



**Welcome to the Parish of St Thomas Aquinas, West Belconnen  
21st Sunday, Ordinary Time, Year A, 23/24 August 2014**

**Entrance antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Musicians side**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

**Tabernacle side**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

**ALL: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**PARISH CONTACTS, MASS AND OTHER DEVOTIONAL TIMES**

<b>Parish Priest</b> Fr Neville Drinkwater	<b>Church and Parish Centre</b> 23 Lhotsky Street, Charnwood 6258 1563 <b>email:</b> <a href="mailto:charnwood.parish@bigpond.com">charnwood.parish@bigpond.com</a> <b>website:</b> <a href="http://www.stthomasaquinascharnwood.com">www.stthomasaquinascharnwood.com</a>	<b>Mass Times</b> Monday-Friday 9:30am Saturday Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 9:00am
<b>Parish Pastoral Associate</b> Sr Colleen Howe rsj	<b>Young Families</b> Karen Hubbard 6154 1815	<b>Reconciliation</b> Saturday 4:30pm
<b>Family &amp; Friends</b> Rhonda & David Holt, 6258 4416	<b>Parish Safety Committee</b> Verity Whittaker 0402 276 507	<b>Baptism</b> After 9:00am Mass (by appointment only)
<b>PPC Rep</b> Anne Tussup, 6258 8960	<b>Parish School of Religion</b> Denis Hally-Burton 6258 3297	<b>Exposition</b> Friday 5:00-6:00pm in the Church
<b>Care, Prayer &amp; Discussion Groups</b> Sr Colleen, 6258 1563	<b>School Principal</b> Cameron Johns 6258 4077	

**MEETINGS AND PRAYER GROUPS IN PARISH CENTRE OR SCHOOL**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of Monday, 5pm Parish Centre	<b>Mothers' Prayer Group</b> 10:00am Parish Centre	<b>Parish School of Religion</b> 6:30pm during school terms in School library	<b>Prayer &amp; Discussion Group</b> 10:00am Parish Centre

**ROSTERED DUTIES FOR NEXT WEEK**

	6:00PM SAT 30 Aug	9:00AM SUN 31 Aug		
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brian	Tony	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Helen Crane, Joan Gunn
<b>Servers</b>	Stefany, Ionella, Chloe, Christopher	Olivia, Angela Rose, Anjanette, Hayley Flynn	<b>Linen</b>	G. Gough
<b>Extraordinary Mins.</b>	Allan, Verity, Irene	Zlata, Miranda, Jancye	<b>Flowers</b>	R. Berry
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Peter O, Sr Colleen	Fran, Joan	<b>Counting</b>	C&C Harding, S & P Osborne
<b>Music</b>	STA Choir	Volunteer/NMM	<b>Cleaning</b>	Samoan Community
<b>Meal Sat 30/8</b>	Collette McArdle		<b>Morning Tea Sun 7 Sep</b>	Lorraine Marlow and Kitty Backhaus

### Pray for friends who are ill

(Bulletin Editor relies on advice from you or family about adding or deleting names.)

Elizabeth Rose Dallinger (cousin of Cathy & Julie) her mother Margaret Rose and niece Bella Rose, John Bubeare, Aida Guerrero Balon, FJ Laspinas, Denise Steele, Stephen Lean, Pat Ireland, Janet Druett, Di Philip, Heather Carroll, Veronica James and Sr Ann Steenbergen who is to undergo surgery on Thursday.

### Eucharist at Home or Home Visit

Please let us know about anyone unable to attend Mass who wants Holy Communion at home. Also let Sr Colleen or Father Drinkwater know about anyone who is unwell whether in hospital or at home, housebound or would like a visit. Ask the person first; then let us know. Ph. 6258 1563.

### Feast Days

Mon 25	St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz
Wed 27	St Monica
Thu 28	St Augustine
Fri 29	The Passion of St John The Baptist

### Dear Diary ....

#### September

2/9 Choir Practice 7.30 in the Church  
3/9 Lectio Divina  
4/9 Parish Pastoral Council  
5/6/7 Parish Celebration  
7/9 BBQ & Morning Tea after 9.00am Mass  
Wed 24/9 & Thu 25/9 Student Art Exhibition and Performances

### Readings Next Week 30/31 Aug

Jeremiah 20: 7-9  
Psalm 62  
Romans 12: 1-2  
Matthew 16: 21-27

**Shane Dwyer:** Due to sickness Shane's visit was postponed. A rescheduled date will be advertised in due time.

**Lifeline ph: 131114**



Congratulations to Matika Millard, Lucy Rousell, Jasmine Bros and Arpita Reddy who celebrate the reception of their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**Kairos#19**, an Ecumenical, 4 day course in Christian life and teaching, is being held at Goulburn Gaol for some of the inmates, 9-12 Sep inclusive. Brian Hanvin, a Parishioner, is once again on the team. If any parishioner would like to show support for this important Ministry by writing letters of encouragement or providing biscuits and slices, to be consumed during the 4 days, please contact Brian at [bhanvin@bigpond.com](mailto:bhanvin@bigpond.com) or on 62596352 for details. Your prayers for the success of the Course before and during the 4 days would be greatly appreciated.

**Points worth pondering: Who do you say that I am?** Jesus asks his disciples this question in today's Gospel. He asks me the same question. My answer to this question will determine my growth as a Christ person. Christ wants to hear my honest answer.....He will then lead me on a journey of discovery.

### St Thomas Aquinas Parish - 40 Years

On **Sunday 7th September**, we will celebrate 40yrs as a parish and the 25th anniversary of the opening of our Church. The celebration includes 9.00am Mass followed by a BBQ, cutting of the anniversary cake and morning tea. Please let any ex-parishioners know as they may want to join us.

**Breakfast Club:** Do you have half an hour to spare on Wednesday morning? Your help would be greatly appreciated at the school breakfast club which begins at 8.00am.

**Children's Art Exhibition** - the children and school community would like to invite parishioners to join with them in the Exhibition on the evenings of 24 and 25 Sept. The children would like to see parishioner art exhibits too; so if you create art and would like to show it please contact Felix Bleaser on 62583962 or email [fbleaser@netspace.net.au](mailto:fbleaser@netspace.net.au) to arrange your input.

### Calvary Hospital - Fashion

**Fundraiser** Calvary Hospital's staff and auxiliary members will strut their stuff on the catwalk at the Spring Fashion Parade. The event will be held at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Phillip on Sat 30 Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm. The cost, including a light supper, is \$60 a head or \$500 for a table of 10. Tickets are available from Daphne Ashley on 0407 835 846 or Tony Steer on 6259 9676.

### The "ACU Human Virtues" Series #2 at Guinness & God: Tues 2 Sep "Courage" What does it really mean to walk the Christian journey?

The Human Virtues series is an opportunity to learn about living out the Christian journey as we break open the four Cardinal Virtues of courage, prudence, justice and temperance. The event is at King O'Malley's Irish Pub in Civic. Dinner from 6.30pm, talk starting at 7.30pm. Join us for live music and a talk from Archbishop Christopher Prowse with the opportunity for Q&A!

### Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy

- Pauline Fathers Monastery "Penrose Park" near Berrima **Sat 13 September** for Fatima Day. Coach departs from: Woden Interchange, Platform 18 7.00am - Holy Trinity Church, Curtin 7.10am and St Joseph's Church, O'Conner 7.30am. For Bookings: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202.

