

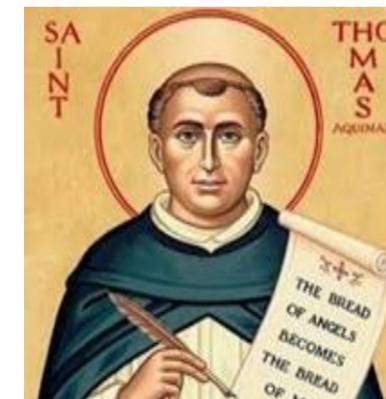
ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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MASS TIMES:

Live Stream Mass is available from St. Christopher's Cathedral Monday—Saturday 12.15pm and Sunday 11am:
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>
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), Peter & Marea Trevaskis, Bernard Tierney, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Judy Tzakis, Margaret Woods

Recently Deceased:

Pray for the Repose of Soul of:

Death Anniversaries:

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL



"Welcome to our church—even though you're sitting in our family pew . . ."

REFLECTION FOR 28th SUNDAY OF YEAR B

One of the things I don't like much is change and, along with that, is not being in control of what happens next and how life is to pan out. The difficulty with both these issues is that in a time like now you have to re-think and re-adjust and inevitably you have to change, sometimes at short notice, and you actually lose control of your destiny.

How do we cope? How do we go forward faced with unsolicited change and loss of control?

Jesus does not condemn the young man in the gospel, nor does he criticise his wealth nor his exemplary maintenance of the law and the rules. He had always tried to live a God-centred life, but his routine prevented him from realising that his vision of life was blurred. Jesus recognised someone who generously shared his riches, but perhaps was less ready to share his heart.

The young man had a niggling sense that he could do more and above what he was doing, otherwise he would not have asked his question of Jesus. What he wasn't prepared for was the answer he received.

To be good on our terms is not necessarily the invitation offered to us to Jesus when he says "Come follow me!"

It is not easy to make changes to accept this invitation, but maybe as a result of the forced changes that we have to face in our own lives, be they economic, health, and career or from any other factor, maybe these allow us to see another way of doing things.

Often these alterations we have to make to adjust to life come easily to us and just present us with a fresh challenge to master, however, the alterations we might be asked to make to follow Jesus might present us with changes which can only be met and accepted by surrender of control and by entering into a very different relationship of trust and faith in God. The way of Jesus involved Him putting absolute trust and faith in the Father as he endured his passion and death, but through it came Resurrection and fullness of life.

Maybe our "passion and death" might also be the avenue to the fullness of life we dream of!

MASS TO RESUME 16-17 OCTOBER 2021

Mass for a limited number of **25 people** will begin on the weekend of the 16-17 October and in order to facilitate as many parishioners as possible getting to mass I propose the following:

- Please indicate by email if you wish to be registered to come to mass charnwood@cg.org.au.
- Could you please also advise people who are not on computers, but who attend mass regularly, that this is open and they need to register by phoning the office during office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday?

I will, for the few weekends where numbers are limited to 25, have extra masses on Saturday afternoon and evening and on Sunday morning. We will allocate a mass to those who are registered, unfortunately we will be only able to accommodate those who register.

The proposed mass times are:

Saturday: 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:00 am and 10:00 am

As stated you will be allocated a mass time and I have no way of changing the time if it is not suitable, it is up to you if you wish to avail yourself of the opportunity.

Can I ask that if you are at your registered mass and you are a reader that you nominate yourself to do the reading for that mass? As there will only be 25 at mass there is no need for an extra-ordinary minister of the Eucharist. There will be no music for any masses just yet.

If you know of people who are unable to come to mass, but who wish to receive communion at home, please nominate yourself to take communion to them.

It will be nice to have you back to celebrate mass with, I have certainly missed you! Weekday masses will also be capped at 25 so you will be asked, on the weekend of mass starting, to register for weekday mass.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office is closed to parishioners however will operate its usual hours and can be contacted by telephone 6258 1563 or email charnwood@cg.org.au.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Archdiocesan Protocols are allowing Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation to be celebrated. If you would like these Sacraments please contact Fr Tom on 0408 623 303.

PARISH WEBSITE DESIGNER WANTED-PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

Are you or anyone you know a Web Designer or is interested in web design and would like to design a new website for St Thomas Aquinas Parish? If you are interested please contact Debbie on 6258 1563 or charnwood@cg.org.au.

ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS COVID-19

Beginning Friday 15th October 2021 ACT Parishes Only

1. Parish Offices Open: 'gradual return to workplace permitted.'
2. Masses: Maximum 25 people permitted, 4sqm rule.
3. Funerals: Maximum 50 people permitted, 4sqm rule.
4. Weddings: Maximum 25 people permitted, 4sqm rule.

Beginning Friday 29 October 2021

5. Indoor Masses: Apply 4sqm rule to a maximum of 100 people.
6. Outdoor Masses: Apply 2qm rule to a maximum of 150 people.
7. Funerals: Apply protocols listed in 5 & 6.
8. Weddings: Apply protocols listed in 5 & 6.

Face Masks are mandatory for those 12 years and over. **Check In CBR** is mandatory.

Liturgical Protocols

- a. *Holy Communion*
 - i. The Body of Christ offered and received, not the Precious Blood.
 - ii. Received in the hand, not on the tongue.
 - iii. Sign of Peace – no touching.
- b. *Music*: Permitted and encouraged.
- c. *Singing*: Permitted.
- d. *Cash Collections*: Encouraged, with touching minimised.

Vaccinated and unvaccinated permitted at Mass

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.