

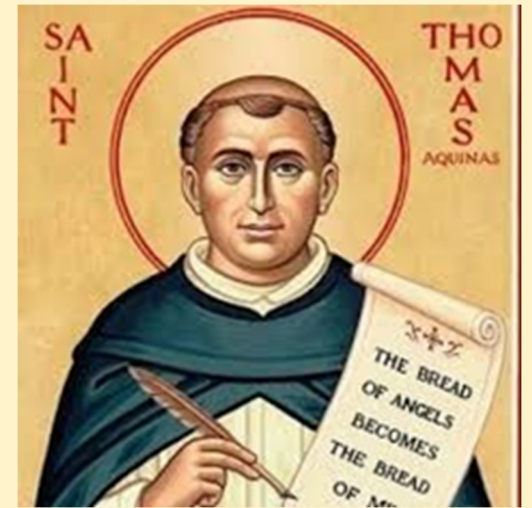
St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Easter

7 April 2024



Parish Vision

The Parish of St Thomas Aquinas seeks to maintain a strong, joyful, welcoming community. We strive to deepen our faith and spirituality, as individuals and as a community. We will live our faith more fully by carrying the message of the Gospel to all.

From the Pastor's Desk

Carved into the wood of our beautiful altar are the words of the Apostle Thomas: "My Lord and my God". On this Second Sunday of Easter we have John's version of the appearance of Jesus to his apostles. The first takes place on the day of the Resurrection, in which Thomas is absent. When Jesus appears again a week later, Thomas is present, but doubts continue to trouble him. Jesus reaches out to him, and in a beautiful exchange Jesus gently encourages Thomas with the words "doubt no longer but believe" (coming to belief is the consistent motif throughout John's gospel). Thomas may have initially doubted, but he alone of all the apostles gives the clearest affirmation of faith in Jesus' divinity: "My Lord and my God".

A big thanks to all who were involved in the preparation and celebration of the Easter Triduum – the liturgy committee, the choir, acolytes, servers and readers.

I'll be taking two weeks of my annual holidays from next week and returning on 22nd April. Fr Warwick Tonkin and Fr Bernie Patterson will supply on those weekends that I am away.

Fr Gerard

MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday:

Vigil (Saturday) 6pm

Sunday 9am

Weekdays:

Mass: Tuesday-Friday 9.30am

Communion Service: Monday 9.30am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 5-5.30pm

Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated during Mass on the First Wednesday of the month at 10am followed by morning tea.

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 13 Apr	Sunday 9am 14 Apr
Acolyte	Angelo	Rod
Servers	Vince, Sav, Jonathan	Grace, Maeve
Communion Minister	Anne	Trish
Readers	Fran, Collette	Megan, Jancye
Music/Screen	Triple J	Josh
Children's Liturgy		Katie WS Annie WS



*Prayers For
the Sick*

For the Sick

Maida Kajkic, Peter McArdle, Frederick Nield, Tom Roberts, Carolyn Holloway, Susie Purcell, Trish Jean, Bernard Tierney, Margie Paten, Christine Greenwood, David Holt, Irene Daly.

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

Recently Deceased

Denis Hally-Burton

Anniversaries

Frank Tighe, Teresea Cao, Levi Dadd, Frank Boyle, Beryl Daly, Chlap Wilhelm, Mary Murphy, Paul Pham, James Tran, Muriel Thomson, Fr. John Butz, Angela Hillis, Leo Wyche, Johanne Elliott, Veronica Hughes, Hermon Sanders, Lena Rankin, David Callanan, Pamela White, Marjorie Brett, Jim Howe, Sonia Rivas, Emmalea Klaassen, Marlene Walls, Mel Rowbotham, John Bizjak, Betty Dowthwaite, Daniel Julyan, Felix Castillo, Des Howe, Pitt Family, Aurora Clayton, Colin Brewer, Joy Danaher, Kees van Rooy

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Deceased are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

Open Scripture Discussion Groups

Wednesday following 9:30 am Mass.

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 and safety in our parish with coffee and a chat. Contact Julie 0412 337 367.

Adoration & Exposition of Blessed

Sacrament 5.30-6.30 pm every Thursday.

All parishioners are invited to come and spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

COLLECTION DETAILS

Collection During Mass There is one collection during Mass at the time of the Offertory.

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.

Direct Debit forms available by contacting office.

Electronic Funds Transfer Bank account details are available on the website, or by contacting the office.

**HISTORICAL
CONTEXT**

My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written - at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Denis Hally-Burton

Friday 12 April —11:00am.

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

We pray for his family and friends at this time.

A NOTICE FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

ARCHDIOCESES OF CANBERRA/GOULBURN

Child Protection Code of Conduct Policy

It is a requirement for ALL volunteers in parishes in this Archdiocese to have read the Policy document and sign and return to the parish office the Acknowledgement Form.

If you are a volunteer in the parish and know you have not done this, it is now a matter of urgency for this to be completed.

There are forms available in the church foyer, on the parish website [on the Parish Ministries page], at the parish office or you can contact the parish office and you will be emailed both the policy and acknowledgment form. Charnwood@cg.org.au

PARKING

We ask that you not park in the circular driveway at any time, including weekdays. We need it to keep it free in case it is needed by emergency services.

Similarly, we ask that you leave the unmarked car space in front of the pillars free for the same reason. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL DATES

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Formation Session for Parents

Thursday 9 and 23 May—6:00pm—Parish Church

Presentation Masses

Weekend of 11/12 May - Please note change of date

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass

Thursday 13 June—6:00pm

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Formation Session for Parents

Thursday 25 July and 1 August—6:00pm Parish Church

Presentation Mass

27 July—6:00pm

First Holy Communion Masses

Weekends of 7/8 and 14/15 September

If you have a child in Year 4 or 6 who does not attend St Thomas Aquinas Primary School and would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office: Charnwood@cg.org.au

COMMISSIONING OF ALL MINISTERS DURING MASS

THIS WEEKEND

All parishioners who have volunteered their time to be a part of all the Parish Ministries for the 2024/25 period will be commissioned during Mass. We thank you all for your continued support of St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish.



Youth Group

YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

Students in Years 7 - 12

Next Meeting: 28 April 2024

7:00pm – 9:00pm

[after the 6:00pm Mass]

St John the Apostle
Parish Centre

Contact the Parish Office

for more information kippax@cg.org.au

Multicultural Mass with Archbishop Prowse 7 April @11am

The Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral is full of colour, song, and dance. Join the African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as they come together to celebrate their multicultural heritage in the Year of the Holy Spirit. All welcome!

Save
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Date

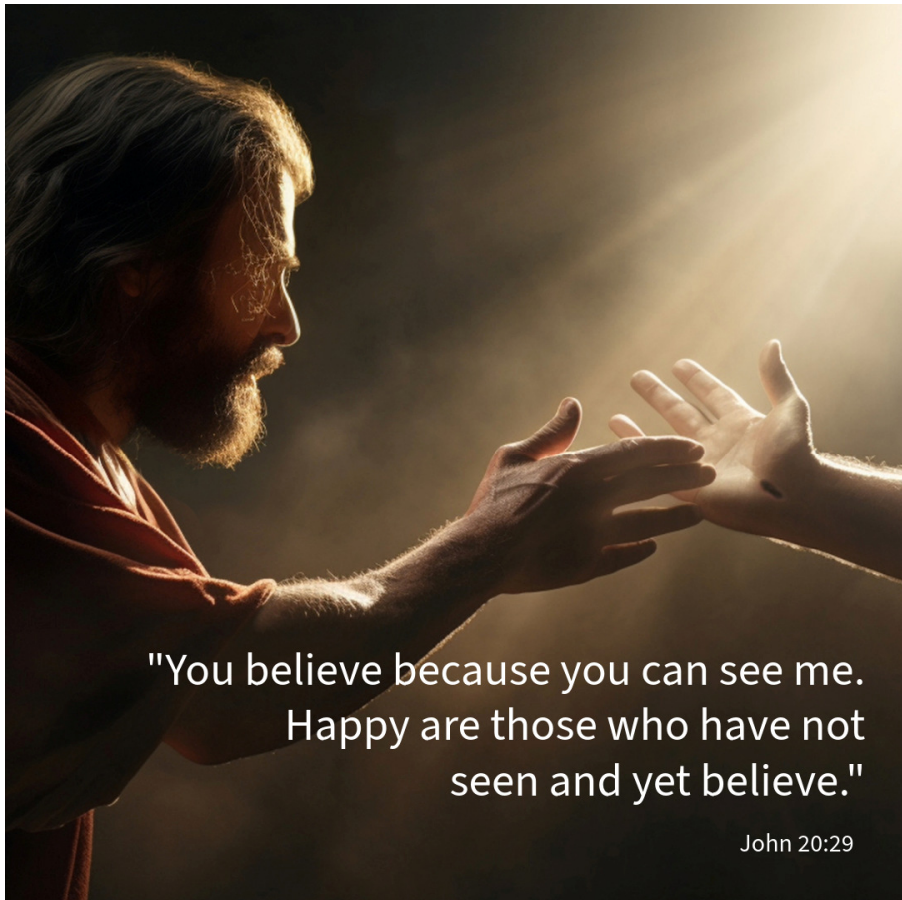
Sat/Sun Commissioning of all Ministers

6/7 April

Thursday ANZAC Day

25 April

FOUND IN THE WORD



"You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not
seen and yet believe."

John 20:29

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the family of Israel say:
'His love endures for ever.'

Let the family of Aaron say:
'His love endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love endures for ever.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone,
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have
seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still
believe!

Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.