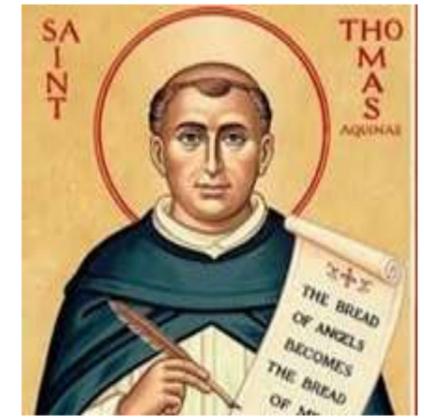




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MASS TIMES: 11 - 17 Jan 21

Monday–Friday 9:30am
Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00 am
Reconciliation
Saturday: 9:00-9:30am
All Sacrament enquiries to 6258 1563

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick:

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

Jessica Russell, Bernard Druett (Darcey Druett's son), Judy Tzakis

Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of:

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Peter Ivory, Phillip Gow, James Watson, John Patrick Howe, Jacob Johnson, Joyce Paten, Christian Reavley, James Howe, Cecilia Wood, John Augustczak, Paul Pistor, Scott Blacker, Terry O'Brien, Cesare DeFranceschi

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

When Thompson hit seventy, he decided to change his lifestyle completely so that he could live longer. He went on a strict diet, he jogged, he swam, and he took sunbaths. In just three months' time, Thompson lost thirty pounds, reduced his waist by six inches, and expended his chest by five inches. Svelte and tan, he decided to top it all off with a sporty new haircut. Afterward, while stepping out of the barbershop, he was hit by a bus.

As he lay dying, he cried out, "God, how could you do this to me?"

And a voice from the heavens responded, "To tell you the truth, Thompson, I didn't recognize you."

COLLECTIONS – NEW OPTION COMING

We are going to install a 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 \$10.00 of which \$7.00 will go to the parish and \$3 to the support of the clergy – the limit will be reviewed later! Thanks for your support.

NEW SCREENS and COMPUTER

We need more operators who will run the slides for mass – music words – and if anyone is really technical we might get you to help set these up for each mass and season. Training is provided the more people able to help the less onerous the task! Year 6 and above can perform this ministry so give it some thought. Thanks

SLIDES FOR MASS

If you would like to learn more about preparing and presenting the slides for Mass, there will be a training session after Mass on Tuesday 19th January in the Community Centre.

RCIA

Will recommence for 2021 on the 4th February at 7:00pm in the Presbytery, if you are enquiring about the Catholic faith please come along.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Will recommence on Sunday 7th February and parents are encouraged to utilise this Liturgy for their children as the numbers have dropped to a point where it is not viable. Your support is needed, tell other parents that it's available!

NO BAPTISMS in JANUARY

If you know of anyone wanting to have their baby baptised tell them to contact the office and we will arrange a time to come and talk to Fr Tom.

LENT

Believe it or not Ash Wednesday is the 17th February 2021. During this season we will be offering a program for home reflection together with some Adult Education Sessions in the Church with a yet to be determined topic.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from 7th-26th January 2021 as Debbie will be on leave.

WORDS FROM HOLY FATHER FRANCES

Since this is part of the entire economy of salvation, we must learn to look upon our weaknesses with tender mercy.

The evil one makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light with tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses, our own frailty. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser (cf. *Rev* 12:10). That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness. Paradoxically, the evil one can also speak the truth to us, yet he does so only to condemn us. We know that God's truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us. That truth always presents itself to us like the merciful father in Jesus' parable (cf. *Lk* 15:11-32). It comes out to meet us, restores our dignity, sets us back on our feet and rejoices for us, for, as the father says: "This my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found" (v.24).

Even though Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were to work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempest of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At Times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.

PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

Lord God, bless Australia, our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light and wellbeing to our nation, to its peoples old and new., May we receive protection from all maladies and healing for those who are sick. May those in our country experiencing illness, isolation and suffering be aware of our tangible support through our prayers and actions. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen

CALL TO CONNECT

Connect with others to pray and share the faith journey. The "Call to Connect" free user friendly starter kits available on email helps this happen. Use Zoom to connect with friends, anywhere or meet in person every 3rd week for prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey. Contact Helene Axelby on 0415 179 470

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.

Mothers Prayers: Every Tuesday after 9:30 am Mass special prayers for your children.

Lectio Divina: 7.30 pm first Wednesday of the month.

Scripture Discussion Group: Friday following 9:30 am Mass during school terms.

COLLECTION DETAILS

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.

ROSTERS FOR 16-17 JANUARY

LITURGY

	6.00pm	9.00am
Minister	Michael	Louise
Servers	Caitlyn, Damyn, Lucas	Grace, Orry, Sisikula
Proclaimers	Brian D, Denis	Sr Colleen, Lisa
Music/Screens	Collette	Kaye

CHILDREN LITURGY: No Children Liturgy-Resumes February 2021

CLEANING 23 JANUARY: Cynthia & Peter Wong, Aurora Lukass, Richard & Anne Cruise

LINEN 17 JANUARY: Vlasta Mrsnik

MORNING TEA 14 FEBRUARY 2021: Gerri Bleaser, Emilija Balog, Zlata Bucat