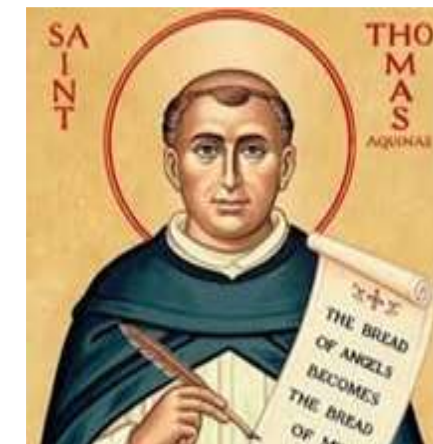




# ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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## MASS TIMES:

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

### Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of: Rhonda Holt

### Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

## LAUGHER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

So these two Irish drinking buddies are in the pub when they see a bald guy drinking alone at the end of the bar.

Pat: I say, ain't that Winnie Churchill down there?

Sean: Nah. Couldn't be. Winnie wouldn't be in a place like this.

Pat: I'm not kidding. Take a good look. I swear that's Winnie Churchill. I'll bet you ten quid I'm right.

Sean: You're on!

So Pat goes down to the end of the bar and says to the bald guy. "You're Winnie Churchill, ain't ya?"

And Bald Guy screams, "Get out of my face, your idiot!"

Pat comes back to Sean and says, "Guess we'll never know now, will we."

## CATHOLIC FAITH – MATTERS CATHOLICS WANT TO DISCUSS

I'm sure there are questions and issues about the Church and our faith that you would like to explore more deeply.

To that end I would invite to submit your topics for discussion in the Presbytery – in writing dropped into the letterbox.

We will try and arrange a suitable time and place (it depends on the numbers of people inquiring) and utilising the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Scriptures and the Documents of the Church, we will try and explore our faith together.

You will be required to read the Catechism in preparation for discussions and be prepared to give time to pray and read up before discussions.

ALL ENQUIRIES about matter you would like to discuss will be considered.

## VISITATION

When I first came to St Thomas Aquinas I informed you of my desire to come to your home and say hello so as to get to know you and your family better.

Over the last couple of years I have had the opportunity to do just that with some people in the Parish.

If I have not come to your home, and you would like me to, I am most keen to do so. The information on our records is not always right so to enable me to visit your details would be appreciated.

All I need is a note left in the letter box on the Presbytery gate indication your name, address and phone number and I will call to make a suitable time to come and say hello!

I'm always happy to sit in the kitchen for a cuppa and a talk.  
Fr Tom

## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

In years past 20% of your contributions to the Parish through the planned giving have been tax deductible.

As of July 2021 the Parishes of Canberra and no longer required to contribute a levy to Catholic Education Office per year through the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund.

Therefore, not receipts will be issued for taxation purposes for the next financial year. If you need a record of your contributions for your own use they will be available.

The levy amounted to \$4073 each year. This money can be utilised for Faith Formation at a Parish level.

## PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving envelopes will be available from 26<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to use the envelopes or go to direct debit please contact Debbie during Office Hours Tues-Thurs 10:00am- 2:00pm.

## RETREAT!

Fr Tom will be away on Retreat from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July. On the weekend during that time Fr Lachlan Cole will be celebrating Mass. I do ask you for your prayer support during the time of my Retreat. Thanks

## 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](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com) "Call to Connect" catholic women's ministry can help you with free Starter Kits. More info here. <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/>

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 To you God entrusted His only Son;  
 In you Mary placed her trust;  
 With you Christ became a man.  
 Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
 Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**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.

## STA LADIES LUNCH

Tuesday 13 July 12.30pm at Southern Cross Jamison. Lovely opportunity to catch up at last. If you would like to come along please advise either Louise 0400831220 or Gerri 0418407565 before 4 July as bookings are essential.

## VINNIES POOR BOX

We rely on the generous contributions from our community, this is why we are calling for donations that can help support those in need during this challenging time of the year. The Vinnies Poor Box will be in the foyer for your donations.

**Mothers Prayers:** Every Tuesday after 9:30 am Mass. Special prayers for your children.

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

**Lectio Divina:** First Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Bringing Christ alive in Scripture through prayer, reflection and sharing.

## COLLECTIONS – NEW OPTION

We have installed a 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.

The amount is set at \$15.00 of which \$10.00 will go to the parish and \$5 to the support of the clergy – the limit will be reviewed later! Thanks for your support.

## 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 26-27 JUNE

	6.00pm	9.00am
<b>Minister</b>	Brian H	Bernadette
<b>Servers</b>	Jocelyn, Robert	Grace, Annie, Andy
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Kathy, Fran	Cathy, Sr Colleen
<b>Music/Screens</b>	Canned/Kaye	STA Choir/Brian
<b>Slide Prep</b>	Collette	

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** Resumes 18 July

**CLEANING 26 JUNE:** Helene Axelby, Karen Norley, Beata Dal Piva, Maida Kajkic

**LINEN 4 JULY:** Margaret Ellis

**MORNING TEA 11 JULY:** Sylvie & Peter Osborne, Nathalie Lang