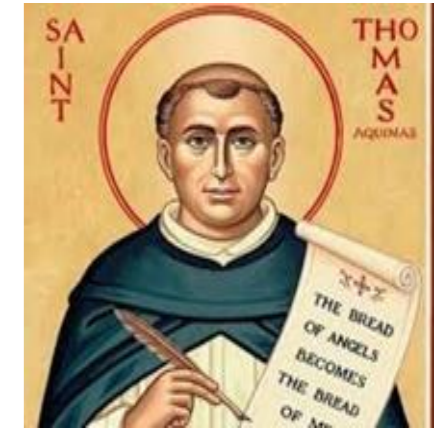




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MASS TIMES:

Monday-Tuesday: Liturgy of the Word	9:30 am
Wednesday-Friday	9:30 am
Saturday Vigil:	6:00 pm
Sunday:	9:00 am
Reconciliation	
Saturday Morning:	9:00–9:30 am

Baptisms are held every 2nd Sunday of the Month.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve:	6:00 pm
Christmas Day:	9:00 am

Sick:
 We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time.
 Bernard Tierney, Denis Hally-Burton, Trish Jean (Peter Jean's sister), Patrick Tierney (Bernard Tierney's brother), Denis Strangman,
Recently Deceased: Val Richardson
 Pray for the Repose of Soul of:
 Are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.
Death Anniversaries:
 We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL
 "Had it been 3 Wise Women, they would have:
 • Asked for directions
 • Arrived on time
 • Arranged decent accommodation for Mary and Joseph
 • Helped deliver the baby
 • Brought practical gifts
 Thereby ensuring peace on earth."

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
 This year we hope to have a children's Mass for the 6.00pm vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. This would involve participating in Reading, Offertory, Music/Screen, procession at the beginning of Mass, singing happy birthday to Jesus. And cake of course!
 We need to know how many families would be available to help out, please.

Please fill in the following details and leave on table at the back of the Church or email paulinehb@bigpond.com by Sunday 11 Dec.

Child's name.....
 Parents' names.....
 Contact information.....

VIGIL CHRISTMAS MASS
 Children coming to the vigil Mass on 24 December, please feel free to dress up- angels, shepherds, plenty of tinsel!!!
THANKS
 To all parishioners who, during this year, have contributed their time, talents and faith to help St Thomas' Parish. Your unseen and unpaid contributions with cleaning, ministry rosters, St Vincent de Paul and all the faith development groups and the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council are all known and gratefully appreciated.

Also to the parishioners of the Parish for your support and understanding during the uncertainty of this year.
 May the Blessings of Jesus Christ be abundant to you and your families and may you have a Happy and Holy Christmas.
 Debbie Hofman
THANKS AND FAREWELL TO FR THOMAS
 Fr Thomas's last mass will be on 1 January 2023. We will say a formal farewell to him following the Christmas Eve mass (sharing with baby Jesus birthday cake celebration).

THANK YOU
 Big thank you for your generous donations for the homeless men in **MINOSA** and a wish for many blessings to come your way.
THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

Invites you and your friends to the 16th Annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil
 Where: St Brigid's Church
 Address: 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson
 Date: Saturday 31st December 2022
 Time: 8.00pm
 First Cenacle is prayed at 8.00pm (Joyful Mysteries)
 Second Cenacle is prayed at 9.00pm (Luminous Mysteries)
 Third Cenacle is prayed at 10.00pm (Sorrowful Mysteries)
 Fourth Cenacle is prayed at 11.00pm (Glorious Mysteries)
 Exposition from 8.00pm until Benediction just before Midnight.
 For further inquiries: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

CATHOLICCARE
 CatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn extends sincere thanks for your support during 2022. In particular we thank you for your donations and financial support for MacKillop House for Homeless Women.
 Your generosity has enabled work to be implemented at MacKillop House including an upgrade to our Security system and the commencement of refurbishing for 25 single bedrooms.
 May Christmas bring many blessings for you and your loved ones. May you keep safe in 2023 and enjoy a better year. God bless, and warm thanks. Sr Noelene Quinane

PARISH OFFICE
 The parish office will be closed on Friday 23 December 2022 and reopening on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

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

Latte with Our Lady: Rosary outside Charcoal Chicken every first Saturday of the month at 10:15 am. Praying for renewal and safety in our parish with coffee and a chat. Contact Julie 0412 337 367.

Call to Connect: Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of friends, online or face to face? Contact: calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com

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.

FIRST COLLECTION:
Commonwealth Bank
Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund
BSB No: 062-786
Account No: 000029248
Reference: Suburb, Surname.
 (e.g. 'Charnwood, Jones'). Ensure it is recorded and receipted properly and accurately.

SECOND COLLECTION:
Commonwealth Bank
Account Name: St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood
BSB No: 062-786
Account No: 14877
Reference: Surname and envelope number

ROSTERS FOR 24-25 December 2022

	6.00pm	9.00am
Minister	Irene Daly	Maria Walker
Servers	Sav & Vince Bararo	Damyn Smith, Nicholas Riley
Proclaimers	Brian & Rita Hanvin	Sr Colleen, Lisa Mammoliti
Music/Screens		Skye McPadden
Slide Prep	Collette McArdle	

CHILDREN LITURGY: Resumes Term 1 2023
CLEANING 24 December: Helene Axelby, Karen Norley, Beata Dal Piva, Maida Kajkic
MORNING TEA 12 February 2023: Maria Walker, Louise Fredericks, Trish Blacker