

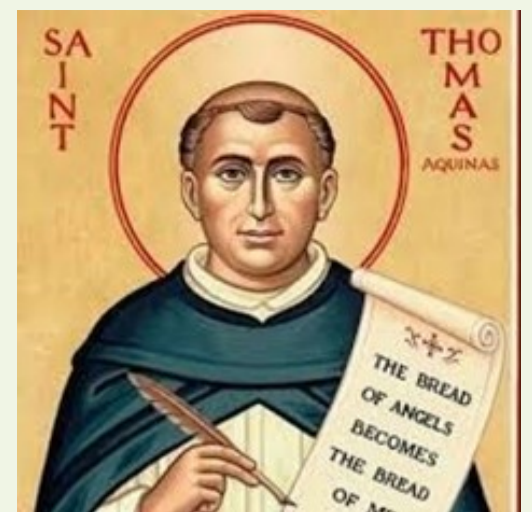
St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Jubilee Year 1974 - 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Next week we begin Lent. Although, not a Holy Day of Obligation, nevertheless, Catholics like to observe this day. There is something very stark and elemental about placing ashes upon our foreheads, a reminder of our failure to live up to the demands of the gospel and at the same time an acknowledgement of our mortality. This is summed up in the two options that accompany the signing of ashes: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We then turn our attention to the all loving and merciful God who continues to call us into new life.

The gospel speaks of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; three acts that we are called to intensify during Lent. Project Compassion is one of the ways that we can contribute to assisting the Church in providing important aid to the disadvantaged. Donation boxes and envelopes will be available to collect in the foyer of the church.

Fr Gerard

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.

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<i>Rosters</i>		
	Saturday 6pm 17 Feb	Sunday 9am 18 Feb
<i>Acolyte</i>	Angelo	Peter
<i>Servers</i>	Sav, Vince, Jonathan	Damyn, Aditya
<i>Communion Minister</i>	Anne	Trish
<i>Readers</i>	Brian Daly, Richard	Tanya, Grace Jean
<i>Music/Screen</i>	Collette	Choir/Pam
<i>Slide Prep</i>	Pam	



*Prayers For the Sick
& Deceased*

For the Sick

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

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

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 back 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 available by contacting office.

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

GOSPEL FOCUS

What's in a word?

Verse 41 of this week's reading begins, 'Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.' This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger. By comparison, 'Feeling sorry for him' seems a weak translation. Jesus' reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus' humanity.

ROSTER RENEWAL WEEKEND

THIS WEEKEND

Forms will be available for you to complete if wish to be in Ministry for the next 12 months.

Rosters will commence on 7 April 2024

Our Mission: To continue the work of Jesus Christ and to make His name known and loved.

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Forms are also available at the website on the Parish Ministries page

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.



Project Compassion Sunday—10 & 11 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver.

Date: Thursday 14 March 2024,

Place: Merci College Braddon **Time:** 5.30 -7.00pm

Free Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>



Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am.

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax: 6:00pm

Parish of St Matthew Page: 7:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00pm Every Friday during Lent
in the courtyard

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Enrolment and Formation Session

Saturday 24 February—5:00pm

If you have a student in Year 4 or above who has not received the Sacrament of Penance, please contact the Parish Office prior to the Enrolment and Formation Session.

MARK PATEN—FOUNDATIONAL PARISHIONER

We will be live streaming the funeral of Mark Paten on Monday 12 February in the Parish Centre.

The Funeral will commence at 12:30pm [11:30am Brisbane Time].

If you would like to share lunch after the funeral, please bring something to share.

All are welcome to attend.



Wednesday 14 Feb	Ash Wednesday
Friday 16 Feb	Stations of the Cross
Thursday 22 Feb	Liturgy Committee Meeting
Saturday 24 Feb	1st Reconciliation Formation 5pm School Staff Blessing at Vigil Mass
Thursday 14 March	Second Rite of Reconciliation 7 pm

FOCUS ON THE WORD



"Feeling sorry for him,
Jesus stretched
out his hand and
touched him."

Mark 1:41

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and,

therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

RESPONSORIAL PLASM

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy those whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy those to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. *R.*

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. *R.*

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. *R.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.