

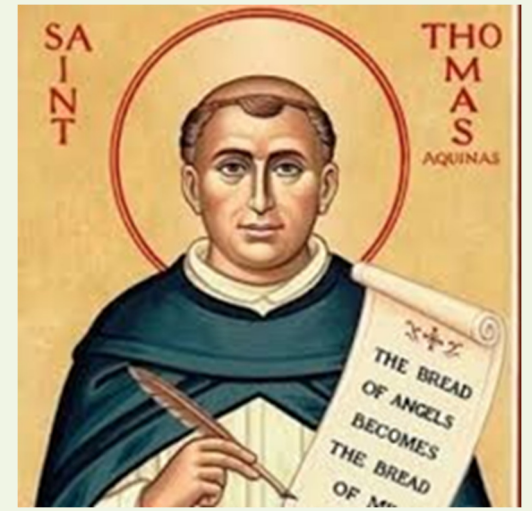
# St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 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*

Last Thursday evening, as part of our Jubilee celebrations marking the 50 years since the foundation of our parish, a talk on our patron saint was presented by Dominican Fr Joseph Vnuk OP. We were joined by our neighbouring parishioners from Kippax as well as from other parishes within the Archdiocese.

This was a wonderful opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the personality, genius and sanctity of Thomas Aquinas. Fr Joseph focused on the Eucharistic Hymns that Aquinas composed. Perhaps the most well-known is the famous setting by the Belgium composer César Frank, *Panis Angelicus*. (A quote from this hymn is inscribed on our icon of the saint, the English translation reading: "the bread of angles has become the food of all".)

Coming to grips with the theology of Thomas Aquinas is no easy task. While not sidestepping the complexity and subtlety of Aquinas' teaching on the Eucharist, Fr Joseph skilfully and enthusiastically illuminated the depth and richness of this teaching.

As we continue to celebrate our parish jubilee, we are grateful to our founding parish priest, Fr Neville Drinkwater, for choosing Thomas Aquinas as our patron saint. May Neville and Thomas continue to watch over us and intercede for our parish.

Fr Gerard

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 27 July	Sunday 9am 28 July
<b>Acolyte</b>	Michael	Gavin
<b>Servers</b>	Andy, Annabelle	Grace, Maeve
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Collette	Cathy
<b>Readers</b>	Alan, Pauline	Jancye, Megan
<b>Music/Screen</b>	Recorded, Skye	Recorded, Jocelyn
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		
<b>Morning Tea 11 Aug</b>	Marg Ellis, Gerri Bleaser, Irene Daly	



### *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?**

### **Sheep and Shepherds**

*This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crozier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.*

## St Thomas Aquinas Parish Pastoral Council Summary of Meeting: 16 July 2024

### Year of The Holy Spirit

Fr Gerard reported on the upcoming Archdiocesan Assembly on 18 to 20 October which will conclude the Year of The Holy Spirit. It was agreed that our parish needs to be represented at this assembly. More information of this event needs to be promoted in our parish.

### Marymead/CatholicCare proposal

Members reflected on the recent parish assembly and the importance of the information Marymead provided re location and number of units. Members thought parishioners and the school community were mostly positive, and that we should continue with a 'soft yes' approach, noting more details will determine the final decision.

### Relationship with St Johns Kippax

Members reflected on the joint session with the Archbishop during his recent pastoral visit. Although this meeting between representatives of the two parishes was largely positive, the STA PPC was concerned that there has been little progress on joint activities between the parishes. It was suggested a joint meeting of the Kippax and Charnwood PPCs be scheduled. It was also noted that we need to explore the possibility of engaging a Sacramental Coordinator to work between the two parishes.

### Safeguarding

Fr Gerard discussed options for the confessional, and changes needed to ensure it complies with professional standards. A decision needs to be made by the end of 2024. The PPC, Finance Council, and Liturgy Committee will continue to consider options to comply with standards, with low cost, but also importantly maintain the spiritual nature of confessional.

### Pergola

Due to rotting timbers of the pergola in the church courtyard, consideration was given for its removal, as replacement would be very expensive. It was agreed that parishioners be made fully aware of any decision in this regard and that parishioners be encouraged to inspect the state of the pergola themselves.

### 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.

## 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)

Anointing of the Sick within Mass  
Wednesday 7 August 10:00am  
followed by morning tea in the parish



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)

## 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)*

Save  
the  
Date

25 July Thursday	1st Formation Session for Parents Sacrament of the Eucharist
27/28 July Sat/Sun	Presentation Masses for children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist
1 Aug Thursday	2nd Formation Session for Parents Sacrament of the Eucharist
8 Aug Thursday	Feast of Mary MacKillop
15 Aug Thursday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

# FOCUS ON THE WORD

They went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves.

Mark 6:32



Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R.* The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. *R.*

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. *R.*

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. *R.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. *R.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
You have set us free.