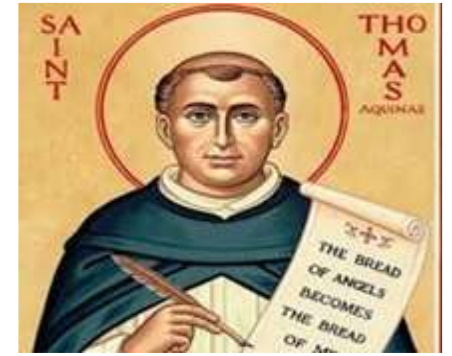


# ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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## MASS TIMES: 7-13 Dec

Monday- Thursday 9:30am  
 Friday: 10:00am  
 Year 6 Graduation Mass – Parents and Students Only-because of restrictions  
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm  
 Sunday: 9:00 am  
**Reconciliation**  
 Saturday: 9:00-9:30am  
**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), Judy Tzakis

### Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of: Lynn Richard Mohler.

### Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Kevin Carberry, Rozalia Peleschak, Freda Ellis, Ian Wearne, Llewellyn Waddell, Frances Atkinson, Evelyn Watson, Chris Rogers, Paul MacKenzie, Le Cornu, Ada Kerrison, Rachel Smith, Matilda Rowbotham

## LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek then his again. Finally she spoke up: "Grandpa did God make you?" "Yes sweetheart" he answered "God made me a long time ago" "Oh" she paused "Grandpa did God make me too?" "Yes indeed, honey," he said "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again she observed: "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

## RCIA

This Thursday at 7:00pm in Presbytery for all those involved or interested.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Vigil Mass at 6:00pm is full-the Christmas Eve Mass at 7:30pm is nearly full. When this is full the only times available are 8:00am or 9:30am on Christmas Day.

You need to place a name and phone number in either the left or right column on the sheet and below that name, the number of people in the group, by a ticket on each line beneath the name!

No we don't take phone bookings! If people wish to register they have to come and fill in the sheet.

## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

15<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm – it is a great opportunity for forgiveness and refocus before Easter.

Reconciliation is also available on Saturday mornings between 9:00am-9:30am or by appointment.

Please use this opportunity to be open to God's grace and the peace of the Holy Spirit.

## AV EQUIPMENT "URGENT"

**MORE PERSONNEL NEEDED** – people who are happy to learn how to set up and use the computer and screens for mass each Sunday. The programming has already been done we just need people to roster on to use it. Please let the office know if you are interested – **we need more help at Christmas!**

## THIS WEEK

The last meeting of the Pastoral Council will be 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30pm in Community Centre.

## ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Is finishing this weekend, all donations gratefully received in foyer after Mass.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the Soul of **LYNN RICHARD MOHLER** who is Anna Ward's dad who died in USA this week.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTION

Caritas Australia offers an opportunity to give a gift of Education, Food or Protection by way of their Global Gifts outreach. Details are on the noticeboard in the foyer or you can order online @www.globalgifts.org.au or phone 1800 024 413. It may provide a useful gift for those in most need.

## CALL TO CONNECT

Connect with others to pray and share the faith journey. The "Call to Connect" free user friendly starter kits available on email helps this happen. Use Zoom to connect with friends, anywhere or meet in person every 3<sup>rd</sup> week for prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey.

Contact Helene Axelby on 0415 179 470

## PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

Lord God, bless Australia, our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light and wellbeing to our nation, to its peoples old and new., May we receive protection from all maladies and healing for those who are sick. May those in our country experiencing illness, isolation and suffering be aware of our tangible support through our prayers and actions. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen

## THANK YOU

Sandra House would like to thank Fr Tom and the members of the parish for their thoughts, prayers and help before and after the passing of John. God bless you all.

**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. This month will be the 20 year anniversary of this gathering. Contact Julie 0412 337 367.

**Mothers Prayers:** Every Tuesday after 9:30 am Mass special prayers for your children.

**Lectio Divina:** 7.30 pm first Wednesday of the month.

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

## COLLECTION DETAILS

### 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 12-13 DECEMBER

### LITURGY

	6.00	9.00
<b>Minister</b>	Margie	Trish
<b>Servers</b>	Angus, Ignatius	Grace, Orry, Sisikula
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Brian D, Irene	Megan, Jancye
<b>Music/Screens</b>	Mike Gaffney	Skye

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** Megan Millband, Nadia White

**CLEANING:** Denis & Pauline Hally-Burton, Pat & Janette O'Sullivan

**LINEN 20 DECEMBER:** Brian Daly

**MORNING TEA 13 DECEMBER:** Louise Fredericks, Debbie Hofman, Pauline Hally-Burton

