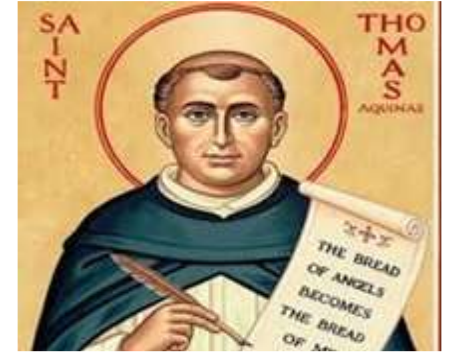




# ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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## MASS TIMES: 100 persons only

Monday-Friday: 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am

All Sacrament enquiries to 6258 1563

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Sick:

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ.

Claire Carton (Andrew Daly's wife),

### Recently Deceased:

Maria Gioia

### Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

## LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Grandpa Jones was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared. "Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he cackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now."

The celebrants were impressed and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime.

"Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

## SACRAMENTS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

During the months of August and September some of the children of year 4 and year 6 will be approaching the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. At some stage prayer cards will be available for you to commit yourself to prayerfully support these children and their families as they prepare. Please take that opportunity when it's presented and generally keep all those children and their families in your prayers.

## THOUGHTS ON SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacraments affect our lives in two ways. Firstly they ask us to focus on an action and instruction of Jesus that helps us enter the mystery of his living presence among us. They go beyond words and lead us through their symbols into the divine life itself. However, sacraments also have the complementary effect of taking the ordinary events of our life they are based on into a different dimension.

There is a flow from the earthly symbols, the bread and wine, the oils and water, into their sacred expression of Christ's presence, but then they flow back into their earthly realities, the bread and wine we share together on a daily basis and make them, too, moments of Christ's presence. The Church likes to speak of the whole world as a sacrament and then of Christ as the sacrament of the world.

In order to appreciate sacraments we are called to celebrate them with our hearts open to receive the gifts The Lord wishes to give us. If we approach sacraments merely as private personal gifts without any intention of sharing the gifts and graces we have received, the fullest blessings of the sacrament cannot be gained.

Our sin has a personal and communal dimension as such we need to ask forgiveness individually and communally. The Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated communally affords us that chance.

To that end The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Second Rite- will be offered to the parish on

## WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

AT  
7.00 PM

for families; for children preparing for sacraments and for everyone.

### MAKE TIME!

Come and receive this Sacrament together and together we may become the healing/forgiving power of Christ to our community.

## RECEIPTS AND ENVELOPES

Thank you to all the Parishioners who have collected their Planned Giving envelopes so far. Envelopes can still be collected at the entrance of the Church.

**It's not too late to switch to direct debit. Contact Debbie during parish office hours, or Kerry Meagher or Denis Hally-Burton after Mass on the weekends.** God bless you for your generosity; the parish is mightily in your debt.

## PROTOCOLS FOR MASSES

We can accommodate 100 people at each Mass. You need to ensure you place your name and contact details on the sheet at the entrance every time you come to Mass.

Please use hand sanitiser.

Please maintain social distancing between your family group and the next family group for person.

Please contact people you know who usually attend and inform them we are functioning again.

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Could the council meet for brief meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August after the 9:00 am mass – just a review and catch up.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Could we meet on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 6:00 pm at the Presbytery – to discuss pastoral visit of Archbishop; review what's happening, look to future.

## DAILY MASS

Attendees are asked if they could wipe down the seat they sit in after mass. The wipes are on the front pews of the church.

## CHURCH CLEANERS

After weekend Masses the pews of the Church are steam cleaned. The cleaner is in the priest's sacristy. It takes about 5-10 minutes. After weekday Masses the pews are wiped down where people have been seated.

If you have time after Mass your help in maintaining hygiene would be appreciated.

## LATTE WITH OUR LADY

Rosary outside Charcoal Chicken every first Saturday of the month at 10:15 am. Praying for renewal in our parish with coffee and a chat. Contact Julie 0412 337 367

## COLLECTIONS

**FIRST (PRIESTS WAGES)  
SECOND (RUNNING PARISH)**

- No more collection bags at Mass
- Coins can no longer be accepted
- Direct Debiting is preferred details are

### FIRST COLLECTION:

**Commonwealth Bank**  
**Account Name:** Central Presbytery Fund  
**BSB No:** 062-786  
**Account No:** 000029248  
**Reference:** Parish: St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood.

### SECOND COLLECTION:

**Commonwealth Bank**  
**Account Name:** St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood  
**BSB No:** 062-786  
**Account No:** 14877  
**Reference:** Surname and envelop number (e.g. 'Jones 251'). Ensure it is recorded and receipted properly and accurately.

If you have any problems with direct debits or other financial questions members of the Finance Council can be seen after mass or you can call Kerry Meagher 0410348352 or Denis Hally-Burton 0408583297

Thank you for your generous help with both collections!