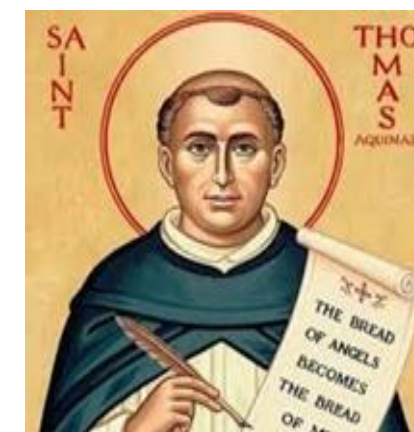


ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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MASS TIMES:	
Monday-Friday:	9:30 am
Saturday:	6:00 pm
Sunday:	9:00 am
Reconciliation	
Saturday Morning:	9:00-9:30am
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.

Jessica Russell, Peter & Marea Trevaskis, Bernard Tierney, Margaret Woods, Stella O'Flaherty (Daryl Murphy's sister), Denis Hally-Burton

Recently Deceased: Judy Tzakis

Pray for the Repose of Soul of:

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!" "That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man. "I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse." "You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you."

CHRISTMAS MASSES

There are only spaces available for the 9:00 am Christmas Day Mass registration sheet is on the table in the foyer.

FRIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE: 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm
SATURDAY CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00 am
THERE WILL BE NO VIGIL MASS CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY BOXING DAY: 8:00 am and 9:30 am

ST THOMAS AQUINAS FAITH COMMUNITY

As you are all no doubt aware your Church was vandalized on Tuesday afternoon, You can see that some temporary repairs have occurred along with the cleaning up of the broken glass and various objects.

I sincerely want to thank the members of the Parish Council and Finance Council that sprang into action to alleviate the situation and to carry the load of dealing with police, media and insurance. A sincere thank you to all of you for your prayerful support of me and each other – remember if it doesn't kill us it will make us stronger!

Unfortunately it is not possible to remove all the glass fragments and sharp debris from the carpet and as a result **PLEASE DO NOT KNEEL ON THE CARPET DURING MASS OR WHEN VISITING THE CHURCH** it may result in you being injured.

Obviously it will take some time to restore the Church to its former state with all that has been broken and damaged, however, be assured it is a process underway, most of the cost will be by insurance, but to prevent further vandalism we will need to spend money on security measures for the Church.

Thanks again and remember the Lord is still calling us to follow Him with open and generous heart so let's keep going. Fr Tom

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Will be celebrated Tuesday at 7:00 pm on 16th December. Please tell others and come along as we prepare for Christmas.

SCHOOL ENDS

This Friday after a difficult year for parents, children and teachers. A special thanks to all the school staff for all their efforts this year.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes of 30 November meeting are available on the church noticeboard. The Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners thanks retiring members Rod Goodisson and Lisa Mammoliti for their exceedingly generous contribution, and welcomes new member Josh Osborne-Goldsbrough.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Charnwood Conference would like to say a big "Thank You" for your continued support to our Christmas Appeal.

We raised the amount of **\$5,396** which is a great achievement. Your support will give hope to struggling families this Christmas. We wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

Once again – many thanks and God Bless you all.

NEXT SUNDAY

19th December is a special day for **ADAM NORVALL**, who is to be Baptised, Confirmed and to receive Holy Communion. Please keep Adam in your prayers this week and come and celebrate with him.

MACKILLOP HOUSE

Please donate Christmas items for the ladies of MacKillop House such as soap, shower gel, talc, box of chocolates and sweets. The items can be left in the tub at the back of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.



Mothers Prayers: Every Tuesday after 9:30 am Mass. Special prayers for your children.

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.

Scripture Discussion Group: Friday following 9:30 am Mass during school terms.

Lectio Divina: First Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Bringing Christ alive in Scripture through prayer, reflection and sharing.

COLLECTION DETAILS

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.

The amount is set at \$15.00 of which \$10.00 will go to the parish and \$5 to the support of the clergy.

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.

ROSTERS FOR 18-19 December

	6.00pm	9.00am
Minister	Fran	Denis
Servers	Gian, Andrea	Annie, Grace, James
Proclaimers	Brian D, Irene	Jancye, Megan
Music/Screens	Canned/Collette	Bran/Brian
Slide Prep	Skye	

CHILDREN LITURGY: Resumes February 2022

CLEANING 18 DECEMBER: Gough Family

LINEN 2 JANUARY 2022: Debbie Hofman

MORNING TEA 13 FEBRUARY 2022: Kathy Pascoe, Maria Walker, Annie Walsh-Smith