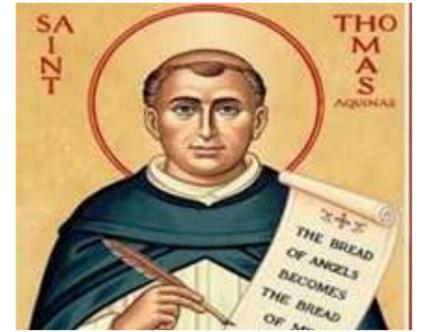




ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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MASS TIMES: 100 persons only

NOTE: NO Monday Morning Mass at 9:30am. There is a Requiem Mass at 11:00 am for Mario Signorini.

Tuesday:	9:30 am
Funeral Prayers Deborah Dickerson	11:00 am
Wednesday- Friday	9:30 am
Friday Vigil: Feast of The Assumption Holy Communion for six children	6:00 pm
Saturday: Feast of The Assumption	9:30 am
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PRAYER REQUESTS	9:00 am

Sick:

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ.

Claire Carton (Andrew Daly's wife), Jessica Russell

Recently Deceased:

Mario Signorini, Deborah Dickerson

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.



BAPTISM

This Sunday at 9:00 am Mass we will celebrate the baptism of Harrison Bransdon child of Patrick and Daniela. We welcome Harrison into the family of The Church.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Meets after 9:00 am Mass this Sunday.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meets at Presbytery at 6:00 pm on Tuesday 11th August.

HOLY COMMUNION

At Mass on 14th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd August children of the Parish will be celebrating First Holy Communion – they are spread out because of restriction of numbers. Please hold these children and their families up to The Lord in your prayers.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK

This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop. Our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary took bold new directions in education and care of children. We know her saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious.

FEAST OF MARY MacKILLOP

Mass will be celebrated at **10:30am** online at <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/coronavirus-updates-and-alerts/videos>. Some video images of the chapel and the Mary MacKillop Museum will also feature in the telecast.

LAUDATO SI

Commencing August/September an ecumenical group of participants will look together each fortnight at *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' letter "On Care for Our Common Home". You can register interest in obtaining further information in taking part at BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au or on 0428-625-110.

RECEIPTS AND ENVELOPES

Envelopes can still be collected at the entrance of the Church, from next week the can be collected from the Parish Office during office hours.

PROTOCOLS FOR MASSES

We can accommodate 100 people at each Mass. You need to ensure you place your name and contact details on the sheet at the entrance every time you come to Mass.

Please use hand sanitiser.

Please maintain social distancing between your family group and the next family group for person.

Please contact people you know who usually attend and inform them we are functioning again.

DAILY MASS

Attendees are asked if they could wipe down the seat they sit in after mass. The wipes are on the front pews of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING

After weekend Masses the pews of the Church are steam cleaned. The cleaner is in the priest's sacristy. It takes about 5-10 minutes. After weekday Masses the pews are wiped down where people have been seated.

If you have time after Mass your help in maintaining hygiene would be appreciated.

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

COLLECTIONS

**FIRST (PRIESTS WAGES)
SECOND (RUNNING PARISH)**

- No more collection bags at Mass
- Coins can no longer be accepted
- Direct Debiting is preferred details are

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.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

It was a beautiful summer Sunday in a small southern church, songs had been sung, and the preacher was about to begin his sermon. There was suddenly a loud boom of thunder, and in a bright flash and smell of burning brimstone, Satan appeared at the pulpit. It terrified the congregation, and they began flooding from every door and window. All except one old man on the second row. He sat quietly reading the church bulletin. Satan pondered, this man must be deaf and blind, or surely he would have departed in terror. Satan asks, "Can you see me?" "Yes, of course" replied the old man, still casually reading. "Do you know who I am?" asks Satan. "Certainly" said the man, not even bothering to look up. This angered Satan greatly. "Do you not realize that with the utterance of a single word, I can take your life and condemn you to an eternity in hell?" "Sure" replied old gentleman, now appearing to be a bit bored, but still not looking up from his reading. Satan, now bewildered, asks "If you know who I am, and what I can do to you, why are you not terrified like the rest?" For the first time the old man looked up at Satan and replied "Because I was married to your sister for fifty years, and I figured you were here to get away from her."