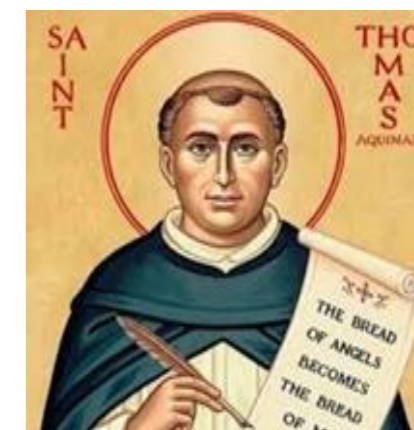


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MASS TIMES:

Live Stream Mass is available from St. Christopher's Cathedral Monday—Saturday 12.15pm and Sunday 11am:
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>
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), Peter & Marea Trevaskis, Bernard Tierney, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Judy Tzakis, Margaret Woods

Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of: Anne Wyche (Phyllis Wyche daughter)

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL



REFLECTION FOR 25th SUNDAY OF YEAR B

If you have a voice you will never get lost this is true because you are able to ask questions and learn where you are.

It is also true that if you don't understand something, or what someone says, the best way forward is to ask question.

When it comes to Jesus' disciples had they asked the question as to what Jesus was saying, and had they really heard what he said, it is possible that their actions amongst themselves would have had a different focus.

Whilst Jesus was talking about His journey in response to The Father's call, the disciples had another agenda to do with their self-aggrandisement. Jesus was about sacrificial love and service, the disciples were on about notoriety and power.

By placing the child before them Jesus was telling his disciples that the qualities that give life and meaning are those of a child - simplicity, humility and honesty.

How often do we not speak or act because we might embarrass ourselves? How much do we maintain a veneer of adulthood when we should have been humble enough to ask our question or place ourselves in a vulnerable position?

When we admit we don't understand or are not in control we have an opportunity to learn and grow and an opportunity to explore different ways of living and thought. It is an opportunity to encounter mystery and to discover wisdom, maybe the wisdom and mystery of God.

The way to mastery is service and servanthood to God's wills and desires, not the pursuit of control and positions of honour. He who loses his life for my sake will find it!

HOLY COMMUNION

With the prospect of another month in lockdown I invite parishioners to indicate, by email to the Parish charnwood@cg.org.au, if they would like to come to the Church and collect the Eucharist in order that they may receive Holy Communion at least once a week whilst they may be watching on-line masses.

Depending on the numbers of people wanting to avail themselves of the Eucharist a time and day will be allocated to those who indicate they want to come. It will probably only be a few weekdays (probably at some part of the day when the office is open).

PROTOCOL WITH HOLY COMMUNION

1. Check in with QR Code at entrance.
2. Wear mask.
3. Sanitise hands.
4. Only come at your allocated time.
5. DO NOT linger.
6. Use rear carpark of the Church.
7. Go to tabernacle – take host – lock tabernacle and leave.

ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS COVID-19 Effective to Midnight Friday 15 October 2021 ACT Parishes Only

1. Parish Offices are closed to parishioners.
2. Funerals for 20 people only, not including ministers.
3. Weddings for 10 people only, not including the celebrant.
4. 'Other religious ceremonies which are time critical are permitted' – no more than 10 people, not including ministers.
5. Holy Communion can be taken to the sick.
6. Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated.
7. Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated.
8. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
9. Face Masks are mandatory.
10. Check In CBR is mandatory.
11. Covid-19 Plan is mandatory.

DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FAITH

The sessions will be opened to all parishioners, however, prior to each session you will need to have done some preparation by way of reading. The foundational document will be reading from is the Catechism of the Catholic Church (available at the Catholic Bookshop at Manuka).

For each session there will be a given theme. The pages related to that theme in the Catechism will be listed and will need to be read before the sessions.

Our first QUEST session was cancelled due to lockdown, as soon as we go back to normal you will be notified of a new date. Subject matter is the LITURGY OF THE CHURCH.

Reference pages from the Catechism are Part 2 Section One of the Catechism pages 277 to 310.

Keep notes while you are reading so that you may ask questions

PARISH WEBSITE DESIGNER WANTED-PLEASE HELP

Are you or anyone you know a Web Designer or is interested in web design and would like to design a new website for St Thomas Aquinas Parish?
If you are interested please contact Debbie on 6258 1563 or charnwood@cg.org.au.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office is closed to parishioners however will operate its usual hours and can be contacted by telephone 6258 1563 or email charnwood@cg.org.au.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, ANOIDING OF THE SICK

The Archdiocesan Protocols are allowing Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation to be celebrated. If you would like these Sacraments please contact Fr Tom on 0408 623 303.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites all to pray the Rosary via Zoom. TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4:00pm sharp! (during lockdown)
ZOOM DETAILS: [https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332)... Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332
Passcode: 543675

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 PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS are suspended until the Church opens again. Thank you for all that you do and we look forward to seeing you all again when we reopen.