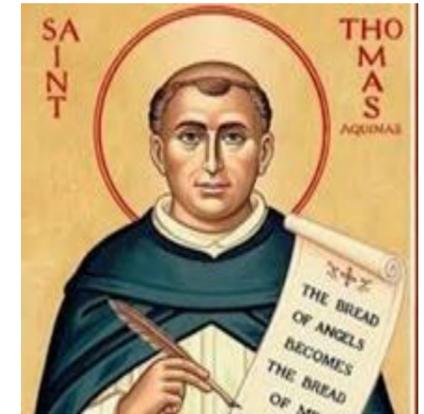


# ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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## MASS TIMES:

Live Stream Mass is available from St. Christopher's Cathedral Monday—Saturday 12.15pm and Sunday 11am:  
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>  
 All Sacrament 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), Peter & Marea Trevaskis, Bernard Tierney, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Judy Tzakis, Margaret Woods

### 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



## REFLECTION FOR 23<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF YEAR B

It is very easy, when we experience difficulties, to withdraw into ourselves. When the pressure of life and the myriad experiences of each day and each week weigh upon us, our response is sometimes to become anxious and self-focussed.

This weekend's readings from the Sunday liturgy are important to reflect on because they show us that even when we are consumed with our own problems, God is still aware of us. In Jesus we see God's care. He reaches out to the deaf gentile, he notices him, he engages him and he restores him from isolation. Because Jesus reached outside of himself and noticed the deaf man, he enabled that man who was alone, anxious and without communal interaction, to be restored and connected.

For us, at this time when we spend so much time alone or in a narrow environment, it is a challenge offered to us to actually notice and be attentive to the others who occupy our world. Take time to notice them, spend time listening to them and engage with them. By your action of self-abandonment and focus on the other, a great deal of healing and liberation can follow.

Our God does not have preferences when it comes to His dealings with us. He doesn't see race, culture, religion or gender, he only looks at us through one lens – the lens of the heart. In Jesus we see how he notices peoples, sees and hears their needs and then reached out to them.

As this lockdown continues we are challenged to look at our world with the lens of the heart and to notice what is happening to others around us. To try and see the needs of those in our immediate environment, but also to be aware of all the other people in our country and in the world. We can reach out to them in our hearts and in our prayers, even if we are not able to physically reach out to them in the manner of Jesus.

This coming week may we "open our ears" to God's call to have courage; to "open our eyes" to living presence of God in ourselves and in all people; and to "open our hearts" to respect and engage the inner beauty of every human soul.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Archdiocesan Protocols are allowing Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation to be celebrated. If you would like these Sacraments please contact Fr Tom on 0408 623 303.

## ROSARY VIA ZOOM Archbishop Christopher

TIME: Every Wed & Fri at 4 pm sharp!

ZOOM DETAILS: Simply click on the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd2IaVDQzWnAydz09>

Or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app

Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332

Passcode: 543675

## ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS COVID-19 Effective to Midnight Friday 17 September 2021 ACT Parishes Only

1. Parish Offices are closed to parishioners.
2. Funerals for 20 people only, not including ministers.
3. Weddings for 10 people only, not including the celebrant.
4. 'Other religious ceremonies which are time critical are permitted' – no more than 10 people, not including ministers.
5. Holy Communion can be taken to the sick.
6. Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated.
7. Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated.
8. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
9. Face Masks are mandatory.
10. Check In CBR is mandatory.
11. Covid-19 Plan is mandatory.

## DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FAITH

The 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 was cancelled due to lockdown, as soon as we go back to normal you will be notified of a new date. 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

## PARISH WEBSITE DESIGNER WANTED

Are you or anyone you know a Web Designer or is interested in web design and would like to design a new website for St Thomas Aquinas Parish?  
 If you are interested please contact Debbie on 6258 1563 or charnwood@cg.org.au.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Office is closed to parishioners however will operate its usual hours and can be contacted by telephone 6258 1563 or email charnwood@cg.org.au.

## WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

With the church closure, the only income supporting the parish and clergy is coming from those parishioners who use our direct debit means. With any extended lockdown this will put the clergy in a precarious position as our contribution comes from the money box in the foyer. Please consider moving to direct debit giving, to support your parish and clergy

We relied a lot on the tap machine these last months. I invite those who used these machine and are able to, to give direct debit. Please contact Debbie in the parish office by sending an email to organise this during the lockdown. Offerings can also be left at the mail slot at the parish. Please mark 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing practical and prayerful support.

Direct debit details below.

## 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 PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

are suspended until the Church opens again. Thank you for all that you do and we look forward to seeing you all again when we reopen.