



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:

Les Phillips

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A man had been shipwrecked on a remote island in the Pacific, and was alone for 20 years. When a ship finally arrived, his rescuers were impressed with the three buildings he had built and asked him about them.

"Well," the man replied, "this is my house, and that building over there is my church. It's a wonderful church and I hate to leave it."

"And what is the third building yonder?" a rescuer asked.

"Oh, that is the church I used to go to," the man replied.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Envelopes and Direct Debits to 2nd collection need a number for purposes of your receipts – NEW NUMBERS for DIRECT DEBITS are obtainable through Debbie Hofman at the Parish Office. The number must be used so that the direct debit can be credit to you.

Anyone unable to use direct debit needs to be allocated a new set of envelopes – again see Debbie during office hours 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday. Envelopes and 1st collection offering can be left in the collection box at the front door.

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!

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 WEBSITE

The Parish website is up and functioning, please refer people to it for information updates.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Receipts and Envelopes

If you have contributed to the second collection at Mass, either by using the envelopes or through direct debit, your receipts for the 2019-20 financial year are at the back of the Church.

If you used envelopes in 2019-20 and plan to continue your contributions in 2020-21, and have not indicated to Debbie in the parish office that you wish to switch to direct debit, there will be envelopes set aside for you, also at the back of the church.

It's not too late to switch to direct debit if you prefer. 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.

40 YEAR ORDINATION

Fr Tom celebrates 40 years ordination to the priesthood on 15 August 2020. Collectors will be at the back of the church if you would like to make a contribution toward a gift from the parish community to celebrate this very special occasion. (Contact Gerri 0418407565). There is a card at the back of the church for all to sign.

AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT

We are looking at installing a couple of screens in the Church to enable hymns and other audio visual presentations to be conducted. This will also help school masses (when they return) and Adult Education Resources to be made available. Quotes for this project

ALTAR SERVERS/EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Those rostered on for these ministries will be invited to resume their ministries over the coming weeks.

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