

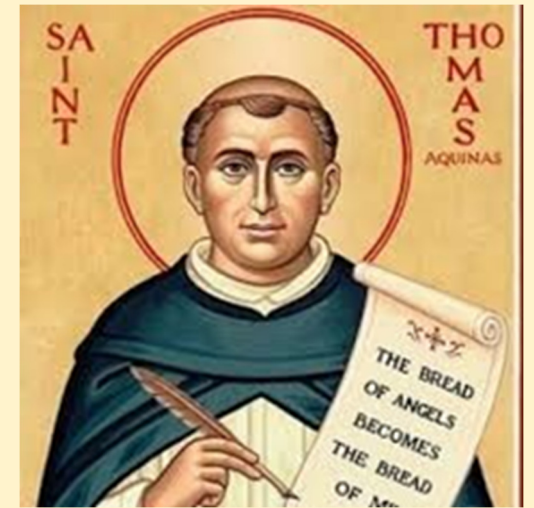
St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Easter

21 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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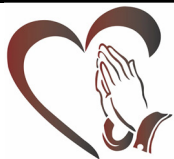
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Principal: Mr Tim Cleary

<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 27 April	Sunday 9am 28 April
Acolyte	Michael	Stephen
Servers		Nicholas, Eve
Communion Minister	Brian H	Lian
Readers	Rita, Peter O	Charles, Sr Colleen
Music/Screen	Collette	Skye
Children's Liturgy		
Morning Tea 12 May	Irene Daly, Lian Kiley, Kaye Radovanovic	



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

Deni s Hally-Burton, Paul Stewart

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, Pamela White, Hermon Sanders, David Callanan, 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.

Thank you

Pauline and Family would like to thank all the Parishioners for the love and support you have given us over the last two and a half years of Denis' journey. Your continuing prayer was always a great comfort to Denis and me.

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

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

WELCOME

Fr. Warrick Tonkin who will be celebrating Masses in the parish this weekend.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Will not be held on Thursday 25th April

May 20 – 22 | A Current of Grace

Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation: An invitation is extended to Australian and international Catholic education and other Church leaders to a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry. More details at www.catholicvoice.org.au

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!



Save
the
Date

20/21 April Sat/Sun	Fr. Warrick Tonkin celebrating Masses
23 April Tuesday	Fr. Gerard returns
25 April Thursday	ANZAC Day
1 May Wednesday	10:00am Anointing Mass

FOCUS ON THE WORD



I am the good shepherd;
I know my own and my own know me.

John 10:11

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and

resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

RESPONSORIAL PLASM

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in mortals:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in rulers. **R.**

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is the one who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love endures for ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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