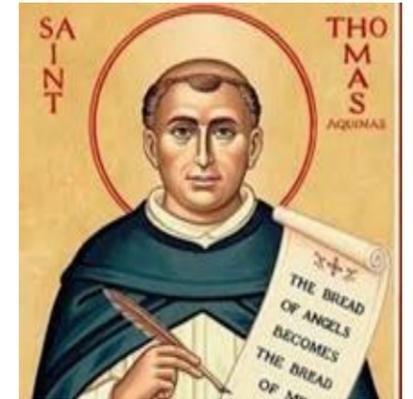




# ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN

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MASS TIMES:	
<b>Monday-Friday: Liturgy of the Word</b>	9:30 am
<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	6:00 pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Saturday Morning:</b>	9:00-9:30am
<b>Baptisms are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.</b>	
<b>All Sacrament enquiries to 6258 1563</b>	

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Sick:

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

Bernard Tierney, Denis Hally-Burton, Trish Jean (Peter Jean's sister), Mark Debenhan (Chris and Bernie Tierney's brother-in-law)

### 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

**Teacher:** Why are you late for school?

**Student:** Because of a sign down the road.

**Teacher:** What does the sign have to do with you being late?

**Student:** The sign said, "School Ahead, Go Slow!"

**Child:** I think we need a new teacher.

**Mom:** Why's that?

**Child:** Our teacher doesn't know anything! She keeps asking us for the answers...

## REFLECTION

### Wealth & Charity

In the capitalist economy, where the pivotal driving force remains profit and gain, and the language is that of 'how much', everything tends to be judged and measured by matter. It is a truism that the world is made of matter. Even the sacraments that we celebrate, we depend on matter. However, it is not only the question of matter; it is always matter and form for validity. Living only at the level of matter could lead to materialism, suggesting a new *religion* or *god*, demanding more than humans can offer, including time, energy, talent, money, resources, worship and adoration, from rising to resting.

Caught in the materialistic frenzy, humans sometimes run from pillar to post without satisfaction. We often forget the fact that the human creative potential is collaborative. God is creative. He made us in his image and likeness, with enormous creative potentials meant to compliment his creative work for the salvation and good of humanity. Any creative exercise devoid of divine plans only destabilizes the ecosystem, (noticeable with the global warming, earthquakes, drought, wild fires and floods) putting human destiny in jeopardy.

The author of our first reading this weekend (Eccl. 1.2; 2.21-23), in his effort to relieve humanity already caught in the web of materialism with the aim of creating a balance invites us to a deeper reflection on the consequences of human toil and trade including inventions and innovations. For him, excessive labour and selfish material acquisition is sheer futility. This does not undermine industriousness knowing that, *usefulness is part of the rent we pay for living on earth*, but a reminder about the human beginnings. We were born naked and innocent. We came with nothing and we (will) go with nothing except our charities.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Cynthia and Peter Wong for the generous donation of a TV for the Parish Centre.

## LITURGY NEWS

Evangelisation Brisbane Faith Formation Opportunities

1. Liturgy Brisbane - Learn and discover.

Online Courses available!  
 Ministries of the Word and Holy Communion.  
 In your time  
 In your place  
 Contact: [Liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au](mailto:Liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au).

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2. GOING DEEPER

A Podcast exploring the heart of Catholic faith with Shane Dwyer as he suggests:  
 How to live our Catholic Christian faith in our everyday life.  
 Google: Going Deeper with Shane Dwyer

## HELP WANTED

The gardens around the Presbytery and courtyards are looking sad and in need of a clean-up. If you are able to do the trimming of the plants, rose bushes and hanging plants you would be most welcome. Please see Debbie at the Parish Office or call 6258 1563 if you are able to help.

## SERRA AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

The Serra Foundation is conducting an appeal for funds to allow it to continue to support the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life the first week of August.

If you are able to give there are brochures at the back of the Church.

## ARCHBISHOP'S ST MARY MacKILLOP PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites everyone to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on **Saturday 13th August**. Details are on the notice board.

**Scripture Discussion Group:** 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 in our parish with coffee and a chat. Contact Julie 0412 337 367.

**Call to Connect:** Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of friends, online or face to face? Contact: [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com)

## COLLECTION DETAILS

**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 \$15.00 of which \$10.00 will go to the parish and \$5 to the support of the clergy.

## FIRST COLLECTION:

**Commonwealth Bank**  
**Account Name:** Central Presbytery Fund  
**BSB No:** 062-786  
**Account No:** 000029248  
**Reference:** Parish: St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood. (e.g. 'Jones 251'). Ensure it is recorded and receipted properly and accurately.

## SECOND COLLECTION:

**Commonwealth Bank**  
**Account Name:** St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood  
**BSB: No:** 062-786  
**Account No:** 14877  
**Reference:** Surname and envelop number

## ROSTERS FOR 6-7 August 2022

	6.00pm	9.00am
<b>Minister</b>	Margie	Trish
<b>Servers</b>	Charlie, Kaiti	Damyn, James
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Alan, Irene	Pauline, Annie
<b>Music/Screens</b>	Canned/	STA Choir/
<b>Slide Prep</b>	Pam	

**CHILDREN LITURGY 6 AUGUST:** Jessica Betterton, Nadia White

**CLEANING 6 AUGUST:** Gough Family