the sacraments of initiation. Therefore, part of this rite is the renewal of the candidates' baptismal promises.

It was a beautiful liturgy and we are thankful to Fr Richard Thompson, as Vicar General, who celebrated this sacrament.

Thanks must go to those who worked behind the scenes. I am especially grateful to our secretary, Sharon Greaves; there is a hefty amount of administration involved in the preparation and follow up to the sacrament; and for giving up her time to attend and assist in the parent formation evenings and take photos during the liturgy. My thanks also go to our REC, Meaghan Younger, for her involvement on many levels. And finally, to the parish liturgy team for setting up the liturgical environment and to Michael Carberry for his assistance during the celebration.

Fr Gerard

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| <i>Rosters</i>                 |  |                       |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
|                                | Saturday 6pm<br>22 June                          | Sunday 9am<br>23 June |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                 | Brian D  | Stephen               |
| <b>Servers</b>                 | Damyn & Aditya                                   | Nicholas,<br>Aditya   |
| <b>Communion<br/>Minister</b>  | Fran   | Lian                  |
| <b>Readers</b>                 | Brian H, Rita H                                  | Rod, Tanya            |
| <b>Music/Screen</b>            | Recorded, Eden                                   | Choir, Josh           |
| <b>Children's<br/>Liturgy</b>  | Katie WS, Louise OG                              |                       |
| <b>Morning Tea<br/>14 July</b> | Barbara Gaynor, Sylvie Osborne,<br>Sybil Gateley |                       |



### *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.

**Recently Deceased:** Annette Connellan, Teresa Domenic

#### **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.*

#### **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.

## **GOSPEL FOCUS**

### **The Kingdom of God**

*The references to the kingdom of God in the gospels always carry a paradox. It exists in the present, yet is something to be achieved in the future. It is here, but not yet. If we live 'as if' we are living in the kingdom here and now then we hasten its coming. The kingdom of God is not a place but a way in which the world operates. It is a kingdom that is ruled by justice and gives precedence to those who are regarded as nothing in the world. It is a kingdom of promise and hope that inspires and calls all people to more than they currently are.*

## 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.

## 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.

## 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>

## 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)

## FUNERAL NOTICE

### *Annette Connellan*

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 17 June 2024 at 10:30am St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

There will be no 9:30am Liturgy

## 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](mailto:charnwood@cg.org.au) by July 10, 2024

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)

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## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 1 July

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

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



# FOCUS ON THE WORD



Once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.

Mark 4:32

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has

spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R.* Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. *R.*

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. *R.*

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *R.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The seed is the word of God,  
Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him 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.