

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Fifth Sunday of Lent
6 April 2025

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday:

Vigil (Saturday) 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Weekdays:

St Thomas Aquinas CHARNWOOD

Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am

St John the Apostle KIPPAX

Monday & Friday 9.30am

Both Parishes Tuesday 9:30am

: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Reconciliation:

Saturday 5-5.30pm

Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month

NEW PARISHIONERS BOOK

New parishioners are invited to record your name and contact email address in the "New Parishioners" book located in the church foyer. The parish office will then send you a registration form and information about the parish.

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish

is an inclusive, safe and respectful parish which is committed to the protection and support of children, young people and the vulnerable in the community.

Safeguarding Officer: Margie Hourigan
charnwood.safeguarding@cg.org.au

Parish Vision

The Parish of St Thomas Aquinas seeks to maintain a strong, joyful, welcoming community. We strive to deepen our faith and spirituality, as individuals and as a community. We will live our faith more fully by carrying the message of the Gospel to all.

PARISH GROUPS

Mens Scripture Discussion Group

Wednesday following 9:30 am Mass.

Open Scripture Discussion Group

Thursday following 9:30am Mass.

Latte with Our Lady

Rosary outside Charcoal Chicken every first Saturday of the month at 10:15 am. Praying for renewal and safety in our parish with coffee and a chat. Contact Julie 0412 337 367.

Adoration & Exposition of Blessed

Sacrament 5.30-6.30 pm every Thursday. All parishioners are invited to come and spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

COLLECTION DETAILS

Collection During Mass There is one collection during Mass at the time of the Offertory.

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.

Direct Debit forms available by contacting office.

Electronic Funds Transfer Bank account details are available on the website, or by contacting the office.

ROSTERS

	Sat 6pm 12 Apr	Sun 9am 13 Apr
Acolyte	Peter	Stephen
Servers	Andrea, Natalia	Nicholas, Aditya
Communion Minister	Brian D, Fran	Margie H, Lian
Readers	Richard, Penny	Tanya, Leo
Music/Screen	Recorded/ Collette	Recorded/ Josh
Children's Liturgy	13 April Natasha O, Anne M	
Morning Tea 13 April	Irene Daly, Marg Ellis, Sybil Gately	



Prayers For the Sick & Deceased

For the Sick

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

Maida Kajkic, Frederick Nield, Tom Roberts, Carolyn Holloway, Susie Purcell, Bernard Tierney, Christine Greenwood, David Holt, Neil Ffrench, Michael Pitt

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Frank Tighe, Teresea Cao, Levi Dadd, Frank Boyle, Beryl Daly, Chlap Wilhelm, Mary Murphy, Paul Pham, James Tran, Muriel Thomson, Fr. John Butz, Angela Hillis, Leo Wyche, Johanne Elliott, Veronica Hughes, Hermon Sanders, Lena Rankin, David Callanan, Pamela White, Marjorie Brett, Jim Howe, Sonia Rivas, Emmalea Klaassen, Mel Rowbotham, John Bizjak, Betty Dowthwaite, Daniel Julyan, Marlene Walls, Felix Castillo, Des Howe, Pitt Family, Aurora Clayton, Colin Brewer, Joy Danaher, Denis Hally-Burton

Deceased are listed in the Memorial Book at the back of the Church contact the parish office if you would like names added. Please provide dates.



2025 JUBILEE YEAR
Pilgrims of Hope



"And hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5)

Heart Spirituality

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Mary, we understand more than ever the inestimable part you play in the work of our redemption and the importance of your mediation in applying its fruits to us.

Never perhaps have we understood so clearly
The basis for your all-powerful intercession,
Of your love for us,

And your role as Queen over us.

And so we understand the validity of your title,

Our Lady of the Sacred heart,
that expresses the meaning
Of these sublime privileges!

This title means that Mary
is *our* Queen, *our* Mother
and consequently *Our Lady*;

It means that the graces she gives us
come from the Heart of Jesus,

who has been pleased to put into her hands
all the treasures of his mercy.

And all these prerogatives
arise from her cooperation
in the work of our salvation

Jules Chevalier msc,
OLSH, P. 159. Issoudun.

Pilgrims of Hope

Jesus is now waiting for you to give him the chance to bring light to your life, to raise you up and to fill you with his strength. Before his death, he assured his disciples, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me" (Jn 14:18-19). Jesus always finds a way to be present in your life, so that you can encounter him.

Pope Francis, *Dilexit Nos* #38

On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Second Rite of Reconciliation

St. Matthew's Page at 7.00 pm on 15 April

Lenten Boat Retreat

Tuesday 8 April | 1:30PM-5:00PM

Join Fr Troy this lent on a unique experience on Lake Burley Griffin. Come away for a few hours and be transported to the very heart of Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching on a short and prayerful cruise.

Cost \$65 per person - to register

<https://forms.gle/4zUH3GQuFvyGJS0Y7>

or contact Jovina on 62429622 or

office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au.



YCS BELCONNEN

6 April

After Sunday Mass

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Year groups 7 – 12 are welcome

Join us for games, praise, prayer, food and social justice

INVITATION

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Next gathering: Friday 11 April

Christmas Gathering

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

MenAlive Recharge

When: Saturday 24 May (2.00pm to 5.30pm) followed by rosary, Mass and a shared meal

Where: Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden, 115 Hodgson Cres, Pearce

Cost: Nothing. Let's come together, renew our faith, and encourage one another to respond to the great need.

Contact Mat at 0438446489 or Fr Emil at 0414 523 036.



PALM SUNDAY

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13 April 2025

Mass times:

6:00pm Saturday Vigil

9:00am Sunday

Palm Sunday Rally: Say Yes to Refugees

Sunday 13 April 2025

Vinnies supports refugees and asylum seekers still stuck on temporary visas for a decade.

Thousands can't seek our permanent protection in a fair and timely way. Join Vinnies to call for an end to this injustice at 1pm on Sunday 13 April in Civic Square.

Anglican Bishop Mark Short and a Canberra refugee will speak at the rally.

Tim.Mckenna@vinnies-cg.org.au



HOLY WEEK

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday 17 April – 7:00pm

Altar of Repose will finish at 9:00pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday 18 April - 3:00pm

The Easter Vigil

Saturday 19 April – 7:00pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 20 April– 9:00am

Vacancies at

Supported Independent Homes

At Marymead CatholicCare, there are currently vacancies in two of our residential Supported Independent Living homes within the NDIS CHOICES Program, supporting and empowering people with disabilities, including: a modern home in Kambah for supported independent living, sharing with two friendly, mature individuals; and Dorothy Sales Cottages in Hughes specifically designed for individuals with acquired brain injury. Contact our CHOICES and Aged Care number at 6163 7647. rohan.kulkarni@mccg.org.au

REFLECTION

Restored Dignity and a New Start

Imagine being caught in your worst mistake, dragged into the public eye, and made to stand before a crowd eager to condemn. The woman in the Gospel experiences this humiliation as she is brought before Jesus, accused of adultery. But instead of looking at her with judgment, Jesus does something unexpected—he bends down and writes in the dirt.

This simple gesture speaks volumes. By not immediately responding to the accusers or staring at the woman in her shame, Jesus refuses to participate in their game of power and condemnation. He removes himself from the drama of judgment and instead creates space for something deeper to unfold.

Then, as the accusers leave one by one, Jesus finally looks up at the woman. For perhaps the first time in her life, she is met not with scorn but with respect. He does not define her by her past mistakes. Instead, he acknowledges her dignity and offers her a fresh start: *"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."*

This encounter reminds us that Jesus does not see us as the sum of our failures. How often do we, like the crowd, rush to judgment—on others and even on ourselves? How often do we hold onto shame, believing our past defines us? Jesus invites us to step out of that cycle. He calls us to recognize our own imperfections, to let go of condemnation, and to embrace the dignity of every person—including ourselves.

In our daily lives, we can follow Jesus' example in simple but profound ways. When someone stumbles, we can offer understanding instead of judgment. When we are tempted to define others by their past, we can choose to see their potential for renewal. And when we feel burdened by our own mistakes, we can remember that Jesus always offers us a way forward.

Today, may we receive and extend the same grace that Jesus gave to the woman—a grace that restores dignity, lifts us up, and gives us the courage to begin again.

Based on, *Gospel Focus*, by Greg Sunter

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.