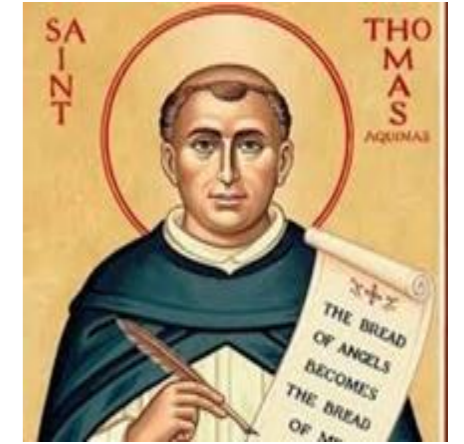




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MASS TIMES:

Live Stream Mass is available from St. Christopher's Cathedral Monday—Saturday 12.15pm and Sunday 11am:
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>
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, Bernard Druett (Darcey Druett's son), Peter & Marea Trevaskis, Bernard Tierney, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Judy Tzakis, Margaret Woods

Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of: Yvonne England (Jenny Brown sister), Anne Wyche (Phyllis Wyche daughter)

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Dear Lord,

So far today, am I doing all right.



I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

REFLECTION FOR 24th WEEK OF YEAR B

When Jesus asks his disciples the question “Who do you say I am?” he is asking us! If we can, along with Peter, proclaim that we believe Him to be the Christ, the Messiah and the Son of God, then we must be really attentive to Jesus’ rebuke of Peter when he remonstrated with Jesus after he declared he was to suffer persecution and death as the result of the Fathers Call and in response to His mission.

Proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah is to accept the way he walked and as he goes on to declare that “if anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself, take up his cross and follow”. For us it means that we too must surrender our will to the will of the Father and to grant permission to Him to use us as his instrument to lead all people to his love. To do that we have to let go of our plans and refocus. We have to learn that we can’t walk in two different worlds at the same time, we can’t have society’s standards and goals and at the same time be a disciple.

Discipleship means mission and that invariably leads to some level of persecution. This may not be the physical persecution that Jesus underwent, but it may well be the persecution of knowing and seeing the people we love most taking a different path, a more self-focused path. We are called every day to fall in behind Jesus and “follow” Him – his way is not the way of the world it is the way of The Father. His way may lead to rejection and isolation from the world, but it is the road to Resurrection and Eternal life.

So as we continue to grapple with our current situation maybe it is a time, in the quietness of isolation and freedom from distraction, to answer afresh Jesus’ question to us: “Who do you say I am?” and to readjust our lives according to our response.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Archdiocesan Protocols are allowing Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation to be celebrated. If you would like these Sacraments please contact Fr Tom on 0408 623 303.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse would like to invite all to pray the Rosary via Zoom. TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4:00pm sharp! (during lockdown) ZOOM DETAILS: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332...> Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332 Passcode: 543675

ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS COVID-19 Effective to Midnight Friday 17 September 2021 ACT Parishes Only

1. Parish Offices are closed to parishioners.
2. Funerals for 20 people only, not including ministers.
3. Weddings for 10 people only, not including the celebrant.
4. ‘Other religious ceremonies which are time critical are permitted’ – no more than 10 people, not including ministers.
5. Holy Communion can be taken to the sick.
6. Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated.
7. Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated.
8. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
9. Face Masks are mandatory.
10. Check In CBR is mandatory.
11. Covid-19 Plan is mandatory.

DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FAITH

The sessions will be opened to all parishioners, however, prior to each session you will need to have done some preparation by way of reading. The foundational document will be reading from is the Catechism of the Catholic Church (available at the Catholic Bookshop at Manuka).

For each session there will be a given theme. The pages related to that theme in the Catechism will be listed and will need to be read before the sessions.

Our first QUEST session was cancelled due to lockdown, as soon as we go back to normal you will be notified of a new date. Subject matter is the LITURGY OF THE CHURCH.

Reference pages from the Catechism are Part 2 Section One of the Catechism pages 277 to 310.

Keep notes while you are reading so that you may ask questions

PARISH WEBSITE DESIGNER WANTED-PLEASE HELP

Are you or anyone you know a Web Designer or is interested in web design and would like to design a new website for St Thomas Aquinas Parish?
If you are interested please contact Debbie on 6258 1563 or charnwood@cg.org.au.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office is closed to parishioners however will operate its usual hours and can be contacted by telephone 6258 1563 or email charnwood@cg.org.au.

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We relied a lot on the tap machine these last months. I invite those who used this machine and are able to, to give direct debit. Please contact Debbie in the parish office by sending an email to organise this during the lockdown. Offerings can also be left at the mail slot at the parish. Please mark 1st or 2nd Collection. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing practical and prayerful support.

Direct debit details below.

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 PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS are suspended until the Church opens again. Thank you for all that you do and we look forward to seeing you all again when we reopen.