

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord
20 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
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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 3 May	Sun 9am 4 May
Acolyte	Adam	Rod
Servers	Andrea, Natalia	Volunteers?
Communion Minister	Alan, Brian D	Margie H, Skye
Readers	Annaliese, Fran	Pauline, Irene
Music/Screen	Recorded / Patrick	Bev & Choir / 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:

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

Woman, behold your son

Let us go together to Calvary. It is at the foot of the cross, in sorrow and anguish, that the title *Mother of the Human Race* will be solemnly conferred. It is there that Mary, in unspeakable torment, gives birth to us in the life of grace and truly becomes our Mother.

Jesus, nailed on the tree of salvation, looks down tenderly on his mother and says: Woman behold your Son. And looking then at Saint John: Behold your Mother. He means: O woman blessed among all women, the true mother of all the living, you who are the new Adam I invest you with a new motherhood; I associate you with the work of redemption.

Jules Chevalier msc

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, p. 165 Issoudun

Pilgrims of Hope

You are God's Instrument

In contemplating the pierced heart of the Lord, who "took our infirmities and bore our diseases" (Mt. 8:17), we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love. As we meditate on Christ's self-offering for the sake of all, we are naturally led to ask why we too should not be ready to give our lives for others: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and that we ought to lay down our lives for one another" (1 Jn. 3:16).

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us*, #171

Thank you

To all the Acolytes, Lectors, ministers of communion, choir members and others who volunteered their time to assist with the celebration of the Easter Liturgies.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

50th Reunion - Class of 1975.

A reunion will be held on the weekend of 18 October 2025 for students from **Catholic Girls High School Braddon** and **Daramalan College**, who finished Year 12 in 1975 (including those from that group who finished before Year 12). Several activities are planned over the weekend, with the main event on Saturday evening 18th. To RSVP, please use one of the event channels:

email: CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com or Facebook: Daramalan College Alumni group; Merici College Alumni group; or Dara - Braddon 1975 group
Spread the word to your classmates!

Cathedral Masses live-streamed during Holy Week

- **Chrism Mass:** Monday 14 April at 5.00pm
<https://www.youtube.com/live/uWSjY0QwH1c>
- **Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Thursday 17 April at 7.30
https://www.youtube.com/live/jq_weTXyUTU
- **Good Friday – Passion of the Cross:** Friday 18 April at 3pm
<https://www.youtube.com/live/rlooJ4yNF74>
- **Easter Vigil:** Saturday 19 April at 7.30pm
<https://www.youtube.com/live/4A78QhogTEA>

Easter Sunday:

Sunday 20 April at 11am

<https://www.youtube.com/live/QMkhv1fJnWc>

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.

Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians Pilgrimage Place

MHOC Parish South Woden becomes an official pilgrimage place for the Jubilee year on May 24, the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians. To celebrate Fr Emil will give a special blessing & anointing prayer after the Saturday and Sunday Masses and two events have been planned for the weekend

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed
Wednesday 7 May

REFLECTION

Mary Magdalene: A Witness to Hope

Mary Magdalene plays a crucial role in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection. She is among the few who remain at the foot of the cross, she is the first to discover the empty tomb, and she is the first to encounter the risen Christ. Yet, despite her prominence in the resurrection story, history has often misrepresented her—wrongly identifying her as a sinner or prostitute, a label she never bore in the Gospels.

Mary's story speaks to something many of us experience: being misunderstood, misjudged, or having our true identity overshadowed by what others assume about us. How often do we carry labels placed on us by others—labels that do not define who we truly are? Mary Magdalene's story reminds us that our worth is not determined by human judgment, but by how God sees us. Jesus does not see Mary through the distorted lens of history; he sees her as faithful, courageous, and worthy of being the first witness to the resurrection.

Her encounter at the empty tomb also speaks to the reality of grief and uncertainty. Mary comes seeking Jesus but finds only emptiness and confusion. How often do we, in moments of loss or change, struggle to make sense of what is before us? Yet, even in that darkness, resurrection is at work. Mary will soon encounter the risen Christ, and her sorrow will turn to joy.

Like Mary, we are called to be witnesses of hope. When we face moments of doubt or struggle, we can trust that God is working in ways we may not yet understand. And just as Jesus entrusted Mary with the good news of his resurrection, we, too, are called to share that hope—with our families, our communities, and all those who long for the assurance that new life is possible.

May we learn from Mary Magdalene's faithfulness and courage, knowing that our past does not define us, our struggles do not have the final word, and in Christ, hope is always being renewed.

*Based on, Historical Context –
Mary Magdalene, by Greg Sunter*



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.
Let the family of Israel say:
'His love endures for ever.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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