

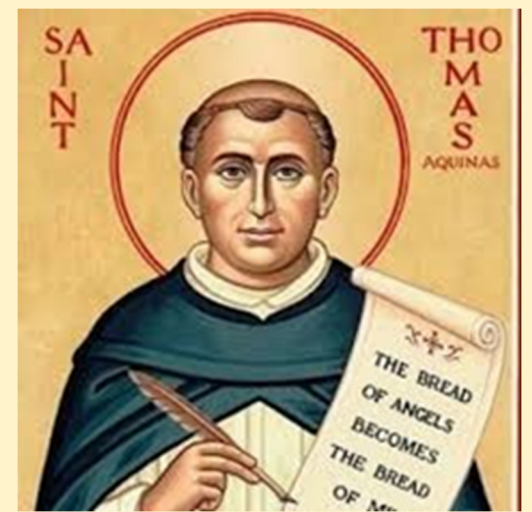
St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN

5th Sunday of Easter

28 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Back in the days of my novitiate, my novice master put this question to me and my fellow novices: "Does God live in us or do we live in God?" After giving this some thought I came to the conclusion that both perspectives are true. This is borne out in today's gospel where Jesus says: "Abide in me as I abide in you."

To live in God, and allow God to live in us, challenges us to live our faith in a most profound manner. Throughout the ages the great mystics have shown us the way. Yet, even in our ordinary day-to-day existence, we too can be open to this living presence of God. In fact, each time we receive the Eucharist God abides in us through the presence of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is what it means to bear fruit – to allow this living presence of God to shape and transform our lives.

A generous donation was recorded on the tap and go recently. I wish to acknowledge and thank that parishioner for their generous support to the parish.

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 4 May	Sunday 9am 5 May
Acolyte	Angelo	Peter O
Servers	Vince, Sav, Aseem	Andy, Annabelle
Communion Minister	Irene	Skye
Readers	Richard, Annaliese	Michael, Stephen
Music/Screen	Triple J	Recorded, Josh
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	
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

Denis 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.

LIVING GOSPEL

Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

CANBERRA'S GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE—4 May

This will be a prayerful show of solidarity with cities around the world on Saturday, 4 May. Some will walk the length of the Gaza Strip (41 kms), commencing atop Mt Ainslie at 4am, with a 10am liturgy at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Barton and a 1.30pm gathering at Regatta Point before the last 6kms. All welcome. Further info: 0413 840 555 adair.obrien@outlook.com

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

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

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

The Marriage Course Inner North Canberra

Nicky Gumbel says “There’s no marriage that can’t be improved.” The Marriage Course offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your relationship, in a fun, impactful way, all from the comfort of your own home via zoom. Starts Thursday 2nd May 7:00 – 9:00 for 9 weeks, including a closing dinner. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$48 for a pair of workbooks required for the course.

Register for the course at <https://cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/home/marriage-course-inner-north-canberra-parish-registration-form/>

More information at <https://cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/married/>

Fertility Awareness Methods



Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn

Local health professionals and qualified instructors are available help you understand and manage your fertility in an effective and non-invasive manner. Achieve or avoid pregnancy naturally. Address reproductive health issues holistically. See *Fertility Awareness Methods* at www.marriagefamily.org.au

TAIZÉ PRAYER

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024



Jointly hosted by:

St Margaret's Uniting Church, Hackett
Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Watson
Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett



Holy Cross Church, Hackett
Sunday 12 May, 6.00pm



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
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Date

2 May Thursday	Call to Connect—Parish Centre
9 May Thursday	6:00pm First Formation Session Sacrament of Confirmation
11/12 May Sat/Sun	Presentation Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation
13-16 May Mon—Thur	Clergy Assembly Liturgy of the Word with Communion
23 May Thursday	6:00pm Second Formation Session Sacrament of Confirmation

FOCUS ON THE WORD



Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
All families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
Declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
Until you come again.