

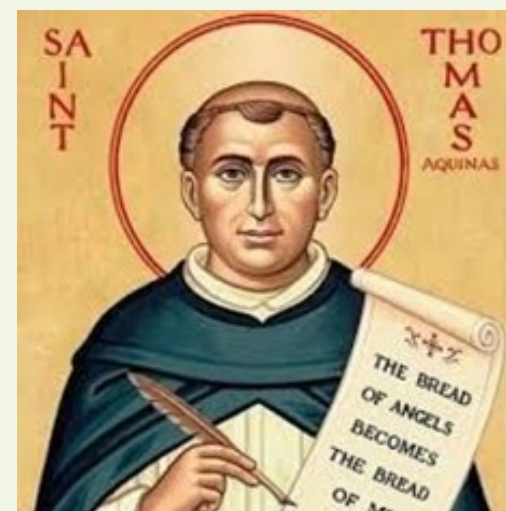
St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 February 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

I always find that Australia Day unofficially marks the end of the "summer holidays" and everything is pretty much back to business as usual. Certainly, in the parish, meetings have resumed. The Finance Council, the Liturgy Committee and the RCIA have had their first meetings for the year. The Pastoral Council will meet this coming week and the joint Charnwood-Kippax coordinating committee will meet shortly for its inaugural meeting.

Over the coming weeks we hope to report on the discussions that take place within these meetings. I have already stated that my hope is for this bulletin to be a source of information for parishioners. So please take a copy home with you. It is not intended to be a worship aid, something that is only used during Mass. As you will notice, it contains notice of upcoming events within and outside the parish. A few extra copies will be printed in a larger format for those who might have difficulty reading the smaller print. These will be left on the table in the foyer of the church.

Finally, we have added a new page on our website dedicated to our Jubilee Year. Check out the latest photos that have been uploaded.

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 10 Feb	Sunday 9am 11 Feb
Acolyte	Gavin	Maria
Servers	Andy, Annabelle	Robert, Melinda, Grace Spiers
Communion Minister	Cathy	Jocelyn
Readers	Annaliese, Madeleine	Grace Jean, Megan
Music/Screen	Janette	Annie
Slide Prep	Skye	



Prayers For the Sick

& Deceased

For the Sick

Maida Kajkic, Peter McArdle, Frederick Nield, Tom Roberts, Carolyn Holloway, Susie Purcell, Trish Jean, Bernard Tierney, Denis Hally-Burton, Margie Paten.

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time.

Recently Deceased

Mark Paten.

Anniversaries

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Christian Reavley, James Howe, Cecilia Wood, Colleen Haigh, John Auguszczak, Paul Pistor, Scott Blacker, Terry O'Brien, Cesare De Francheschi, Fr. Neville Drinkwater, Joy Danaher, Mario Benassi, Suzanne Scardoni

Deceased are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

Men's Scripture Discussion Group

Wednesday following 9:30 am Mass.

Scripture Discussion Group

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 are available in the foyer of the church or by contacting the office.

Electronic Funds Transfer Bank account details are available on the website, or by contacting the office.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Capernaum

Jesus appears to have made Capernaum his base after leaving Nazareth. He may, in fact, have based himself at Simon Peter's house. There are many references in the gospels to Jesus' actions in Capernaum. Archaeologists have identified the house in Capernaum that they believe to be Simon Peter's house - less than 100 metres from the Capernaum synagogue. Evidence reveals carved inscriptions and symbols that identify both Jesus and Peter. The house appears to have been used as a 'house-church' until a church was built on the site in the 5th Century. Excavations of the site can be seen today.

The **Jubilee Steering Committee** will meet after the 9:00am Mass **this Sunday—4 February** in the parish centre.

The meeting is open to all parishioners.

ROSTER RENEWAL WEEKEND 10/11 February

Forms will be available on the weekend of 10/11 February for you to complete if wish to be in Ministry for the next 12 months.

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GREEN WASTE BIN

The parish now has a Green Waste Bin, which has replaced the trashpak. The bin is kept in the courtyard of the parish centre.

Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 13th Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare.

Evenings for the Engaged - Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-3pm.

SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you.

For more information contact

marriage.preparation@cg.org.au

To register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Contact Lara Kirk on

lara.kirk@cg.org.au or

Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

Children's Liturgy - resumes for Term 1 RESUMING THIS WEEKEND

Our Sunday Children's liturgy will resume this Sunday, 4 February and run every Sunday throughout the school term. Children are invited to go into the parish centre during mass where a leader will guide them through prayers, song and a children's version of the Sunday readings. Children will also complete a suitable activity. All children welcome!

If you would like to attend children's liturgy with your child, you must hold a working with vulnerable people card and have that card with you during the session.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITHIN MASS

Wednesday 7 February
10:00am Mass

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"

Matthew 11:28-30

NEW PARISHIONERS BOOK

New parishioners are invited to record your name and contact email address in the "New Parishioners" book located in the church foyer. The parish office will then send you a registration form and information about the parish.

Save
the
Date

Sunday 4 Feb	Jubilee Steering Committee
Tuesday 6 Feb	PPC Meeting
Wednesday 7 Feb	Anointing of the Sick Mass at 10am
Thursday 8 Feb	Opening School Mass 9:30am

FOCUS ON THE WORD



"Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came."

Mark 1:38

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of life. Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up their wounds.

Paul was a messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the brokenhearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the brokenhearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA.

RESPONSORIAL PLASM

R. Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. *R.*

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. *R.*

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. *R.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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