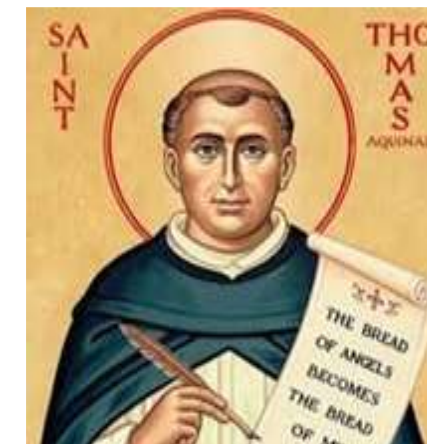




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MASS TIMES: 15-21 March

Monday - Thursday 9:30am
 Friday: Exposition 5:45pm – 5:15pm
 Mass 5:30pm
 Way of the Cross after Mass
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
 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, Bernard Druett (Darcey Druett's son)

Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of:

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Timothy Mahoney, Raymond Wood, Elaine Dummett, Donna Guymer, Garth Towers, Rek Zygumt, Michael Murray, Giovanni Gingovaz, Fr Noel Hughes, Fr Morgan O'Connor, Fr Paul Moloney

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A couple of nights ago, I was out for dinner in town with some friends. We had a few beers first and some rather nice red wine with the meal.

Knowing I would be over the limit, I did the right thing: I took a bus home. Sure enough there was a police breathalyzing unit on the road but they wave buses past.

I arrived home safely without incident – it was quite a relief, as I have never driven a bus before and I can't remember where I got it.

LENT

Fridays in Lent:

Exposition 5:45-5:15pm
 Mass 5:30pm
 Way of the Cross (for those who are interested)

DURING LENT

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

All are welcome to come along to participate in an adult faith formation opportunity.

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love.

By looking at God's revelation of mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come and experience God's indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy Tuesday 16th March at 2pm and 7pm

Session 3: Scriptural Basis for Sacrament Tuesday 23rd March at 2pm and 7pm

SACRAMENTS 2021

For parents who have registered for Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation are able to pick up the program for home use, next weekend after Mass
 Dates for parent gatherings and for the celebration of these sacraments will be available at that time.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Next Friday 19th march will be the focus of the Feast of St Joseph. It may be good to make a special effort for Mass to focus on him.

EASTER – IMPORTANT

From next weekend there will be available lists for booking into the Holy Week Ceremonies due to COVID restrictions. As the maximum number allowed in our Church building is 130 there will only be that number of places available for:

Good Friday – 3:00pm on 2 April
 Easter Vigil – 7:00pm on 3 April
 Easter Sunday – 9:00am on 4 April

You may need to have a think about how many people other than parishioners will be attending. Notification of this will also be put on our website. All people attending will need to use the *Check In CBR App* to enter.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 To you God entrusted His only Son;
 In you Mary placed her trust;
 With you Christ became a man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

CELEBRATING A SESQUICENTENARY

You are invited to join us at the Ginninderra Labour Club on Sunday 28 March at 12 midday to celebrate the combined birthdays of Sr Colleen and Fr Tom.

DEFINITE rsvp by 24/3 so numbers can be finalised please to Gerri Bleaser 0418 407 565 or Pauline HB 0429 064 168

ST THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL FUND RAISER

I write in relation to a fund raiser that was conducted at the school in late 2016 during which personalised pavers could be purchased. There has been a delay in getting the pavers laid due to changing and evolving plans for the new Early Learning Centre and development on the oval. The pavers remain stored at the school and it is envisaged they will be included in the new landscaping around the oval.

I would like to sincerely apologise for the extremely lengthy delay, and once again thank you for your support.

Loryn Reynolds

St Thomas Aquinas School Community Council Chair

PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

Lord God, bless Australia, our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light and wellbeing to our nation, to its peoples old and new., May we receive protection from all maladies and healing for those who are sick. May those in our country experiencing illness, isolation and suffering be aware of our tangible support through our prayers and actions. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen

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.

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

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.

COLLECTIONS – NEW OPTION

We have installed a 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 – the limit will be reviewed later! Thanks for your support.

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 20-21 MARCH - LITURGY

	6.00pm	9.00am
Minister	Angelo	Denis
Servers	Vince, Sav, Lucas	Jocelyn, Robert
Proclaimers	Kathy, Irene	Bill, Ella
Music/Screens	Triple J/Brian	Canned/Skye
Slide Prep	Pam	

CHILDREN LITURGY 21 MARCH: Lisa Mammoliti, Megan Millband

CLEANING 20 MARCH: Helene Axelby, Karen Norley, Katie Walsh-Smith, Beata Dal Piva

LINEN 28 MARCH: Maria Walker

MORNING TEA 11 APRIL: Anne Cruise, Richard Cruise, Louise Fredericks