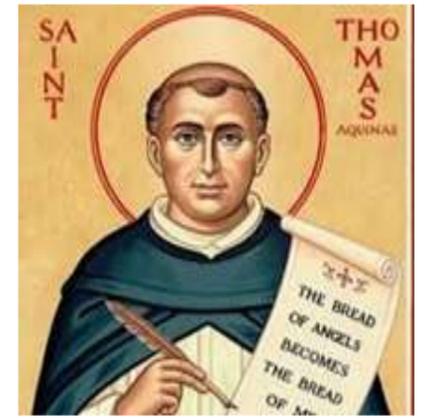




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MASS TIMES: 4-10 Jan 21

No Masses of a morning this week.
 Liturgy of the Word and Communion 9:30am
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
 Sunday: 9:00 am
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), Judy Tzakis

Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of:

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Peter Ivory, Phillip Gow, James Watson, John Patrick Howe, Jacob Johnson, Joyce Paten, Christian Reavley, James Howe, Cecilia Wood, John Auguszczak, Paul Pistoro, Scott Blacker, Terry O'Brien, Cesare DeFranceschi

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A famous art collector is walking through the city when he notices a mangy cat lapping milk from a saucer in the doorway of a store. He does a double-take. He knows that the saucer is extremely old and very valuable, so he walks casually into the store and offers to buy the cat for tow dollars.

The storeowner replies, "I'm sorry, but the cat isn't for sale."

The collector says, "Please I need a hungry cat around the hour to catch mice. I'll pay you twenty dollars for that cat."

The owner says, "Sold," and hands over the cat.

The collector continues, "Hey, for the twenty bucks I wonder if you could throw in that old saucer. The cat's used to it and it'll save me from having to get a dish."

The owner says, "Sorry, buddy, but that's my lucky saucer. So far this week I've sold thirty-eight cats."

COLLECTIONS – NEW OPTION COMING

We are going to install 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 \$10.00 of which \$7.00 will go to the parish and \$3 to the support of the clergy – the limit will be reviewed later! Thanks for your support.

NEW SCREENS and COMPUTER

We need more operators who will run the slides for mass – music words – and if anyone is really technical we might get you to help set these up for each mass and season.

Training is provided the more people able to help the less onerous the task! Year 6 and above can perform this ministry so give it some thought. Thanks

SLIDES FOR MASS

If you would like to learn more about preparing and presenting the slides for Mass, there will be a training session after 9:00am Mass this Sunday 3rd January and Tuesday 19th January after 9:30am Mass in the Community Centre.

RCIA

Will recommence for 2021 on the 4th February at 7:00pm in the Presbytery, if you are enquiring about the Catholic faith please come along.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Will recommence on Sunday 7th February and parents are encouraged to utilise this Liturgy for their children as the numbers have dropped to a point where it is not viable. Your support is needed, tell other parents that it's available!

NO BAPTISMS in JANUARY

If you know of anyone wanting to have their baby baptised tell them to contact the office and we will arrange a time to come and talk to Fr Tom.

LENT

Believe it or not Ash Wednesday is the 17th February 2021. During this season we will be offering a program for home reflection together with some Adult Education Sessions in the Church with a yet to be determined topic.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from 7th-26th January 2021 as Debbie will be on leave.

WORDS FROM HOLY FATHER FRANCES

Joseph saw Jesus grow daily "in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favour" (Lk 2:52). As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him (cf. Hos 11:3-4). In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God.

The history of salvation is worked out "in hope against hope" (Rom 4:18), through our weaknesses. All too often, we think that God works only through our better parts, yet most of his plans are realised in and despite our frailty. Thus Saint Paul could say: "To keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this that it would leave me, but he said to me: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness'" (2 Cor 12:7-9)

PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

Lord God, bless Australia, our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light and wellbeing to our nation, to its peoples old and new., May we receive protection from all maladies and healing for those who are sick. May those in our country experiencing illness, isolation and suffering be aware of our tangible support through our prayers and actions. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen

CALL TO CONNECT

Connect with others to pray and share the faith journey. The "Call to Connect" free user friendly starter kits available on email helps this happen. Use Zoom to connect with friends, anywhere or meet in person every 3rd week for prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey.

Contact Helene Axelby on 0415 179 470

NOTE

Please do not call Debbie Hofman on her private phone number. She is only available to assist you during office hours. Should you require help phone. Fr Tom

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.

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

Lectio Divina: 7.30 pm first Wednesday of the month.

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

COLLECTION DETAILS

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 9-10 JANUARY

LITURGY

	6.00pm	9.00am
Minister	Peter O	Luka
Servers	Charlie, Kaiti	Jocelyn, Robert
Proclaimers	Fran, Rita	Charles, Cathy
Music/Screens	Mike Gaffney/Brian	Skye

CHILDREN LITURGY: No Children Liturgy-Resumes February 2021

CLEANING 23 JANUARY: Cynthia & Peter Wong, Aurora Lukass, Richard & Anne Cruise

LINEN 17 JANUARY: Vlasta Mrsnik

MORNING TEA 14 FEBRUARY 2021: Gerri Bleeser, Emilija Balog, Zlata Bucat