

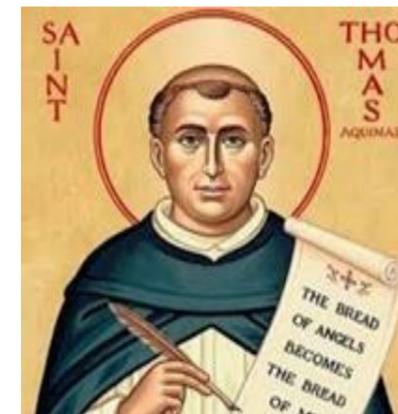
ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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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:

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A man was walking along a beach and found an old lamp. He picked it up and rubbed it and out popped a genie. The genie says, "OK, you released me from the lamp. You get one wish!" the man said, "I've always wanted to go to New Zealand, but I'm scared to fly, and I get seasick. Could you build me a bridge to New Zealand so I can drive over there to visit?" The genie laughed then says, "That's impossible! Think of the logistics of that! How would the supports ever reach the bottom of the Tasman Sea? Think of how much concrete, how much steel! No, think of another wish." The man said "OK, I've been divorced four times. My wives always said that I don't care and that I'm insensitive. So, I wish that I could understand women, and know how they feel inside and what their thinking when they give me the silent treatment, to know why they're crying, to know what they want when they say 'nothing,' to know how to make them truly happy." To which the genie asks, "Do you want that bridge to be two lanes or four?"

THE LOCKDOWN CONTINUES!

Probably for those who live alone it will be a difficult time, the interpersonal communication is the big thing missing and it makes each day a challenge. For myself I find that the routine of each day is important, to get into doing the things I usually do, but with just a little more time to do them.

The challenges of families are no doubt very different, making sure the children are staying in touch with the school work, trying to ensure you get the chance to stay in touch with your work when that is possible and the pressure of living close together for long periods.

Then there are those people who want to work and yet find themselves unable to do so because of the restrictions, the level of worry and frustration must be a factor in every day and the concerns for what the future holds must weigh on your mind.

Maybe the best we can do is to take the lead from the Lord who said to the disciples to take each day as it comes and trust that the Father who knows all our needs will be present to us today, maybe not as we would anticipate, but maybe in just doing simple things that connect us to Him and remind us we are not alone.

Things like walking and watching the world around us, like taking time to observe the new life happening in the garden as spring approaches, maybe just enjoying simple games together or listening to good music and reading a good book in a quiet spot.

Today may be the right time to just spend a little time with God and just listen to His presence and peace.

You are in my thoughts and definitely in my prayers may the Lord of Peace be with you and your family. Fr Tom

PASTORAL LETTER ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE - EUTHANASIA

Attached is a letter of the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Below is a link to the sample letters and a list of Senators, for those who wish to contact their local elected Members and Federal Parliamentarians expressing their opinions on euthanasia. The sample letters can be downloaded at

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/sampleletters/>

List of Senators <https://www.aph.gov.au/senate/los>



While our churches are closed, Archbishop Christopher would like to invite all to pray the Rosary via Zoom. All you need are your Rosary beads and your intentions.

TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm sharp!

ZOOM DETAILS: Simply click on the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjlvdnFkd21aVDQzWnAydz09>

Or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app

Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332

Passcode: 543675

ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS TO COVID-19

Effective; Thursday 5pm, 12 August 2021 to Thursday 5pm, 2 September 2021 ACT Parishes Only

1. Parish Offices are closed.
2. Churches & Chapels are closed
3. Public Masses & other Public Liturgies are not to be celebrated. However: Funerals (10 people only, not including ministers) are permitted. Weddings (5 people only, couple, minister, two witnesses) are permitted.
4. Holy Communion can be taken to the sick.
5. Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated.
6. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal and;
7. Face Masks are mandatory.

PARISH WEBSITE DESIGNER WANTED

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.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office is closed however will operate its usual hours and can be contacted by telephone 6258 1563 or email charnwood@cg.org.au. If no one answers, please leave a message and we will respond to you when we can. We will keep our website up to date and publish the weekly bulletin etc. at www.stthomasaquinascharnwood.com. The bulletin will continue to be emailed weekly.

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

With the church closure, the only income supporting the parish and clergy is coming from those parishioners who use our direct debit means. With any extended lockdown this will put the clergy in a precarious position as our contribution comes from the money box in the foyer. Please consider moving to direct debit giving, to support your parish and clergy

We relied a lot on the tap machine these last months. I invite those who used these machine and are able to, to give direct debit. Please contact Debbie in the parish office by sending an email to organise this during the lockdown.

Offerings can also be left at the mail slot at the parish. Please mark 1st or 2nd Collection. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing practical and prayerful support.

Direct debit details below.

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.