

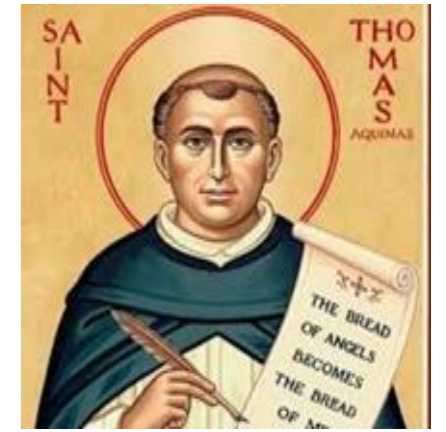


# ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN

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MASS TIMES:	
<b>Monday-Friday:</b>	9:30 am
<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	6:00 pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Saturday Morning:</b>	9:00-9:30am
<b>All Sacrament enquiries to 6258 1563</b>	

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Sick:

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

Bernard Tierney, Denis Hally-Burton, Trish Jean (Peter Jean's sister)

### Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of: Jackie Burggraaff (Skye McPadden's grandmother)

**Funeral for Jackie will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 am.**

### Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.



## BEING A MOTHER

"Sometimes mothers birth their children, and, sometimes God sends a child to a mother in a different way. The thing that makes you a mother is the complete, unconditional, and, overwhelming, love you feel for your child. Motherhood is consumed with joy, love, excitement and worry, as you guide your child on their journey, and help them forge their pathway in life. (Jess)

**"Motherhood is seeing the world through fresh eyes every day, worrying every night, and hoping that the world becomes a better place both for your child and because of your child."** (Elle)

"Being a Mother is the most rewarding and the most challenging gift that I have ever been given. The joy and pride that comes with watching my children learn and grow is balanced by the sacrifices and responsibility it takes to nurture and provide for them. The unwavering love for them allows me a glimpse of the love the Lord has for each of us and I will be forever grateful to be their Mum". (Skye)

*"Becoming a mother for the first time seemed like both one of the most natural and exciting things, also one of the scariest things I had ever done. Through sleepless nights, endless childhood illnesses, feeding, burping and changing, I gradually saw all three of my children develop and grow into the caring adults and teen they are today. I am blessed to be able to walk this journey with them, to know them and to love them". (Leah)*

## GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We have three seminarians studying for the priesthood. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling. Let us invest in the future of our Church by financially supporting them. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

- By envelopes
- By giving at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep)
- By calling: (02) 6239 9801

May Jesus, our High Priest, raise up a whole generation of new priests in our Archdiocese!

## CONFIRMATION 2022

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the reception of Confirmation in June.

## BAPTISM

We welcome Olympia Caygill to our faith community and we pray that Olympia and his parents Natalie and Byron will be especially blest.

## WESTERN WOMEN'S CURSILLO

There is a Cursillo weekend for women from the **12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May** at St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong if anyone is interested contact Dianne Franks at [dmfranks@bigpond.com](mailto:dmfranks@bigpond.com) or Mob: 0418619740

## DONATIONS NEEDED

As part of this year's Winter Appeal the St Vincent de Paul Society is asking for donations of blankets and warm clothing (such as socks, gloves and beanies). These items can be left in the marked box at the front of the church. The Society will arrange for them to be distributed to homeless people sleeping rough across Canberra.

## CATHOLICARE- MACKILLOP HOUSE

CatholicCare at MacKillop House in Lyneham, a former Convent of the Sisters of St Joseph, we nightly accommodate some 20-22 women of all ages plus mothers and children in our 6 villas.

ACT Govt has recently extended funding enabling CatholicCare to continue with this ministry for our homeless women. The funding of course, does not meet all costs. We are seeking to upgrade bedroom furniture and also working toward the replacement of furniture.

Donations details:

**CREDIT CARD:** Pay online  
<http://catholiccare.cg.org.au/donation/>

## DIRECT TRANSFER:

**BSB: 062-786**  
**Account Number: 00010602**  
**Account Name: CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn**

**Reference: MacKillop House**

Gratitude for any amount donated. Thank you

**Nolene Quinane rsj**

**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 in our parish with coffee and a chat. Contact Julie 0412 337 367.

## CALL TO CONNECT

Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of friends, online or face to face? Contact: [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com)

## COLLECTION DETAILS

**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.

The amount is set at \$15.00 of which \$10.00 will go to the parish and \$5 to the support of the clergy.

## FIRST COLLECTION:

### Commonwealth Bank

**Account Name:** Central Presbytery Fund  
**BSB No:** 062-786  
**Account No:** 000029248  
**Reference:** Parish: St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood. (e.g. 'Jones 251'). Ensure it is recorded and receipted properly and accurately.

## SECOND COLLECTION:

### Commonwealth Bank

**Account Name:** St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood  
**BSB: No:** 062-786  
**Account No:** 14877  
**Reference:** Surname and envelop number

## ROSTERS FOR 14-15 May 2022

	6.00pm	9.00am
<b>Minister</b>	Brian H	Gavin
<b>Servers</b>	Damyn, Andy, Annabelle	Grace, Annie, Maeve
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Irene, Veronica	Cathy, bill
<b>Music/Screens</b>	Canned/Brian	STA Choir/Lisette
<b>Slide Prep</b>	Brian	

**CHILDREN LITURGY 15 MAY:** Jessica Betterton, Anne Murray

**CLEANING 14 MAY:** Cynthia & Peter Wong, Richard & Anne Cruise

**MORNING TEA 10 JUNE:** Sylvie Osborne, Sybil Gately, Irene Daly