

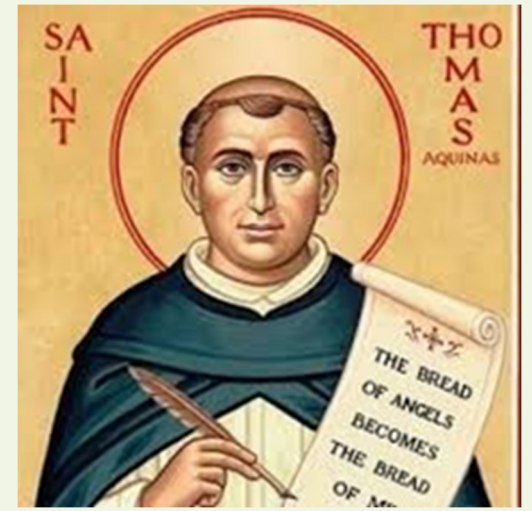
St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 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

The present confessional in the church no longer meets professional standards. All churches are now required to have two doors, one for access by the penitent, the other for the priest. We have no choice but to comply to this as this was one of the recommendations by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse of which the Catholic Church is in the process of implementing. Both the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council are aware of this issue. During the week the property manager from the Archdiocese visited the parish to inspect our present arrangements and help us find a solution in which the confessional will meet the necessary requirements.



It was announced during the week that Matthew Garton will be the new Principal of St Thomas Aquinas Primary commencing in 2025. Matthew is the present principal of St John the Apostle, Florey. The present STA principal, Tim Cleary, will take up the position of St Edmunds College next year. I thank Tim for his interim leadership of STA during this year and warmly welcome Matthew to our school.

Fr Gerard

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 6 July	Sunday 9am 7 July
Acolyte	Peter O	Maria
Servers	Aditya, Jonathan	Grace, Maeve
Communion Minister	Brian H	Skye
Readers	Peter Mc, Eden	Megan, Jancye
Music/Screen	Recorded, Collette	Recorded, Josh
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	
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., Margaret and Jim Peoples

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

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.

from the perspective

of Jairus

What a whirlwind of emotions Jairus must have gone through. His daughter was sick and getting worse but Jesus had left the region and travelled across the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, Jairus heard that Jesus had returned! He raced to Jesus and begged him to save his daughter. What joy when Jesus set out to do so! But Jesus was slowed by the crowd and then came to a complete stop and spoke to some woman. Didn't he know this was urgent? Then the news came that the little girl was dead – no need to hurry now. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises the little girl and reunites her with her parents.

Parish Gathering - proposal for land use

This weekend after the 9:00am Mass

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 at the school hall - all welcome.

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

Annette Mary Connellan

My Family and I would like to thank all of the Parishioners and Fr. Gerard for the loving care, support and generosity you have given us during Annette's journey of life.

Your continued prayers brings comfort to us all.

John Connellan

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*

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

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.

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.

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

Save
the
Date

3 July	10:00am Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday	during Mass—morning tea after
5 –7 July	Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Friday	Pastoral Visit
18 July	Poetry, Presence and Payday:
Thursday	Talk by Rev Dr Joseph Vnuk OP
25 July	Formation Session for Parents
Thursday	Sacrament of the Eucharist

FOCUS ON THE WORD



The little girl got up at once and began to walk about.

Mark 5:42

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been

favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into
the grave *R.*

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
Give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment:
his favour through life
At night there are tears, but joy comes
with dawn. *R.*

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning
into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you forever *R.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with
death and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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