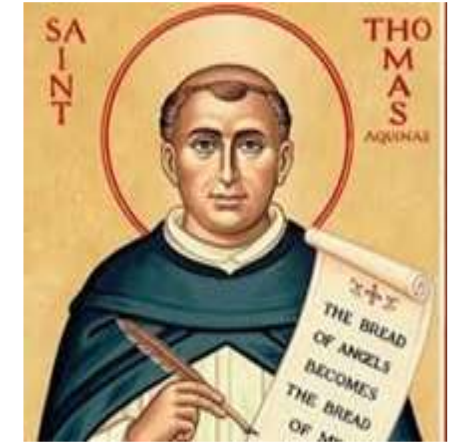




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MASS TIMES: 28 th Dec-3 Jan	
Monday 28 th	9:30am
Tuesday 29 th	9:30am
Wednesday 30 th	9:30am
Thursday 31 st	9:30am
Friday 1 st January New Year's Day	9:30am
Saturday 2 nd Vigil:	6:00pm
Sunday 3 rd :	9:00 am
Reconciliation	
Saturday:	9:00-9:30am
All Sacrament enquiries to 6258 1563	

COLLECTIONS – NEW OPTION

We have installed 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

WORDS FROM HOLY FATHER FRANCES

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (*Mt 12:34*). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility.

How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer? How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all? [6] Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

THANK YOU!

For the most generous Christmas gift. Much Appreciated. Fr Tom

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

RCIA

Is not in operation during the school holidays, we will start again in February 2021.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from 7th-26th January 2021 as Debbie will be on leave.

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.

CALL TO CONNECT

Connect with others to pray and share the faith journey. The “Call to Connect” free user friendly starter kits available on email helps this happen. Use Zoom to connect with friends, anywhere or meet in person every 3rd week for prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey.

Contact Helene Axelby on 0415 179 470

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 2-3 JANUARY 2021

LITURGY

	6.00pm	9.00am
Minister	Allan	Josh
Servers	Damyn, Nicholas	Andrea, Gian
Proclaimers	Veronica, Kathy	Peter O, Bill
Music/Screens	Brian	Brian

CHILDREN LITURGY: No Children Liturgy-Resumes February 2021

CLEANING 23 JANUARY: Cynthia & Peter Wong, Aurora Lukass, Richard & Anne Cruise

LINEN 17 JANUARY: Vlasta Mrsnik

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

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 Auguszczak, Paul Pistor, Scott Blacker, Terry O'Brien, Cesare DeFranceschi

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

