

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
13 April 2025

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.

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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.

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 19 Apr	Sun 9am 20 Apr
Acolyte	Michael	Gavin
Servers	Easter Vigil	Robert, Melinda
Communion Minister	Easter Vigil	Trish, Cathy
Readers	Easter Vigil	Charles, Sr Colleen
Music/Screen	Bev & Choir/ Skye	Recorded/ Eden
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	
Morning Tea 11 May	Joan Gunn, Lian Kiley, Nathalie Lang	



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: David Jesudason

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.

Heart Spirituality

No knowledge without love

God is our model.

He knows himself and, knowing himself, loves himself. This constitutes his inner life. It is necessarily true also regarding us and all intelligent creatures. Love without knowledge is impossible; knowledge without love is a disorder.

When science does not produce love, it goes wrong; it is a flower without fruit. This disorder is the more serious because it touches the deepest part of our being, the most essential feature of our similarity with God.

Above all, science should produce love of God. Isn't science the knowledge of the causes of things? But God is the ultimate cause: he made all things; he made them for himself; and he found the models for them in himself.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 330., Paris 1900

Pilgrims of Hope

The dignity of every person

By associating with the lowest ranks of society (cf. Mt. 25:31-46), "Jesus brought the great novelty of recognising the dignity of every person, especially those who were considered 'unworthy'. This new principle in human history – which emphasises that individuals are even more 'worthy' of our respect and love when they are weak, scorned, or suffering, even to the point of losing the human 'figure' – has changed the face of the world. It has given life to institutions that take care of those who find themselves in disadvantaged conditions, such as abandoned infants, orphans, the elderly who are left without assistance, the mentally ill, people with incurable diseases or severe deformities, and those living on the streets.

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us*, #170

CHRISM MASS Monday
14 April 5.00pm

St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest
Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese for this most beautiful Holy Week Mass. It is in this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

Thank You...

..... *From Daryl Murphy*.....

Thank you to those people who provided me with Mass transport over the last two weeks. Your help and support were greatly appreciated as was your great generosity. Thank you, all.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Formation Evening for parents
Monday 28 April
7:00pm – 8:30pm
St John the Apostle Parish Centre
kipfax@cg.org.au

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The parish office will be closed
Wednesday 7 May

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.

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RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Second Rite of Reconciliation

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



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

Catholic Connect **Wednesday 16 April** **5:30PM-7:00PM**

The ANU Catholic Society is excited to announce a new networking and mentorship program for Catholic students, graduates, and young professionals in Canberra. We are currently looking for Catholic professionals who are interested in volunteering as mentors. Information Session: Wednesday 16 April, 5:30-7:00PM at John XXIII College, ANU for those interested. Contact: anucathsoc@gmail.com

REFLECTION

One with the Lost

The Gospel of Luke presents Jesus as one who not only stands with the poor, the outcast, and the forgotten—but as one who becomes one with them. From the very beginning, his birth is announced not to kings or scholars, but to lowly shepherds.

Throughout his ministry, he eats with sinners, welcomes the rejected, and tells stories that lift up the lost and the least. And in his final moments, he dies the death of a criminal, hanging between two others condemned by society.

At the crucifixion, Jesus' solidarity with the outcasts reaches its most powerful expression. He is abandoned, mocked, and executed by those in power. Yet even in his suffering, he remains true to his mission of mercy. He prays for his executioners: "*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.*" He offers hope to the repentant criminal beside him: "*Today you will be with me in paradise.*" Even in death, Jesus sees and cares for those who have been cast aside.

This gospel speaks directly to our lives today. How often do we encounter people who are overlooked, judged, or dismissed—perhaps in our workplaces, our communities, or even within our own families? Jesus challenges us to see those on the margins, not just with pity, but with the same love and solidarity he showed. He calls us to sit with the lonely, to listen to the unheard, and to stand with those who suffer injustice.

At times, we may also feel like the outcast, weighed down by our struggles, failures, or rejection. But the crucified Jesus assures us that we are never alone. He knows what it is to be abandoned and broken, and yet his love remains. His presence in our suffering is not distant but deeply personal—offering us hope, even in the darkest moments.

As we reflect on the passion of Christ, may we be inspired to follow his example—to reach out to those in need, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to trust that even in suffering, love has the final word.

Based on, Scriptural context – One with the lost, by Greg Sunter

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my people
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, children of Israel.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.