

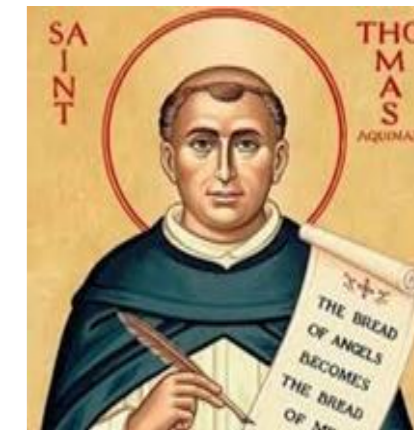
ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

WEST BELCONNEN



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MASS TIMES:

Monday: Liturgy of the Word 9:30 am
Tuesday-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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick:

Allan Hackett, Bernard Tierney, Denis Hally-Burton, Denis Strangman, Di and Robert Tarrant,

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.

WEEKLY LENTEN PRAYERS

Loving Father,

So many times I turn away from you and always you welcome me back.

Your mercy and love gives me confidence

Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray so that you can form a new heart within me.

Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses

leads me to ask for mercy and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us. Amen

THANK YOU DEBBIE

Debbie has been our trusted secretary for past 3 years, and during this time has been an integral and treasured part of our parish life. Our sincere thanks are extended to Debbie, and we wish you a retirement filled with wonderful moments, and adventures galore!

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.

LITURGY

Second Rite of Penance is planned for Tuesday 28 March at 7pm. This is a fitting way to complete our Lenten journey before Holy Week begins.

STA SCHOOL FETE

The STA School Fete will be held Saturday 25th March 2023 from 10am to 2pm.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Sr Colleen from this weekend after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Just \$2 could win you \$1000!!!

If you can personally or as a business donate your time or resources please contact the School Community Council at stawbfete@gmail.com or Max on 0419 912 345

SCHEDULED DRIVEWAY REPAIRS

Please note that the driveway entry to the school will have restricted access during the school holidays from Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 April inclusive. The entry driveway will be re-tarred and the exit Driveway will have several patches applied. The blacktop driveway at the rear of the school hall will also be re-tarred.

Parking will be limited to the front of the church and along permitted areas of Lhotsky Street for this period.

MERICI OPEN DAY

Merici College enrolling now for 2024 and beyond.

2023 Open Day – 3 May 2pm-7.30pm

Be a Merici Girl Days – 28 April, 1 May, 8 May

www.merici.college for all information and online booking

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are praying the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm every Friday during Lent. Depending on the weather we will pray in the courtyard or in the church. Everyone is welcome

CHRISM MASS

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

LADIES LUNCH

STA ladies lunch will be held on Thursday 30 March 12 noon at Southern Cross Club Jamison. Bookings are essential. RSVP to Gerri by 24 March if you are coming.

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Gathering

When: Sunday 7 May 2023 after the 9am Mass

Where: STA School Hall

Over the next 18 months, we expect the Archdiocese to consider a range of options for the future of St Thomas Aquinas Parish, and we need to ensure parishioners are actively involved in options and providing advice.

We want to be well-placed to influence and engage in conversations about possible options.

This session will provide parishioners an opportunity to:

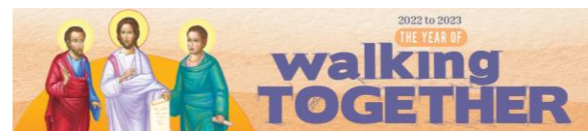
- discuss what is important in the Parish and community
- what parishioners would like to maintain moving forward
- consider opportunities for the future

This gathering is expected to be the first in a series of meetings about the future of the parish, and our initial starting point of parish engagement

We'll come together in the school hall to talk about these issues, with a hot morning tea provided.

Children are welcome to attend, and there will be some activities set aside for them.

More information will be supplied over the coming weeks.



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 18-19 March 2023

	6.00pm	9.00am
Acolyte	Peter Osborne	Luka Tolovae
Minister	Peter Osborne	Josh Osborne-Goldsmith
Servers	Charlotte & Hannah Searson	Jocelyn, Robert, Melinda Moore
Proclaimers	Penny Searson, Brian Daly	Irene Daly, Peter McArdle
Music/Screens	Skye McPadden	STA Choir
Slide Prep	Collette McArdle	Collette McArdle

CHILDREN LITURGY: Louise Osborne-Goldsmith, Josh Osborne-Goldsmith

CLEANING 18 March 2023: Gough Family

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