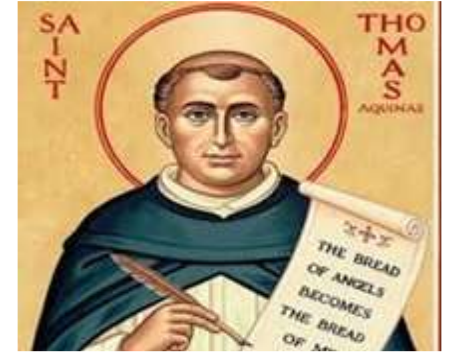




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MASS TIMES: 100 persons only

NOTE: NO Monday Morning Mass at 9:30am. There is a Requiem Mass at 10:30 am for Maria Gioia who died during last week.

Tuesday-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.

Claire Carton (Andrew Daly's wife), Mary Hofman (Peter Hofman's mother)

Recently Deceased:

Maria Gioia

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

SACRAMENTS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

During the months of August and September some of the children of year 4 and year 6 will be approaching the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. At some stage prayer cards will be available for you to commit yourself to prayerfully support these children and their families as they prepare. Please take that opportunity when it's presented and generally keep all those children and their families in your prayers.

THOUGHTS ON SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacraments are encounters with Christ given to us in order for us to experience the intimate presence of God in our humanity. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is given in order that we might experience tangibly the healing and forgiveness from God for our sins.

The focus of this sacrament is the Lord's healing and forgiveness not our sins!

As humans we need physical signs and manifestations of what we experience and what we need – e.g. we need to hear people tell us they love us and to be embraced with tenderness and affection. So too with forgiveness we need to be touched, healed and embraced.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's instrument for doing just that!

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 for person.

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

RECEIPTS AND ENVELOPES

Thank you to all the Parishioners who have collected their Planned Giving envelopes so far. Envelopes can still be collected at the back of the Church.

It's not too late to switch to direct debit. Contact Debbie during parish office hours, or Kerry Meagher or Denis Hally-Burton after Mass on the weekends. God bless you for your generosity; the parish is mightily in your debt.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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.

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.

BAPTISIM

We welcome Sofia Bella Mula into our parish community and pray that Sofia and her mother and father, Melissa and Simon will be especially blest.

COLLECTIONS

**FIRST (PRIESTS WAGES)
SECOND (RUNNING PARISH)**

- No more collection bags at Mass
- Coins can no longer be accepted
- Direct Debiting is preferred details are

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.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Envelopes and Direct Debits to 2nd collection need a number for purposes of your receipts – NEW NUMBERS for DIRECT DEBITS are obtainable through Debbie Hofman at the Parish Office. The number must be used so that the direct debit can be credit to you.

Anyone unable to use direct debit needs to be allocated a new set of envelopes – again see Debbie during office hours 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday. Envelopes and 1st collection offering can be left in the collection box at the front door.

If you have any problems with direct debits or other financial questions members of the Finance Council can be seen after mass or you can call Kerry Meagher 0410348352 or Denis Hally-Burton 0408583297

Thank you for your generous help with both collections!