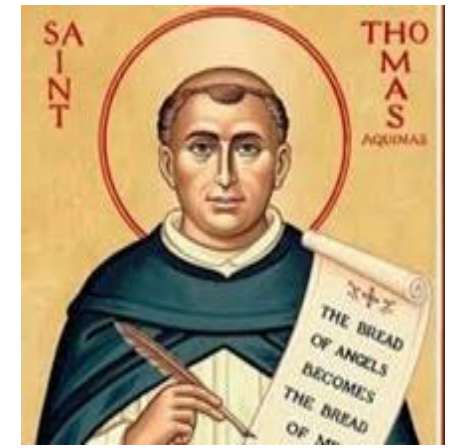


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MASS TIMES:

Monday-Friday: 9:30am
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
 Sunday: 9:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:00 – 9:30 am

All Sacrament enquiries to 6258 1563

RCIA- for those people who are not Catholics but who want to find out about the Catholic Faith

For people who are interested to learn about the Catholic Faith you are invited to an enquiry night to be held at the Community Centre at 7:00 pm on 5th August 2021.

Attendance at the gathering does not require any commitment. Should you choose to continue down the track you will be invited to do so.

All are welcome and for further enquiries please call Fr Tom on 0408 623 303.

FUNERALS

We pray for Anna Hekoi who died on 15 July 2021, funeral occurred on Wednesday and Miljenko Bajurin who died on 20th July 2021, funeral occurred on Friday

DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FAITH

Following on from a meeting held on Tuesday evening we are going to commence a program titled: Questioning, Understanding, Enlightening Sacred Truths or **QUEST** for short.

These sessions will be opened to all parishioners, however, prior to each session you will need to have done some preparation by way of reading. The foundational document will be reading from is the Catechism of the Catholic Church (available at the Catholic Bookshop at Manuka.

For each session there will be a given theme. The pages related to that theme in the Catechism will be listed and will need to be read before the sessions.

Our first QUEST session will be held on Tuesday 31st August at 7:00 pm in the Community Centre.

Subject matter is the LITURGY OF THE CHURCH.

Reference pages from the Catechism are Part 2 Section One of the Catechism pages 277 to 310.

Keep notes while you are reading so that you may ask questions for clarification in the group.

See you there!

MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Parish Finance Council after 9:00 am Mass on 8th August at the Presbytery.

Parish Pastoral Council Tuesday 10th August at 5:30 pm in the Community Centre

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

During this school term the children from Year 4 in the Parish will be celebrating these Sacraments.

Please keep the children, their parents and family especially in your prayers as they prepare for each important Sacrament.

GOOD SAMARITAN BOX

Just a reminder that at the back of the Church is the Good Samaritan Box for donations of winter woollies.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 To you God entrusted His only Son;
 In you Mary placed her trust;
 With you Christ became a man.
 Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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
 "Call to Connect" catholic women's ministry can help you with free Starter Kits. More info here.
<https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/>

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.

Scripture Discussion Group: Friday following 9:30 am Mass during school terms.

Lectio Divina: First Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Bringing Christ alive in Scripture through prayer, reflection and sharing.

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 \$15.00 of which \$10.00 will go to the parish and \$5 to the support of the clergy – the limit will be reviewed later! Thanks for your support.

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 7-8 August

	6.00pm	9.00am
Minister	Margie	Gavin
Servers	Caitlyn, Andrea, James	Grace, Annie
Proclaimers	Brian H, Rita	Sr Colleen, Bill
Music/Screens	Canned/Brian	Bran/Lissette
Slide Prep	Pam	

CHILDREN LITURGY 1 AUGUST: Michael Prosper, Anne Murray

CLEANING 7 AUGUST: Cynthia & Peter Wong, Richard & Anne Cruise

LINEN 15 AUGUST: Trazel Scott

MORNING TEA 8 AUGUST: Helene Axelby, Gerri Bleaser, Debbie Hofman

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: Anna Hekoi, Miljenko Bajurin

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth snake with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth, its eyes rolled back and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ...with two more frogs.