

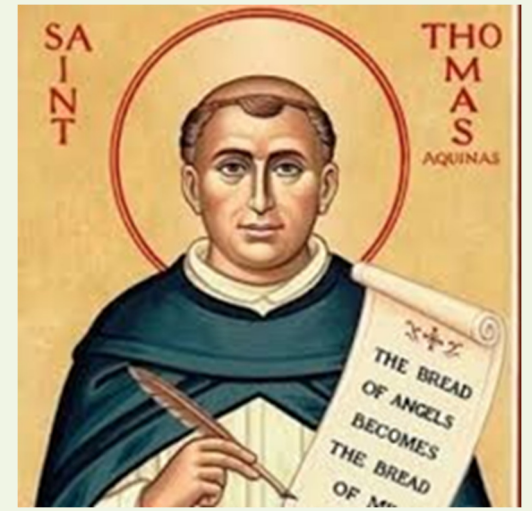
St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 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

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will make a pastoral visit to the parishes of Kippax and Charnwood. The Archbishop will share his time between the parishes and schools. He will celebrate Mass with the school children on Friday 5th July at the parish 9.30am Mass (the school will celebrate its patron saint, Thomas Aquinas, at this Mass). The Archbishop will return to celebrate the 9am Sunday Mass on the 7th July.



The coordinating committee made up of representatives from Kippax and Charnwood met during the week. This committee is responsible for initiating joint activities between the two parishes. At this meeting we agreed that this will be a long project and that we will need to proceed gradually. In the meantime, both parishes continue to operate separately until such time as opportunities present themselves for collaboration.



During the week three small to medium size trees – located at the rear of presbytery – were removed. This was necessitated because of recurring plumbing problems caused by invasive tree roots.

Fr Gerard

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 29 June	Sunday 9am 30 June
Acolyte	Michael	Gavin
Servers	Andrea, Natalia	Andy, Annabelle
Communion Minister	Fran	Bernadette
Readers	Alan, Pauline	Grace, Cathy
Music/Screen	Recorded, Collette	Recorded, Skye
Children's Liturgy	30 June Megan W, Grace J	
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.

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.

Deceased are listed in the Memorial Book at the back 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.

**SCRIPTURAL
CONTEXT**

Miracle stories

The miracle stories of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Matthew and Luke) generally fall into four categories of miracle: healing miracles (healing of physical ailments and disease); exorcism miracles (driving out evil spirits – often associated with a form of healing); resuscitation miracles (bringing people back to life); and nature miracles (Jesus appears to contradict the laws of nature – walking on water, multiplying food and calming a storm). Each type of miracle story tends to have its own literary structure and being able to recognise the type of miracle being described assists the interpretation of the gospel account.

Parish Gathering - proposal for land use

Please join us to hear directly from Marymead/ CatholicCare about their proposal to lease some of our land at the back of the church and install tiny homes for young people at risk. No decision has been made - Fr Gerard and the Parish Pastoral Council are keen to hear parishioner views before progressing the idea any further. The session will include more information from MaryMead and then focus on the main issues of concern. We ask that you come to the session with an open mind and heart. Morning tea will be provided. **Sunday 30 June directly after 9am mass** at the school hall - all welcome.

Save the Date: Archdiocesan Women's breakfast with Dr Helen Alvare

Thursday, 8 August, 7.30 - 9.00am Join us as we explore meaningful connections, marriage, family, career, mission and community-building. More details to come! Contact: communications@cg.org.au

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

We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. **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*

Annual Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage Eden NSW—Saturday 3rd August

Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he leads the pilgrimage. 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. 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

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

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

PASTORAL VISIT 5 -7 July 2024 Archbishop Christopher Prowse

The Archbishop will be visiting the parishes of Charnwood and Kippax. He will celebrate the 9:30am Mass at St Thomas Aquinas on Friday 5th July in which the school community will be attending.
He will celebrate Mass again at the 9:00am Sunday Mass on the 7th July.

WORKING BEE

Saturday 30 June—9:00am

To help spread the wood chips that were recently deposited on the parish grounds. Contact the parish office if you are able to assist. You will need to provide your own items such as wheelbarrows, rakes, buckets, etc

Save the Date

3 July Wednesday	10:00am Anointing of the Sick during Mass—morning tea after
5 -7 July Friday	Archbishop Christopher Prowse Pastoral Visit
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

FOCUS ON THE WORD

Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind
dropped, and all was calm again.

Mark 4:39



Paul insists that the love of Christ completely transforms us, mind and heart. No longer do we judge according to human standards. No longer do we meet injury with assault. No longer do we relegate people to the margins of society, or hoard the goods that others need to survive. Everything is changed in this new worldview. We understand ourselves and our world differently. Most importantly, we perceive God differently.

Job's new insights enlightened his understanding of creation, of the Creator, and of himself, a finite creature. Several of the disciples were seasoned fishermen. They knew that sea quite well. Living close to Jesus, they knew him too. Now they saw him in a different light. In both cases, faith opened their eyes. Like the disciples, we begin to realise that this man who

shares in all of our human vulnerability is able to direct the power of the Creator.

We need eyes of faith to recognise the power of God at work in the events of our lives. Like Job, faith moves us from viewing God as a deity who is so distant from us that the circumstances of our lives appear to be irrelevant, to realising that everything is ultimately in God's hands and everything follows the course on which God has set it. For our part, all we can or need do is entrust ourselves to this loving God who cares if even a sparrow falls to the ground.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.

Some sailed the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
The wonders he does in the deep *R.*

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
Tossing the waves to the sea
Up to heaven and back into the deep;
Their soul melted away in their distress. *R.*

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
All the waves of the sea were hushed. *R.*

They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for the people. *R.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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