

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Second Sunday of Easter

27 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
Children's Liturgy	11 May Skye P, Anne M	
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

Friendship with God

Our heart has not only the need to love; it experiences also the need to be loved. Where shall we turn to find a true friend into whose heart we can pour what is overflowing in ours? To whom can we confide our most intimate secrets? Jesus Christ has a keen desire to be our friend, so let us turn him, making him our friend. How precious his friendship is! We can count on his fidelity; he will never fail us, not even when we are in the midst of trials. God is a sincere friend.

Jesus Christ makes not exceptions of persons. No matter what our talents, not matter where we may be or what may have happened to us, his friendship will always be genuine. His Heart will always be open to receive us, to lavish his love upon us.

Jules Chevalier msc
Meditations 1, p. 414f., Issoudun 1891.

Pilgrims of Hope

Fulfilment is found in Love

Whenever a person thinks, questions and reflects on his or her true identity, strives to understand the deeper questions of life and to seek God, or experiences the thrill of catching a glimpse of truth, it leads to the realisation that our fulfilment as human beings is found in love. In loving, we sense that we come to know the purpose and goal of our existence in this world. Everything comes together in a state of coherence and harmony. It follows that, in contemplating the meaning of our lives, perhaps the most decisive question we can ask is, "Do I have a heart?"

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us*, #23

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed
Wednesday 7 May

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Frs. Tru and Chung will be attending a gathering at Douglas Park from
Monday 5 to Friday 9 May.

There will be a liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 9:30am for the week in both parishes.

St John the Apostle Kippax
Monday, Tuesday and Friday

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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

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.

MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1st Friday of every month ■

St John the Apostle parish Kippax

9:30am

2 May 2024

Sacred Heart Devotion



The heart is the centre of our being, and the seat of our emotions and love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes his great love for humanity. Jesus initiated this devotion out of his great love for us.

**Thursday Night before 1st Friday
Prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament
Gethsemane Thursday
1 May 7:30 – 8:30pm**



YCS BELCONNEN

7 May

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

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.

REFLECTION

Blessed Are Those Who Believe

The story of Thomas is one many of us can relate to. He wanted proof—something tangible to hold onto before he could fully believe in the risen Jesus. His doubt was not defiance, but an honest longing for certainty. When Jesus appears and invites Thomas to touch his wounds, Thomas responds with a profound declaration of faith: “My Lord and my God!”

But then comes Jesus’ words that echo through the centuries: “You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” (John 20:29) This is a message not just for the early Christians, but for all of us today. We have not physically seen Jesus, yet we are invited to trust in his presence and his promises.

Faith is not always easy. Like Thomas, we may wrestle with questions, doubts, and uncertainties. We may long for a clear sign of God’s presence, especially in times of hardship or suffering. Yet Jesus reassures us that belief is not about having all the answers—it is about trusting in the unseen, holding onto hope even when we do not fully understand.

We experience Christ’s presence in many ways: in the kindness of others, in moments of unexpected grace, in the deep peace that comes through prayer. Sometimes faith is not about certainty but about the willingness to remain open—to keep searching, questioning, and trusting that God is at work in our lives.

Jesus’ blessing on “those who have not seen and yet believe” is not a rebuke of Thomas but an encouragement for us. It reminds us that our faith, even when imperfect, is seen and valued by God. It assures us that belief is not about having all the evidence but about being open to encounter Christ in new and unexpected ways.

As we reflect on this passage, let us find encouragement in Jesus’ words. Let us embrace both our faith and our doubts, knowing that Christ meets us where we are. And may we, like Thomas, come to recognize him as “My Lord and my God” in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our lives.

Based on: *Have you thought? – Does he mean us?*, by Greg Sunter

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
His love is everlasting

Let the family of Israel say:
‘His love endures for ever.’
Let the family of Aaron say:
‘His love endures for ever.’
Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love endures for ever.’ **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is the one who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have
seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still
believe!
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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