

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



WEEKLY BULLETIN

The Epiphany of the Lord
5 January 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:

Wednesday & Thursday	9.30am
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Reconciliation:

Saturday	5-5.30pm
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Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month

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.

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 GROUPS

Open Scripture Discussion Groups

Wednesday following 9:30 am Mass.
Friday following 9:30 am Mass during school terms.

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 11 Jan	Sun 9am 12 Jan
Acolyte	Rod	Maria
Servers	Volunteers?	Robert, Melinda
Communion Minister	Brian D, Fran	Margie, Skye
Readers	Pauline, Irene	Annaliese, Sr Colleen
Music/Screen	Double J	Recorded / Patrick
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	
Morning Tea	Kay Radovanovic, Trish Blacker, 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: Raymond Porter

Anniversaries

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Peter Ivory, James Watson, Jacob Johnson, Christian Reavley, Cecilia Wood, John Augustczak, Scott Blacker, Phillip Gow, John Patrick Howe, James Howe, Joyce Paten, Collen Haigh, Paul Pistor, Terry O'Brien, Cesare DeFranceschi, Scott Blacker, Maria Tran, Steve Axelby, Dawn Merrill, Cecilia Wood, John Verrell

Deceased are listed in the Memorial Book at the back of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

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. 159f Issoudun

Stewardship

The Light of Christ

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honour and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

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WEEKDAY MASSES
ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH KIPPAX &
ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
CHARNWOOD

As of 1 January 2025, weekday masses will be celebrated at 9:30am as outlined below:

Monday	Kippax
Tuesday	Liturgy of the Word Kippax
Wednesday	Charnwood
Thursday	Charnwood
Friday	Kippax

Anointing of the Sick outside of Mass will take place at Kippax on the last Friday of the month.

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Register your interest for your child/children for the 2025 Sacramental Program.



Use the QR Code to register.

Registration Night details will be advised soon

For students in Year 3 and 4 for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist and Year 6 for the Sacrament of Confirmation

For students attending non catholic schools who have not received these Sacraments from Year 3-6

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will recommence on Thursday 23 January.



4/5 Jan Sat/Sun	The Feast of the Epiphany
27 Jan Mon	Australia Day Public Holiday

Children's Liturgy **urgently seeking volunteers**

We are one of the few churches in the area lucky enough to have a liturgy for children during our Sunday morning mass. The liturgy sessions are run by volunteers, a leader and a helper - the liturgy used is from the Brisbane Diocese, they provide songs, a cartoon story of the gospel, prayers and an activity - it's all prepared and ready to go. Suits parents of young children, teachers, parents of older children, active grandparents and older teens.

Volunteers must hold a current working with vulnerable people card and willing to sign the STA code of conduct forms if not already done so. We have lost a number of volunteers, and people currently on the roster are feeling stretched. Please pray on this if you can assist, otherwise we will have to go to a monthly session.

Please email/text or speak to Megan Winter, meganewinter@yahoo.com.au and 0408662924, by the last week of January if you think this is something you can spare some time for.

INTRODUCTORY CPE COURSE

Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online using Zoom by the Southern Tablelands CPE Centre, a registered Centre with the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education Inc. This short 40-hour course will comprise of six sessions each. Commencing on January 29, 30, February 5,6 & 12, 13, 2025.

For more information please contact Barbara Hall [at barbarahall1909@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahall1909@gmail.com) or phone: **0418 413 731**

Part-time Parish Secretary

Part-Time Parish Secretary position for North Woden. This is a part-time permanent position (Monday 9am to 3.30pm, Wednesday 9am to 4.30pm and Friday 9am to 3.30pm). Details available from parish office at woden.north@cg.org.au

REFLECTION

An Encounter with Jesus

The story of the Magi is rich with symbolism and invites us to reflect deeply on the transformative power of encountering Jesus. The Magi, travellers from distant lands, begin their journey with purpose and determination, following a star that beckons them toward the unknown. They come seeking the "king of the Jews," a title laden with both political and spiritual significance. Yet, the one they find is not in a palace but in the simplicity of a humble home, a child lying in the arms of Mary.

Their encounter with Jesus changes everything. Kneeling before the child, they offer their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—expressions of their recognition of his kingship, divinity, and the mystery of his future suffering. But the greatest gift exchanged in that moment is not the treasures they give but the transformation they receive. They leave not only by a different route but as different people, inwardly renewed by the profound mystery of Emmanuel—God with us.

This transformation of the Magi invites us to consider our own encounters with Jesus. How often do we, like them, set out seeking meaning, answers, or direction, only to find our expectations upended by the humility and simplicity of God's presence? The Magi remind us that genuine encounters with Jesus—whether in prayer, scripture, the Eucharist, or the people and events of our daily lives—demand a response. We cannot remain unchanged.

To "go home by a different way" is to allow our lives to be reshaped by God's grace. It may mean a shift in priorities, a new openness to others, or a deeper awareness of God's call. It may involve letting go of fears and embracing trust in the face of uncertainty, as the Magi did when they defied Herod's orders.

Their story also challenges us to discern what "home" truly means. For the Magi, home was not just a geographical place but a state of being, now illuminated by the presence of Christ. Their journey reminds us that our ultimate home is found in communion with God, and every encounter with Christ draws us closer to that reality.

Based on: Gospel Focus – Going home, by Greg Sunter

RESPONSORIAL PLASM

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. .

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my Saviour. *R.*

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. *R.*

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who
revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant. *R.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

And profess your Resurrection

Until you come again.