

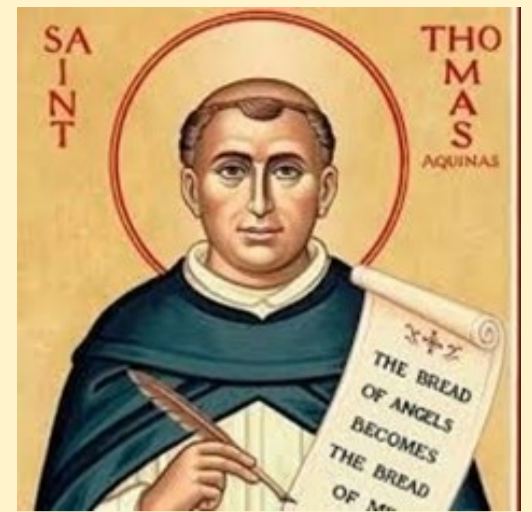
# St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Easter

14 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.

### 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.

### Update: Parish Pastoral Council

The STA Parish Pastoral Council met last week to welcome new members and discuss the priority issues for our parish in the next 18 months.

The new members of the PPC are Julie Lean, Jocelyn Moore, Margaret Hourigan, and Meaghan Younger (School representative). They join together with existing members Michael Carberry, Peter Osborne and Megan Winter (Chair).

The four priorities for the PPC were identified as:

- Building a strong ongoing relationship with St Johns Kippax under the shared care of the MSCs.
- Considering the proposal from Marymead/CatholicCare for units to be built on parish grounds.
- Encouraging greater participation from parishioners in volunteering for roles in the community.
- Working with the finance committee to consider the financial position of the parish.

A whole parish meeting with Marymead/CatholicCare is planned for the coming months, a notice will be included in the Bulletin.

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**Principal:** Mr Tim Cleary

<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 20 Feb	Sunday 9am 21 Feb
<b>Acolyte</b>	Peter	Maria
<b>Servers</b>	Robert, Melinda	Damyn, Aditya
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Alan	Terry
<b>Readers</b>	Brian D, Penny	Tanya, Eden
<b>Music/Screen</b>	Choir	Recorded/ Noah



## *Prayers For the Sick*

### *Deceased*

#### **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**

##### **Anniversaries**

Frank Tighe, Teresea Cao, Levi Dadd, Beryl Daly, Frank Boyle, Chlap Wilhelm, Mary Murphy, Paul Pham, James Tran, Muriel Thomson, Fr. John Butz, Angela Hillis, Leo Wyche, Johanne Elliott, Veronica Hughes, Lena Rankin, Hermon Sanders, 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.

## **SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT**

### **Post-resurrection accounts**

*All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.*

**Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024—August 7 | 6:00PM**

We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University

Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter

*For more information & tickets visit [www.tfo.org.au](http://www.tfo.org.au)*

**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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:Charnwood@cg.org.au)

**WELCOME**

*Fr. Michael Mullen who will be celebrating Masses in the parish this weekend.*



**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](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

In March 2024 St Vincent de Paul Charnwood Conference visited 28 households in need and distributed over \$3,900 in assistance.

Thank you all for your prayers and your generous financial support. Additional donations can be made using the envelopes on the Society's noticeboard in the church.

**St. Thomas More Forum**

Friday 14 June 2024

6.45pm for 7.30PM

**Engaging an AI Generation**

Keynote Speaker: Fr Rob Galea Founder FRG Ministry

Register Now:

<https://bit.ly/stmf-140624>

Join us for an unforgettable evening and experience the dynamic presence of internationally acclaimed Catholic Priest, singer, and author, Fr. Rob Galea!

He is the founder and executive director of FRG Ministry (now ICON Ministry), a charity organisation that ministers to over 1.4 million lives worldwide annually.

Save  
the  
Date

**13/14 April** Fr. Michael Mullen  
**Sat/Sun** celebrating Masses

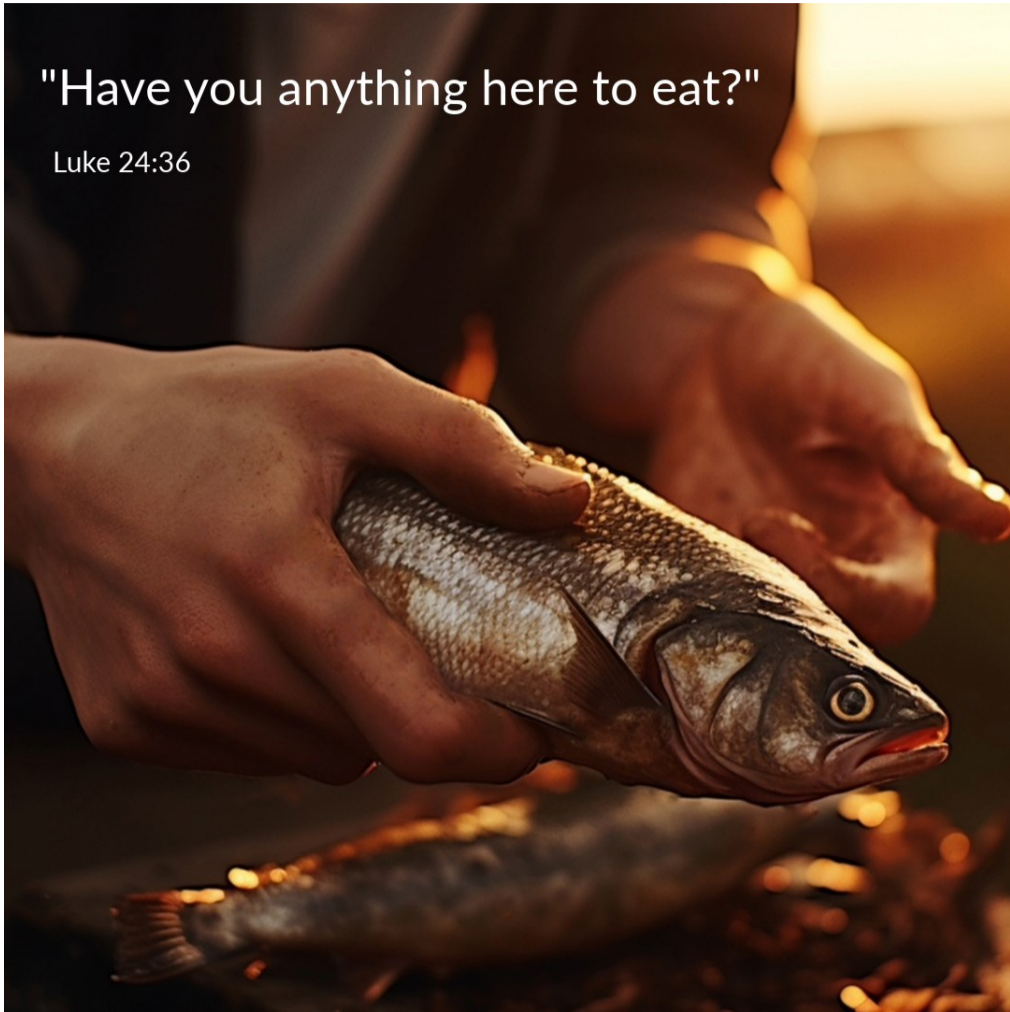
**20/21 April** Fr. Warrick Tonkin  
**Sat/Sun** celebrating Masses

**25 April** ANZAC Day  
**Thursday**

# FOCUS ON THE WORD

"Have you anything here to eat?"

Luke 24:36



The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest

meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

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## RESPONSORIAL PLASM

**R.** Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and  
hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom  
he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at  
once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.  
**R.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you  
speak.  
Alleluia!

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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