



ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN

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MASS TIMES: 100 persons only

Monday-Friday:	9:30 am
Saturday Vigil:	6:00 pm
Sunday:	9:00 am

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, may they know the healing presence of Christ.

Claire Carton (Andrew Daly's wife), Mary Hofman (Peter Hofman's mother)

Recently Deceased:

Les Phillips

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.



SCHOOL RETURNS TERM III

During this term sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated – please keep children and parents in your prayers.

DAILY MASS

Attendees are asked if they could wipe down the seat they sit in after mass. The wipes are on the front pews of the church.

RECONCILIATION

Is a Sacrament of The Church and is an instrument of Grace to draw us closer to Christ and fill us with His life.

This is not a well-used Sacrament at present, so over the next weeks there will be some thoughts placed before you to encourage you to renew and review your use of this Sacrament. In the month of August we will concentrate on getting our faith community back to the regular use of the Sacrament.

PROTOCOLS FOR MASSES

We can accommodate 100 people at each Mass.

You need to ensure you place your name and contact details on the sheet at the entrance every time you come to Mass.

Please use hand sanitiser.

Please maintain social distancing between your family group and the next family group for person.

Please contact people you know who usually attend and inform them we are functioning again.

CHURCH CLEANERS

After weekend Masses the pews of the Church are steam cleaned. The cleaner is in the priest's sacristy. It takes about 5-10 minutes. After weekday Masses the pews are wiped down where people have been seated.

If you have time after Mass your help in maintaining hygiene would be appreciated.

RECEIPTS AND ENVELOPES

If you have contributed to the second collection at Mass, either by using the envelopes or through direct debit, your receipts for the 2019-20 financial year are at the back of the Church.

If you used envelopes in 2019-20 and plan to continue your contributions in 2020-21, and have not indicated to Debbie in the parish office that you wish to switch to direct debit, there will be envelopes set aside for you, also at the back of the church.

It's not too late to switch to direct debit if you prefer. Contact Debbie during parish office hours, or Kerry Meagher or Denis Hally-Burton after Mass on the weekends.

God bless you for your generosity; the parish is mightily in your debt.

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

RCIA

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd July at 7:00 pm in the Presbytery.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

COLLECTIONS

**FIRST (PRIESTS WAGES)
SECOND (RUNNING PARISH)**

- No more collection bags at Mass
- Coins can no longer be accepted
- Direct Debiting is preferred details are

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.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Envelopes and Direct Debits to 2nd collection need a number for purposes of your receipts – NEW NUMBERS for DIRECT DEBITS are obtainable through Debbie Hofman at the Parish Office. The number must be used so that the direct debit can be credit to you.

Anyone unable to use direct debit needs to be allocated a new set of envelopes – again see Debbie during office hours 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday. Envelopes and 1st collection offering can be left in the collection box at the front door.

If you have any problems with direct debits or other financial questions members of the Finance Council can be seen after mass or you can call Kerry Meagher 0410348352 or Denis Hally-Burton 0408583297