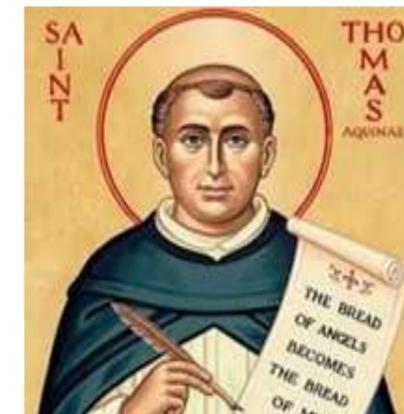


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MASS TIMES: 18-24 Jan 21

Monday–Friday 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 Augustczak, Paul Pistoor, Scott Blacker, Terry O'Brien, Cesare DeFranceschi

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

One evening after dinner, a five year old boy asked his father, "Where did Mommy go?"

His father told him, "Mommy is at a Tupperware party."

This explanation satisfied the boy only for a moment, but then he asked, "What's a Tupperware party, Dad?"

His father figured a simple explanation would be the best approach. "Well, son," he said, "at a Tupperware party, a bunch of ladies sit around and sell plastic bowls to each other."

The boy burst out laughing. "Come on, Dad! What is it really?"

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

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.

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

WORDS FROM HOLY FATHER FRANCES

Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally and he appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mar's good name, he dignity and he life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgement.

Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointment that follow.

The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that *explains*, but accepts. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning.

Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. Acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.

Jesus' appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely. We need to set aside all anger and disappointment, and to embrace the way things are, even when they do not turn out as we wish. Not with mere resignation but with hope and courage.

It does not matter if everything seems to have gone wrong or some things can no longer be fixed. God can make flowers spring up from stony ground. Even if our heart condemns us, "God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything" (*Jn* 3:20)

Nor should we ever think that believing means finding facile and comforting solutions. The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.

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.

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 30-31 JANUARY

LITURGY

	6.00pm	9.00am
Minister	Fran	Skye
Servers	Angus, Ignatius	Andy, Patrick
Proclaimers	Brian H, Rita	Aurora, Tanya
Music/Screens	STA Choir	Skye

CHILDREN LITURGY: No Children Liturgy-Resumes February 2021

CLEANING 30 JANUARY: Margaret Ellis, Christine Tierney, Ernest & Veronica Lina

LINEN 31 JANUARY: Pauline Hally-Burton

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