

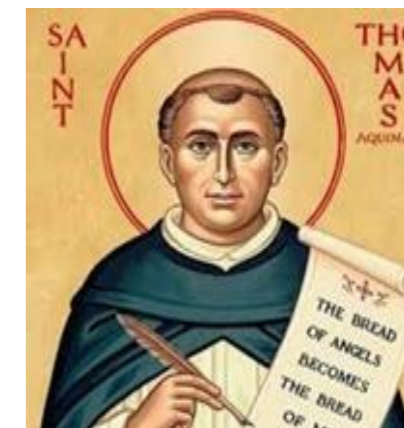
ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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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.

PRAYER FOR A NEW NORMAL

The World as we knew it is gone, and for what feels like such a long time we have experienced so much hardship during this Pandemic. As we prepare to walk into the future we pray for the "new normal" to come. May our hearts be unified in you more than ever. May the tender moments of seeing someone again in person be all the more rich and treasured. May the reunions, interactions, and moments ahead be held in such intentionality and may we turn to you in sincere gratitude. Help us to come out of this Pandemic better, not bitter. Help us to become more considerate of others, more mindful of how we can help one another, and how we can serve you and your children well. We thank you that no matter how dark the night may get, there is the hope of the dawn to come.

REFLECTION FOR 26th SUNDAY OF YEAR B

There is a great deal said here in today's readings about institutional arrogance and communities built on elitism. What matters, particularly when it comes to the invitation from God in the person of Jesus, is what people do and how they interact with other people. If people are doing wonderful things that draw people to God, then God's Spirit is at work in them. A lot of the actions that indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit are simple things like offering a cup of water to someone who is thirsty especially when we see in the other the living presence of God.

Unfortunately, by our sinful behaviour, we can cause others to doubt God's love for them, or to lose faith in the Christian community we profess membership of. Jesus warns his disciples against behaviour that may place an obstacle in the path of another person and their communion with God. Dramatically he admonishes them that they would be better, blind or lame or limbless, than to do anything to hinder other people and their search for God.

We cannot pretend that what we do does not have effects, on ourselves as well as on others and sometimes it is our predilections to satisfying our perceived needs and desires that causes and provides those obstacles. Our addictions and habitual behaviour are often the source of the obstacles that others stumble over, especially when we are declaring our discipleship to Christ at the same time.

During this time of difference, lockdown and isolation we can be tempted to withdraw to our prejudices' and then begin a campaign of retribution against anyone and any system that dare to interfere with what I want and what I want to do. We see evidence of this in the media every day, and whilst we are called reverence and respect the rights of others to differing opinions to our own, we are also encouraged always to uphold the personal dignity of each person and ourselves.

Jesus' challenge to his disciples is always to serve with a heart and mind fixed on the Father's will, it is never about self and the satiation of my desires and my ambitions. The challenge and invitation is to treat others as you want to be treated yourself, to love others and be self-effacing so that everyone we encounter is seen through the eyes of the Spirit and all our actions can become the actions of Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION

With the prospect of another month in lockdown I invite parishioners to indicate, by email to the Parish charnwood@cg.org.au, if they would like to come to the Church and collect the Eucharist in order that they may receive Holy Communion at least once a week whilst they may be watching on-line masses. Thank you to those who have indicated they wish to come. At this stage collection of the Eucharist will be every Wednesday during office hours. If there are more people wanting to participate we will look at another day.

PROTOCOL WITH HOLY COMMUNION

1. Check in with QR Code at entrance.
2. Wear mask.
3. Sanitise hands.
4. Only come at your allocated time.
5. **DO NOT** linger.
6. Use rear carpark of the Church.
7. Go to tabernacle – take host – lock tabernacle and leave.

ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS COVID-19 Effective to Midnight Friday 15 October 2021 ACT Parishes Only

1. Parish Offices are closed to parishioners.
2. Funerals for 20 people only, not including ministers.
3. Weddings for 10 people only, not including the celebrant.
4. 'Other religious ceremonies which are time critical are permitted' – no more than 10 people, not including ministers.
5. Holy Communion can be taken to the sick.
6. Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated.
7. Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated.
8. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
9. Face Masks are mandatory.
10. Check In CBR is mandatory.
11. Covid-19 Plan is mandatory.

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.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

As we prepare to enter the month of October-a time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month-let us turn our hearts and minds to the missionary work around the world including Thailand.

For more information about ways you can contribute to the work or for any information please go to www.catholicmission.org.au or contact Diocesan Director Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email at kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au

PARISH WEBSITE DESIGNER WANTED-PLEASE HELP

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.

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.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites all to pray the Rosary via Zoom. TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4:00pm sharp! (during lockdown)
ZOOM DETAILS: [https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332...](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332...) Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332
Passcode: 543675

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 PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS are suspended until the Church opens again. Thank you for all that you do and we look forward to seeing you all again when we reopen.