

# St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

*A Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Parish*



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7 September 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

#### **Open Scripture Discussion Groups**

Wednesday following 9:30 am Mass.  
Friday at 10:00am 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.

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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 13 Sept	Sun 9am 14 Sept
Acolyte	Adam	Maria
Servers	Andrea, Natalia	Grace, Evie
Communion Minister	Irene, Collette	Bernadette, Margie H
Readers	Annaliese, Brian D	Megan, Pauline
Music/Screen	Recorded/ Patrick	Choir/ Peter J
Children's Liturgy	14 September Katie WS, Olivia W	
Morning Tea 14 Sept	Lian Kiley, Nathalie Lang, Tam Le	



*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, Bernard Tierney,  
Christine Greenwood, Neil Ffrench, Michael Pit

**Recently Deceased:** Col Berryman,

### Anniversaries

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

Joseph Blacker, Ronald Swift, Peter Hatley, Fr.  
George Weissel, Ryan Bourke, Ricky Bereth,  
Alime Clifford, Barry Carey, Joseph Tran, Fr.  
Mietek Markowicz, Helen Reiner, Theodore  
Banson, Claudia Silverio, Kathleen Hogan, Teresa  
Mills, Barry Carey, Kath Carr, Catherine Cooper,  
Jim Walker, Jason Kidd, Roland Swift, Irene  
Hofman, Marie Noorman, Ellen Tavscek,  
Perceival Sherwin, Bill O'Brien, Robert Steel,  
Anna Rudyj, Moya Goodisson, Hugh Barker,  
Andre Lukass, Donald Clayton, Robert Murphy

*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

### The Sacred Heart the quintessence of the faith

The special object of each devotion to Our Lord is divine love considered under one aspect; but the object of devotion to the Sacred heart is the love of Christ-God seen as a whole in all its manifestations and in each one of them. "The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the quintessence of the Christian faith; the epitome and substantial summary of the whole of religion.

The Christian religion is a work of love in its beginning, development and end; the Christian religion whose history is found wholly and entirely in the sublime statement: "God so loved the world" (John 3:16); the Christian religion, finally, whose whole morality is contained in the single word, *Diliges*: You shall love; that is, you shall render love for love, you will give me your heart in exchange for all that mine has done for you; the Christian religion, we can say, could not be identified so completely with any other devotion as with devotion to the Sacred Heart" (Cardinal Pie)

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.148f., Paris 1900.

## Pilgrims of Hope

### Christ's Love sets us free.

In a world where everything is bought and sold, people's sense of their worth appears increasingly to depend on what they can accumulate with the power of money. We are constantly being pushed to keep buying, consuming and distracting ourselves, held captive to a demeaning system that prevents us from looking beyond our immediate and petty needs.

The Love of Christ has no place in this perverse mechanism, yet only that love can set us free from a mad pursuit that no longer has room for a gratuitous love. Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been definitively lost.

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us*, #8

*On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*

## CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

7 – 13 September 2025

### Theme: 'Every Conversation Matters: Shifting conversation to action'

This year, we are focusing on moving beyond conversations to concrete actions that prevent harm and instead, focussing on strengthening support systems, and empowering communities to actively protect children.



By shifting from conversation to action, we can ensure that every child not only feels heard but also experiences real safety, care, and protection.

### Safeguarding Sunday 14 September

<https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw/>

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Margie Hourigan  
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### Season of Creation

13 September 2:00pm – 3:00pm

#### St Matthews Church Page

Belconnen South parish welcomes all to join in the Way of Creation. This is a Christian ecumenical prayer service to pray the creation story in Genesis, alongside praise for the story of the cosmos as revealed through our scientific understandings. Light refreshment follows.

### ACU Canberra Open Day

13 September | 11:00am

Join us at the Australian Catholic University - Canberra campus for Open Day: 11.00am - 2.00pm, Saturday 13 September. For more information, go to <https://openday.acu.edu.au/> or contact [futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au)

### Canberra Catholic Ball

Date and Time: 27 September 7:00pm

Venue: The Marion

Step back into the Golden Age of Hollywood at this year's Catholic Ball! Young adults (18-35) are invited to dazzle us with the glitter and gleam of old. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-canberra-catholic-ball-tickets-1555044322429>

## Thank You - Vinnies Winter Appeal

The local St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to thank everyone who donated to our Winter Appeal. Including online donations, we received over \$15,000. We are tremendously grateful for your generosity and support. All the money donated will be used to assist people in need in our local community. Thank you again for making a difference to people's lives.

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### Mass in celebration of the life of

Romaldo Giurgola

on 14 September – 9:00am

There will be morning tea after the mass.

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### Social Justice Sunday

31 August 2025

Statement Link:

Theme: Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health The growing crisis of homelessness in Australia demands immediate and sustained action. The health, educational, and economic consequences of homelessness are profound. Homelessness is a crisis for society as a whole.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2025/08/06/signs-of-hope-on-the-edge-social-justice-statement-2025-2026/>

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### Magnificat Voices of Springtime

Date: 20 September

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Venue: Chambers Pavilion,  
Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture,  
15 Blackall St, Barton ACT.

Guest presenter Michael Green is a Marist brother with an interest in the Church's ongoing renewal and recontextualising. Jeni Miller is passionate about empowering people to protect God's beautiful creation. A time of shared ecumenical, spiritual conversations and prayer fuelled by Magnificat wisdom. Why don't you join us? Registration fee \$20  
[brendanbergin@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:brendanbergin@mcc.act.edu.au)

## Counting the Cost

In this striking passage, Jesus confronts the crowds with a startling challenge: “Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” It’s a demand that sounds almost unbearable—forsake family, possessions, even your own life. But Jesus is not asking for thoughtless abandonment; he is urging deep discernment.

He offers two vivid examples: a builder laying a foundation without the means to finish, and a king marching into battle without calculating his chances. Both are images of people who fail to take stock of what lies ahead—and suffer the consequences. For the builder, unfinished work becomes a source of public ridicule. In our time, such embarrassment may seem trivial, but in Jesus’ world, governed by a strict honour-shame culture, being laughed at by neighbours could mean total social disgrace.

Jesus uses this cultural lens deliberately. He speaks into a world where honour is everything and shame is ruinous. And then he turns that world upside down. The true source of honour, he says, lies not in social status, not in family standing, not in worldly success—but in discipleship. But discipleship, too, comes at a cost.

This cost isn’t measured in currency or time alone. It demands a total reorientation of our priorities. We must weigh what matters most, let go of what binds us too tightly, and walk in freedom behind Christ—even when the road leads through misunderstanding, hardship, or loss of reputation.

Jesus doesn’t soften the call. He respects our freedom. He invites us to look ahead, to discern, and then, freely and knowingly, to follow. The choice is not made lightly. But the reward is life transformed—honour not as the world gives, but as God gives.

Based on: *Gospel Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

**R.** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn us back in to dust  
and say: ‘Go back, children of the earth.’  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.  
Alleluia!

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
Until you come again.

