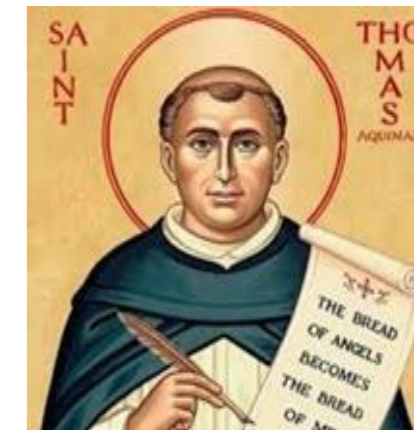


ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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MASS TIMES:

Monday: Liturgy of the Word 9:30 am
Tuesday 9:30 am
Ash Wednesday 9:30 am
 7:00 pm
Thursday-Friday: 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am
Reconciliation
Saturday: 5:00-5:30pm
Baptisms are held every 2nd Sunday of the Month.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Mass will be on Wednesday 22nd at 9:30am and 7:00pm.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

Interviews for the Parish Secretary position was conducted on Tuesday 14th February and Aurora Lukass was selected and will commence on 6th March 2023.

Aurora is a parishioner of St Thomas Aquinas Parish and also Parish Secretary of South Belconnen Parishes (Page and Aranda). She will be employed two days a week, Wednesday and Friday at St Thomas Aquinas and three days at South Belconnen. Therefore the Parish Office hours will change to Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-3:00pm.

These hours will be trialled for three months to see how the arrangement is tracking for each parishes and Aurora.

We welcome Aurora as Parish Secretary and ask that you give her the support as she learns the working of the Parish.

PARISH CALENDAR-2023

Over the weekends of February a limited number of calendars will be available. If there is a special event that you wish to have included in the calendar, please see Sr Colleen and the calendar will be then finalised by the last weekend in February.

PLEASE NOTE

Reconciliation time has changed from Saturday 9:00-9:30am to Saturday 5:00-5:30pm

CALL TO MINISTRY

This week it's time to make/renew your commitment to the Parish. Forms and pencils are at the end of the seats. Once completed, please leave the forms in the basket at the back of the Church.

CHILDRENS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sacramental Program enrolments are open. Sacramental Enrolment Forms can be collected on the notice board at the back of the Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the back of the back of the Church

PALMS AUSTRALIA

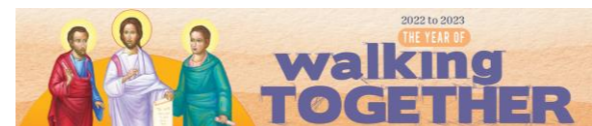
Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 www.palms.org.au.

CELEBRATE LIFE-OUR GOLDEN LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP

50 Year Reunion of St Christopher's Coffee House. Saturday 25th March, 2023. A time to recall and remember the extraordinary gift of that time in the lives of so many young adults, and where the journey of life has taken us. We will share songs, stories, food, coffee (of course) and renew friendships. Gathering in the Haydon Hall (next to St Christopher's Cathedral) from 3 - 10 pm. The 5 pm Parish Mass will be celebrated by Fr Mick Burke with the original music group leading the singing with songs from those days. For those who were part of the Coffee House during the years 1973-1977 we would love you to join us. Please RSVP by 11th March 2023. Sue Woods 0438811742 smwoods6@gmail.com or Tricia O'Keeffe on 0414627267 oktricia0@gmail.com.

HELP SYRIA

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake



THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins". (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. Amen

Men's Scripture Discussion Group: Wednesday following 9:30 am Mass.

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 25-26 February 2023

| | 6.00pm | 9.00am |
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| Acolyte | Rod Goodisson | Luka Tolovae |
| Minister | Irene Daly | Maria Walker |
| Servers | Charlotte & Hannah Searson | Jocelyn, Robert & Melinda Moore |
| Proclaimers | Penny Searson, Tanya Patel | Tanya Butler, Lisa Mammoliti |
| Music/Screens | Aurora Lukass | STA Choir/Annabelle McPadden |
| Slide Prep | Ella Barry | |

CHILDREN LITURGY: Megan Winer, Anne Murray

CLEANING 25 February 2023: Margaret & Steve Ellis, Jennifer Kilgariff

MORNING TEA 12 March 2023: Marg & Steve Ellis, Kaye Radovanovic

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick:

Bernard Tierney, Denis Hally-Burton, Denis Strangman,

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of:

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Deceased are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

