



**Welcome to the Parish of St Thomas Aquinas, West Belconnen
23rd Sunday, Ordinary Time, Year A, 6/7 September 2014**

Entrance antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Musicians side

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Tabernacle side

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

All: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good New of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Communion antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PARISH CONTACTS, MASS AND OTHER DEVOTIONAL TIMES

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

MEETINGS AND PRAYER GROUPS IN PARISH CENTRE OR SCHOOL

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

ROSTERED DUTIES FOR NEXT WEEK

	6:00PM SAT 13 Sept	9:00AM SUN 14 Sept		
Acolyte	Soakai	Luka	Children's Liturgy	S.Purcell, K.Walsh-Smith
Servers	Josh & Nic Mattress, Kane & Caitlyn Smith	Eleanor Cocks, Luke Wyche, Jacob Williams, Jocelyn Moore	Linen	A. Gadzinski
Extraordinary Mins.	Helen, Verity, Maria	Marea, Helene, Irene	Flowers	J. Schranz
Proclaimers	Rita, Brian	Michael Co, Jancye	Counting	K.Bachaus, K&J Radovanovic W Fitzpatrick
Music	RTD	Pam	Cleaning	H.Axelby, F.Freeman, D.Chaston, B. Dal Piva
Meal Sat 13/9	C. Benassi			

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, Sr Ann Steenbergen, Paul Trevaskis (Peter's brother), Natasha Linard and Herman Sander.



Anne & Tom Tussup would like to invite parishioners to come and join in the Celebration of Marriage of their youngest daughter Carla-Maree to Mato Babic on Saturday 13 Sep at 2.30pm

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 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 9	St Peter Claver
Fri 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Sat 13	St John Chrysostom

Dear Diary ... September

7/9 BBQ & Morning Tea after 9.00am Mass

Upcoming event

Wed 24/9 & Thu 25/9
Student Art Exhibition and Performances

Readings Next Week 13/14 Sept

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 77

St Paul to Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Lifeline phone 131114



Congratulations to Evan Barac, Holly Benning, and Angus Murray who celebrate the reception of First Holy Communion this weekend.

Fathers' Day - we wish all the dads in the parish a very happy Fathers' day. May God bestow on you His special blessings today and always.

Points worth pondering:

St Thomas Aquinas Parish -

Celebration Time: It is great to celebrate the 40th year of the foundation of our parish and the 25th year of our lovely Church. We have had much to give thanks to God for over the past forty years and we offer a special 'thank you' to Fr Drinkwater under whose leadership we have arrived at this happy day.

National Child Protection Week

Margaret Hourigan will be presenting a Parent Information Evening in the school Library on Mon 8th Sep 7-8:30pm. Parents, grandparents and other extended family are most welcome. The Theme of the talk is about strategies we can teach our children to help them keep themselves safe, because we can't be with them all the time.

Breakfast Club - we have had a great response to our request to help out each Wednesday morning. Thank you. Sr Colleen

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 Bleeser on 62583962 or email fbleeser@netspace.net.au to arrange your input.

Ladies Morning Tea/Breakfast

Saturday 20th Sept. @ 9.30
Injoy @ Federation Square
contact Pauline Hally-Burton
62583297

Annual Father's Day Appeal – Collection for Retired Priests:
The Appeal will be held at all Masses this weekend. Donations are tax deductible. Please be generous.

Marymead Foster Care Information

Seminar - there are over 700 children in out of home care in Canberra. Can you help just one? Come along to the Marymead Foster Care Information Seminar on Saturday 20 September at Marymead, 255 Goyder Street Narrabundah, 12:30pm – 4:30pm. Hear Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Children & Young People, Dr Judy Bragg, Foster Carers and many other guest speakers. Register your interest by 15 September, email fcinfo@marymead.org.au or phone Amy Tulloh on (02) 61625800. A light lunch will be served and children are more than welcome.

Amicus, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2014 at the Queanbeyan RSL Bowling Club for Dinner, music & dancing on Sat 13 Sept at 7.00pm. To join us please call Doug on 0402 006 590.

Explosion 2014 - Youth Conference 30 Sept - 3 Oct - An Archdiocesan Youth Conference for young people aged 13-18 to be held at St Francis Xavier College, Florey. It is an awesome opportunity to have a break during the school holidays. Get to know more about yourself, others and God. The event is jam-packed with games, dramas, recreation time, sport, prayer, Mass, Reconciliation, good food, live music, testimonies, and talks. There's plenty of free time, with movies, sport, scheduled activities, or sit back in a cafe. Registrations are filling up! Contact us at 6163 4300 or email info@explosionconference.org.au

Foreign Coinage: Foreign coins are of no monetary value to either Father or the parish. It would be helpful if these were not put into the collection bags.

Points to ponder:

When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine..... in HIS own time and HIS own way.