

LITURGY

PRAYER

SACRAMENTS

MASS TIMES

Weekend:	Saturday Vigil:	6:00pm
	Sunday:	9:00am
Weekdays:	Wednesday	9:30am
	Thursday	9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday 9:30am

BAPTISMS

2nd Sunday of the month during the
9:00am Mass

WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office to arrange
appointment with Parish Priest

CONFESSION

Saturday: 5pm

EXPOSITION

Thursday 5:30pm – 6:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent

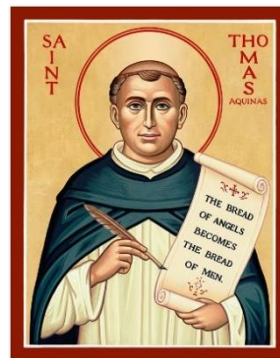
MORE ABOUT OUR PARISH

The parish was established at the beginning of 1974 with the appointment of Fr. Neville Drinkwater as the parish priest.

The parish school was opened in 1975 under the Principalship of Sr. Ita Maher OSU. For many years Sunday Mass was celebrated in the school hall.

In 1980 a parish centre was completed and this provided living quarters for the parish priest, a chapel, meeting rooms and library facility.

Under the direction of Architect Romaldo Giurgola [the designer of Parliament House] and builder [one of our own parishioners] Cesare De Franceschi, the Church was constructed and was opened and blessed by Archbishop Francis Carroll on 2 September 1989.



ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WEST BELCONNEN



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Parish Mission Statement

To make Christ known in the world

Parish Vision Statement

The parish of St Thomas Aquinas **seeks** to maintain a strong, joyful, welcoming community.

We **strive** to deep 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.

Some of the groups within our parish include:

Parish Pastoral Council: The PPC gives support to the Parish Priest and endeavours to make real the Vision Statement. The group meets on the first Thursday as per calendar.

Parish Finance Council: Meets quarterly throughout the year to discuss parish finances and to prepare a yearly budget.

Liturgy Committee: All liturgical rosters and liturgies are the responsibility of this group. Meetings are held according to the needs of the parish liturgical needs. Dates are listed on the parish calendar.

Liturgical Ministers: Our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Mass are served by a number of liturgical ministries: Readers, Acolytes, Communion Ministers, servers and slide operators.

RCIA Team: This team consists of catechists, sponsors and other parishioners who assist those preparing to be received into the Catholic Church through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Children's Liturgy of the Word: At the 9:00am Mass each Sunday during the school term children are taken to the Parish Centre to listen to the Word of God and complete activities that have been prepared for them.

Prayer/Discussion Groups: Two separate groups meet each week for prayer and discussion – Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Choir: The choir is rostered for Mass and meets once a month. New members are most welcome.

Pastoral Care and Support: The care group provides for the needs for the community through visitation, transport to Mass, a casserole bank.

St Vincent de Paul: Meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. 7:00pm in the Parish Centre

Monthly Morning Tea: Held on the second Sunday of each month following the 9:00am Mass

Church Maintenance Group: Attends to the washing and ironing of church linen and other Altar items.

Counting and Banking: Volunteers count the Sunday collections and bank the weekly collection. This takes place during the week.

Parish Bulletin: A parish bulletin is prepared each week. This contains rosters, parish notices and notices of interest from within the Archdiocese.

Planned Giving: Provides the parish with the finance to maintain the parish, pay the school levy to the CEO, contribute to the special collections required by the Archdiocese.

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

1 Cor 12:4-7



About our school:

Good teaching, modern equipment and an environment that reflects the school motto **“To Care”** enables the children to learn in a safe, caring professional community.

**School Principal:
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