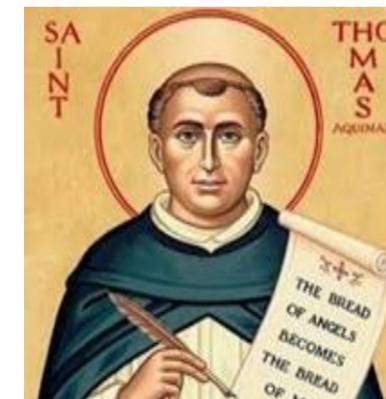


# ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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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: Irene Hofman (Pat Hofman's mother), Anne Wyche (Phyllis Wyche daughter)

### Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

## LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL



## REFLECTION FOR 27th SUNDAY OF YEAR B

Today's readings are very relevant today as they are about relationships, important relationships. Women and children were very vulnerable persons in the society of Jesus' day, they had no social or political power and were at the whim of their husbands, fathers and brothers.

While the disciples saw children as unimportant, again with no social or economic power, Jesus sees them as precious and worthy of blessing. He sees them as vulnerable, innocent and powerless and in love for them he reaches out to them and to all who, because of societal standards, are susceptible to abuse and exploitation.

Today you might say we haven't come too much further along the line; we still have women paid less than men for similar work, we still see the abuse and exploitation of both women and children.

Jesus highlights that every person, irrespective of age or gender, is made in the image and likeness of God and as such needs to be afforded full dignity and respect.

We as disciples of Jesus are called to rail against anything that undermines the dignity and preciousness of any individual. We are called to turn around systems and mindsets that enable exploitation and abuse to continue.

## PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY –SOUTH BELCONNEN PARISH

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for South Belconnen Parish. This is a part-time permanent position 18 hours per week (Tuesday to Thursday).

### Essential Requirements:

- Experience with financial & database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Experience in an office environment.

Salary will be subject to Clerk Award Level 4/5 rates. Please email [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above to the Parish Priest, South Belconnen Parish must be received by **14 October 2021**.

## MASS TO RESUME 16-17 OCTOBER 2021

Mass for a limited number of **25 people** will begin on the weekend of the 16-17 October and in order to facilitate as many parishioners as possible getting to mass I propose the following:

- Please indicate by email if you wish to be registered to come to mass [charnwood@cg.org.au](mailto:charnwood@cg.org.au).
- Could you please also advise people who are not on computers, but who attend mass regularly, that this is open and they need to register by phoning the office during office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday?

I will, for the few weekends where numbers are limited to 25, have extra masses on Saturday afternoon and evening and on Sunday morning. We will allocate a mass to those who are registered, unfortunately we will be only able to accommodate those who register.

The proposed mass times are:

**Saturday: 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:00 am and 10:00 am**

As stated you will be allocated a mass time and I have no way of changing the time if it is not suitable, it is up to you if you wish to avail yourself of the opportunity.

Can I ask that if you are at your registered mass and you are a reader that you nominate yourself to do the reading for that mass? As there will only be 25 at mass there is no need for an extra-ordinary minister of the Eucharist. There will be no music for any masses just yet.

If you know of people who are unable to come to mass, but who wish to receive communion at home, please nominate yourself to take communion to them.

It will be nice to have you back to celebrate mass with, I have certainly missed you! Weekday masses will also be capped at 25 so you will be asked, on the weekend of mass starting, to register for weekday mass.

## 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](mailto:charnwood@cg.org.au).

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, ANOINTING 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.

## PARISH WEBSITE DESIGNER WANTED-PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

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](mailto:charnwood@cg.org.au).

## ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS COVID-19

### Beginning Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 ACT Parishes Only

1. Parish Offices Open: 'gradual return to workplace permitted.'
2. Masses: Maximum 25 people permitted, 4sqm rule.
3. Funerals: Maximum 50 people permitted, 4sqm rule.
4. Weddings: Maximum 25 people permitted, 4sqm rule.

### Beginning Friday 29 October 2021

5. Indoor Masses: Apply 4sqm rule to a maximum of 100 people.
6. Outdoor Masses: Apply 2qm rule to a maximum of 150 people.
7. Funerals: Apply protocols listed in 5 & 6.
8. Weddings: Apply protocols listed in 5 & 6.

**Face Masks** are mandatory for those 12 years and over. **Check In CBR** is mandatory.

## Liturgical Protocols

- a. *Holy Communion*
  - i. The Body of Christ offered and received, not the Precious Blood.
  - ii. Received in the hand, not on the tongue.
  - iii. Sign of Peace – no touching.
- b. *Music*: Permitted and encouraged.
- c. *Singing*: Permitted.
- d. *Cash Collections*: Encouraged, with touching minimised.

## Vaccinated and unvaccinated permitted at Mass

## 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.