

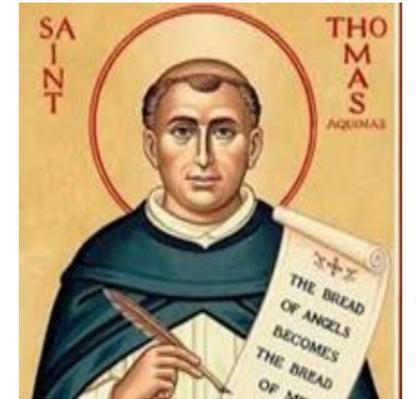


# ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN

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MASS TIMES:	
<b>Monday-Thursday:</b>	9:30 am
<b>Friday: Liturgy of the Word</b>	9:30 am
<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	6:00 pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Saturday Morning:</b>	9:00-9:30am
<b>Baptisms are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.</b>	
<b>All Sacrament enquiries to 6258 1563</b>	
<b>PRAYER REQUESTS</b>	

**Sick:**

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time.

Bernard Tierney, Denis Hally-Burton, Trish Jean (Peter Jean's sister)

**Recently Deceased:**

Pray for the Repose of Soul of:

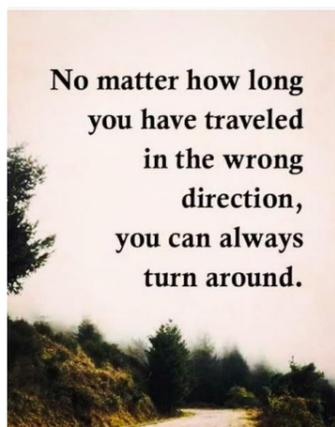
**Death Anniversaries:**

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

**LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL**

This book on marriage says, "Treat your wife like you treated her on the first date".

So after dinner tonight I am dropping her off at her parents' house!



**REFLECTION**

***Commitment, The Cost Of Discipleship***

This weekend, Luke introduces some potential disciples who offer a variety of reasons as to why Jesus' call to ministry was impossible for them to accept (**Luke 9.51-62**).

The first willingly offered to follow Jesus. Surprisingly, Jesus raised objection to the willing disciple. Undoubtedly, Jesus can see the depth of the heart and knows the demands and the cost of a commitment one might make too lightly, and a journey undertaken without due consideration. Next, Jesus invited another, who made an excuse regarding his father's funeral. At this Jesus remarked, "Let the dead bury their dead":

This response may seem unsympathetic; however, it points to the fact that, this individual's father may not have been dead yet, but probably sick, frail or very elderly. He simply wished to stay with his father until his death. The third fellow who accepted to follow Jesus wanted a chance to bid his family farewell. Jesus rebuked him saying, *that the ploughman must look ahead rather than look back*. Looking back while ploughing causes crooked lines in the field.

The responses of the three would-be-followers of Jesus, offers a classical reminder of the cases of initial reluctance and lame excuses in accepting God's call from *Moses* (Exod. 3: 1, 4: 10), *Gideon* (Judg. 6: 15), *Jeremiah* (Jer. 1:6), *Isaiah* (Isaiah 6: 5) and *Jonah* to mention but a few, because of the cost involved.

We live at a time of high inflation, tremendous shortages, and great needs. We need parents, teachers, volunteers, priests, religious men, and women. We pray for the grace to overcome excuses, and for the strength to follow Jesus, embracing our human vocations with commitment while dealing with the challenges of the rising costs of living. In the word of Pope Francis, "God is calling you, don't make excuses".

**PLANNED GIVING**

Next week FY 2022/23 envelopes will be available in the foyer. If you would like to contribute to the Planned Giving please contact Debbie at the Parish Office 6258 1563. Planned Giving (or Second Collection) contributions will not attract personal tax deductions, no receipts will be issued for FY 2021/22.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

The St Vincent de Paul Society Charnwood Conference thanks you for your contribution towards our Winter Appeal. We raised \$5,307.17 which is pretty amazing.

Your generous donations will provide safety to families and individuals fleeing domestic violence, as well as helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness.

Your continued support is very much appreciated. You help us to help those in need. Thanks and God bless you all.



**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

Pope Francis is inviting families around the world to gather locally over June to celebrate & explore the theme of this year's World Meeting of Families: "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness." Plug into events and resources: Locally at <http://www.marriagefamily.org.au> Nationally at <http://www.family.catholic.org.au> Internationally at [www.romefamily2022.com/](http://www.romefamily2022.com/)

**SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH**

You are all invited to attend the Sesquicentenary Mass celebrating 150 years of the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in NSW. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 16 July 2022 at 10:30 am in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John Bathurst. Following the Mass will be a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall. RSVP by 13 June 2022 contact Sr Berenice Cornish rsj email: [berenice.cornish@sosj.org.au](mailto:berenice.cornish@sosj.org.au), mobile: 0418 681 949

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

**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.

**CALL TO CONNECT**

Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of friends, online or face to face? Contact: [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com)

**COLLECTION DETAILS**

**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 \$15.00 of which \$10.00 will go to the parish and \$5 to the support of the clergy.

**FIRST COLLECTION:**

**Commonwealth Bank**

**Account Name:** Central Presbytery Fund

**BSB No:** 062-786

**Account No:** 000029248

**Reference:** Parish: St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood. (e.g. 'Jones 251'). Ensure it is recorded and receipted properly and accurately.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Commonwealth Bank**

**Account Name:** St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

**BSB No:** 062-786

**Account No:** 14877

**Reference:** **Surname and envelop number**

**ROSTERS FOR 2-3 July 2022**

	6.00pm	9.00am
<b>Minister</b>	Michael	Trazel
<b>Servers</b>	Patrick, Nicholas	James, Orry, Sisikula
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Alan, Fran	Tanya Patel, Sr Colleen
<b>Music/Screens</b>	STA Choir/Collette	Canned/Annie
<b>Brian</b>	Rebecca	

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** No Liturgy until 23 July

**CLEANING 25 JUNE:** Cynthia & Peter Wong, Richard & Anne Cruise

**MORNING TEA 10 JULY:** Maria Walker, Louise Fredericks, Debbie Hofman