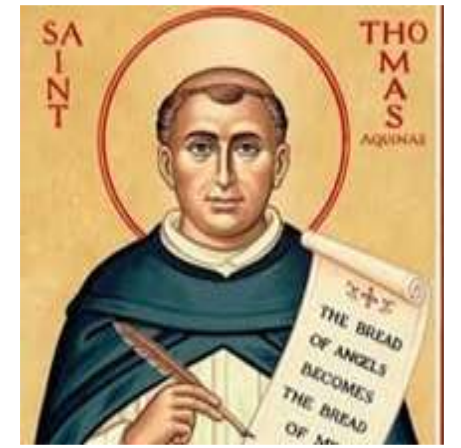


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MASS TIMES: 18-24 Jan 21

Monday–Friday 9:30am
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
 Sunday: 9:00 am
Reconciliation
 Saturday: 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), Judy Tzakis

Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of:

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Peter Ivory, Phillip Gow, James Watson, John Patrick Howe, Jacob Johnson, Joyce Paten, Christian Reavley, James Howe, Cecilia Wood, John Augustczak, Paul Pistor, Scott Blacker, Terry O'Brien, Cesare DeFranceschi

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Moses, Jesus and a bearded old man are playing golf. Moses drives a long one, which lands on the fairway but rolls directly toward the pond. Moses raises his club, parts the water and the ball rolls safely to the other side.

Jesus also hits a long one toward the same pond, but just as it's about to land in the center, it hovers above the surface. Jesus casually walks out on the pond and chips it onto the green.

The bearded man's drive hits a fence and bounces out onto the street, where it caroms off an oncoming truck and back onto the fairway. It's headed directly for the pond, but it lands on a lily pad, where a frog sees it and snatches it into his mouth. An eagle swoops down, grabs the frog, and flies away. As the eagle and frog pass over the green, the frog drops the ball, and it lands in the cup for a hole-in-one.

Moses turns to Jesus and says, "I hate playing with your dad."

COLLECTIONS – NEW OPTION COMING

We are going to install 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 \$10.00 of which \$7.00 will go to the parish and \$3 to the support of the clergy – the limit will be reviewed later! Thanks for your support.

NEW SCREENS and COMPUTER

We need more operators who will run the slides for mass – music words – and if anyone is really technical we might get you to help set these up for each mass and season. Training is provided the more people able to help the less onerous the task! Year 6 and above can perform this ministry so give it some thought. Thanks

SLIDES FOR MASS

If you would like to learn more about preparing and presenting the slides for Mass, there will be a training session after Mass on Tuesday 19th January in the Community Centre.

RCIA

Will recommence for 2021 on the 4th February at 7:00pm in the Presbytery, if you are enquiring about the Catholic faith please come along.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Will recommence on Sunday 7th February and parents are encouraged to utilise this Liturgy for their children as the numbers have dropped to a point where it is not viable. Your support is needed, tell other parents that it's available!

NO BAPTISMS in JANUARY

If you know of anyone wanting to have their baby baptised tell them to contact the office and we will arrange a time to come and talk to Fr Tom.

LENT

Believe it or not Ash Wednesday is the 17th February 2021. During this season we will be offering a program for home reflection together with some Adult Education Sessions in the Church with a yet to be determined topic.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from 7th-26th January 2021 as Debbie will be on leave.

WORDS FROM HOLY FATHER FRANCES

God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, a way for him to make his will known.

Joseph was deeply troubled by Mary's mysterious pregnancy. He did not want to "express her to public disgrace", so he decided to "dismiss her quietly" (Mt 1:19).

In the first dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:20-21). Joseph's response was immediate. Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved.

In Egypt, Joseph awaited with patient trust the angel's notice that he could safely return home.

In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food.

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation"

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

CALL TO CONNECT

Connect with others to pray and share the faith journey. The "Call to Connect" free user friendly starter kits available on email helps this happen. Use Zoom to connect with friends, anywhere or meet in person every 3rd week for prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey. Contact Helene Axelby on 0415 179 470

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.

Lectio Divina: 7.30 pm first Wednesday of the month.

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

COLLECTION DETAILS

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 23-24 JANUARY

LITURGY

	6.00pm	9.00am
Minister	Angelo	Helene
Servers	Vince, Sav	Annie, Nicholas
Proclaimers	Kathy, Veronica	Charles, Cellina
Music/Screens	Triple J/Brian	Kaye

CHILDREN LITURGY: No Children Liturgy-Resumes February 2021

CLEANING 23 JANUARY: Cynthia & Peter Wong, Aurora Lukass, Richard & Anne Cruise

LINEN 17 JANUARY: Vlasta Mrsnik

MORNING TEA 14 FEBRUARY 2021: Gerri Bleaser, Emilija Balog, Zlata Bucat