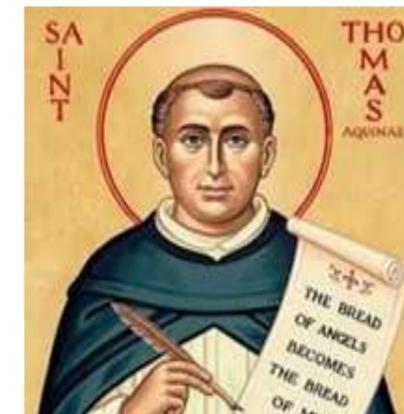


# ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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| MASS TIMES: 25-31 Jan 21                    |             |
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| Monday–Friday                               | 9:30am      |
| Saturday Vigil:                             | 6:00pm      |
| Sunday:                                     | 9:00 am     |
| <b>Reconciliation</b>                       |             |
| Saturday:                                   | 9:00-9:30am |
| <b>All Sacrament</b> 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), 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 Augustczak, Paul Pistor, Scott Blacker, Terry O’Brien, Cesare DeFranceschi

## LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

An Irishman walks into a Dublin bar, orders three pints of Guinness, and drinks them down, taking a sip from one, then a sip from the next, until they’re gone. He then orders three more. The bartender says, “You know, they’d be less likely to go flat if you bought them one at a time.”

The man says, “Yeah, I know, but I have two brothers, one in the States, one in Australia. When we all went our separate ways, we promised each other that we’d all drink this way in memory of the days when we drank together. Each of these is for one of my brothers and the third is for me.”

The bartender is touched, and says, “What a great custom!”

The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar and always orders the same way.

One day he comes in and orders two pints. The other regulars notice and a silence falls over the bar. When he comes to the bar for his second round, the bartender says, “Please accept my condolences, pal.”

The Irishman says, “Oh, no, everyone’s fine. I just joined the Mormon Church, and I had to quit drinking.”

## COLLECTIONS – NEW OPTION COMING

We are going to install 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

## CHILDRENS LITURGY

Will recommence on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February and parents are encouraged to utilise this Liturgy for their children as the numbers have dropped to a point where it is not viable. Your support is needed, tell other parents that it’s available!

## LENT

Believe it or not Ash Wednesday is the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. During this season we will be offering a program for home reflection together with some Adult Education Sessions in the Church with a yet to be determined topic.

## RCIA

Will recommence for 2021 on the 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm in the Presbytery, if you are enquiring about the Catholic faith please come along.

## 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

## WORDS FROM HOLY FATHER FRANCES

If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage, especially in the way we deal with difficulties. In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the “good news” of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today too, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard, I consider Saint Joseph the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the like of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for that reason, Joseph is traditionally call a “most chaste” father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one’s life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery.

**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 6-7 February

### LITURGY

|                      | 6.00pm            | 9.00am          |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Minister</b>      | Allan             | Maria           |
| <b>Servers</b>       | Charlotte, Hannah | Andrea, Abigail |
| <b>Proclaimers</b>   | Penny, Irene      | Rod, Bill       |
| <b>Music/Screens</b> | Brian             | Kaye            |

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** No Children Liturgy-Resumes February 2021

**CLEANING 6 FEBRUARY:** Helene Axelby, Karen Norley, Katie Walsh-Smith, Beata Dal Piva

**LINEN 14 FEBRUARY:** Margaret Ellis

**MORNING TEA 14 MARCH 2021:** Michelle Ganino, Sylvie & Peter Osborne