

# St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Easter  
4 May 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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 10 May	Sun 9am 11 May
Acolyte	Gavin	Michael
Servers	Aditya, Jonathan	Grace, Maeve
Communion Minister	Cathy, Brian H	Terry, Josh
Readers	Penny, Tanya	Megan W, John C
Music/Screen	Recorded / Collette	Recorded / Peter j
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, Neil Ffrench, Michael Pitt

**Recently Deceased:** David Holt

### Anniversaries

*We remember in prayer all those who have died.*

Nora Tighe, Terence Gaynor, Robert Pate, Adelaide Giurgola, Peter Clubb, Diane Philip, Ada Tendli, Hilary hally-Burton, Cyril Thornton, Dorothy Towse, Bernadette McGrath, Magdalen Pistor, Aldo Girrorola, Malcolm Digby, Brian Boylan, Virginia Agostinis, Agnes Fisher, Mary Blewitt, Jeffrey Culnane, Joan Kennedy, John O'Donnell, John Maher, Ronald Giurgola, James Maher, Peter Fogarty, Anthony Wade, Rosemary Littlewood, Leila Kurian, Tom Howe, Marjorie Mitchell, Clare Maher, Joseph Biedrzycki

*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

## Holy Communion

God is love, says the beloved disciple. God proved this by creation, but more so by the mysteries of his life and death.

He never showed it more forcibly than in the institution of the Blessed Eucharist, for he summed up all his marvels in this divine sacrament, "making it a memorial of his marvels".

Since a self-giving love wants to be repaid only by love, I shall go to this holy table, pouring out my gratitude and I shall say to Jesus: Come, dwell in my heart. Purify it by your presence and make it holy. Kindle in it the fire of your love. My heart is yours; make it love you ever more and more.

Jules Chevalier msc  
St Ignace Retraite, p.95., Issoudun 1904.

## Pilgrims of Hope

### The Infinite in the Finite

Entering into the heart of Christ, we feel loved by a human heart filled with affections and emotions like our own. Jesus' human will freely chooses to love us, and that spiritual love is flooded with grace and charity. When we plunge into the depths of his heart, we find ourselves overwhelmed by the immense glory of his infinite love as the eternal Son, which we can no longer separate from his human love. It is precisely in his human love, and not apart from it, that we encounter his divine love: we discover "the infinite in the finite".

Pope Francis, *Dilexit Nos: He Loved Us, #67*  
*On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*



## Penrose Park Jubilee Pilgrimage:

**Saturday 7 June 2025:**

Join the North Canberra Catholic Community for a day dedicated to prayer, reflection, and encounter. Please register your interest with Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com. A bus will depart ACU Watson Campus at 8.30am and return at 4pm.

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### **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

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### **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.

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### **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.

## Sacrament of Confirmation:

*The children of the parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented to the parish at the masses this weekend. The children will hand their prayer cards to parishioners asking them to pray for them.*

*The Sacrament will be celebrated on Friday 6 June at 6:00pm*

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
Cause his face to shine on you and have mercy on you.

Turn his countenance to you and give you peace.

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### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The parish office will be closed  
Wednesday 7 May

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### **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

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**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

## REFLECTION

### Flawed and Loved

In the gentle morning light by the Sea of Tiberias, we witness a scene thick with silence, exhaustion, and failure. Peter and the other disciples have fished all night and caught nothing. It is a familiar image — human effort coming up short. It's especially poignant for Peter, the one who once walked on water but also denied knowing Jesus. He's back where he began: fishing. Perhaps, in his mind, he has disqualified himself from anything more.

And then, Jesus appears — not with rebuke, but with breakfast.

The risen Christ calls out from the shore, offers guidance, and their empty nets overflow. He tends not only to their physical hunger but to their wounded hearts. In this quiet moment, Jesus prepares Peter not with a sermon, but with the smell of bread and fish on a charcoal fire — a sensory echo of the fire by which Peter had denied him. Jesus is re-creating the moment, not to shame Peter, but to redeem it.

What hope lies in Jesus' selection of Peter, so deeply flawed? All of it.

Peter is not chosen despite his failure, but in some mysterious way, because of it. In his denial, Peter met his own limits. In his grief, he discovered humility. And in this encounter, he discovers something greater: mercy.

Jesus does not look for spotless perfection. He looks for hearts that are open, even if they are broken. His Church will be built not on unshakable strength but on love tested by failure and restored by grace.

This gives us profound hope. Whatever our regrets, mistakes, or wounds, we are not written off. In fact, we are the very ones Jesus calls. Like Peter, we are invited to cast our nets again, to feed his sheep, to follow him — not because we are perfect, but because we are loved.

Jesus' breakfast by the sea is an invitation: to bring him our empty nets, our weary hearts, and to believe that with him, failure is never the end of the story.

*Based on: Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** I will praise you, Lord,  
For you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the  
dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into  
the grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour all  
through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with  
dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into  
dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people.  
Alleluia!

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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