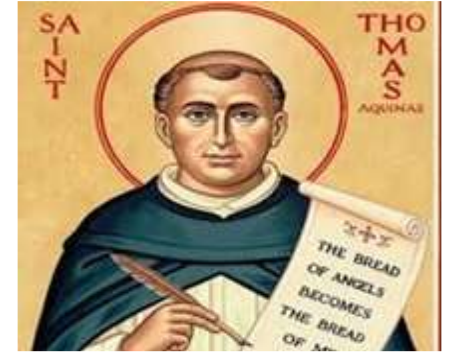




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MASS TIMES: 100 persons only

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

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, may they know the healing presence of Christ.

Jessica Russell

Recently Deceased:

Mario Signorini, Deborah Dickerson

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

"Seen on the front of a T Shirt recently: Yes God loves you, but I'm his favourite."

AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT

After obtaining a couple of quotes regarding the installation of audio visual equipment in The Church, the matter was discussed at the Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council. It was agreed to proceed with this and a quote for \$24,000 was accepted.

Rationale:

- We are not able to use hymn books into the future.
- It allows an opportunity for Sacramental preparations to occur using the internet and its associated resources.
- It will provide the appropriate format for Adult Education into the future.

So you will see some changes to The Church environment but they will be minimal.

What we need is a group of people to format the computer each week and to learn how to best utilise this asset.

Please let Fr Tom know of your interest and a new Ministry of Communication/Catechesis will be established.

RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION

On the weekend of 5-6 September the Clergy Retirement Foundation hold their annual collection to assist funding the retired and sick Priests of The Archdiocese. At present there are 30 such priests and any donation you desire will be a help. There are envelopes on the seats.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The minutes of the last meeting are posted on the noticeboard for your perusal and minutes from all subsequent meeting will be posted there also.

HOLY COMMUNION

We wish to congratulate the young people receiving this Sacrament over this weekend and next Saturday night.

Saturday 22nd: Amber Blake, Patrick Smith-Platts, Lucas Jambor, Daniel Anderson, Makayla Jones, Darcy Newman and Jasmin Polglase.

May the Lord abundantly bless you and your families.

CANBERRA GOULBURN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S TASKFORCE

Created primarily to promote and provide for the interests of women across the Archdiocese. Some needs identified include more prayer opportunities, liturgies, and time for discussion and spiritual development. The taskforce will host an online Women's Reflection afternoon on Saturday 29 August and all parishioners are invited to join. See following links for further information.

<https://womenstaskforceacg.org>

<https://cgatholic.org.au/services-directory/acg-womens-taskforce>

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PARISH CELEBRATIONS DEFERRED

Just a reminder that Sr Colleen's 80th birthday, Fr Tom's 40 years ordination to the priesthood and the anniversary of the opening of STA will all be celebrated post COVID restrictions, when it is safe to do so.

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

PROTOCOLS FOR MASSES

We can accommodate 100 people at each Mass. You need to ensure you place your name and contact details on the sheet at the entrance every time you come to Mass.

Please use hand sanitiser.

Please maintain social distancing between your family group and the next family group or person.

Please contact people you know who usually attend and inform them we are functioning again.

DAILY MASS

Attendees are asked if they could wipe down the seat they sit in after mass. The wipes are on the front pews of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING

After weekend Masses the pews of the Church are steam cleaned. The cleaner is in the priest's sacristy. It takes about 5-10 minutes. After weekday Masses the pews are wiped down where people have been seated.

If you have time after Mass your help in maintaining hygiene would be appreciated.

CLEANING ROSTER 29 AUGUST 2020

Cynthia & Peter Wong, Aurora Lukass, Richard & Anne Cruise

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Maria Walker