

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

A Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Parish



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 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

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

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.

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 27 Sept	Sun 9am 28 Sept
Acolyte	Gavin	Michael
Servers	Robert, Melinda	Grace, Aditya
Communion Minister	Cathy, Fran	Terry, Brian D
Readers	Irene, Penny	Tanya, Peter O
Music/Screen	Double J	Recorded/ Skye
Children's Liturgy	28 September Natasha O, Anne M	
Morning Tea 12 Oct	Sylvie Osborne, Trish Blacker Kaye Radovanovic,	



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:

Anniversaries

We remember in prayer all those who have died.

Joseph Blacker, Ronald Swift, Peter Hatelly, 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

What does reparation involve?

Reparation is one of the main purposes of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All Christians are called by Our Lord himself to walk this path. It involves many acts, the most important are: knowledge, adoration, love, satisfaction, prayer, praise, supplication, thanksgiving, imitation, union with Jesus Christ, zeal for his glory, for souls, for mortification. To repair the insults the Heart of Jesus receives, we must in the first place make a serious effort to realise his dignity, his excellence, his greatness, his love, his suffering, the treasures of grace his Heart contains, in a word, whatever makes him worthy of the admiration of heaven and earth.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.222f., Paris 1900.

Pilgrims of Hope

Building a Civilization of Love

Saint John Paul II explained that by entrusting ourselves together to the heart of Christ, "over the ruins accumulated by hatred and violence, the greatly desired civilization of love, the Kingdom of the heart of Christ, can be built". This clearly requires that we "unite filial love for God and love of neighbour", and indeed this is "the true reparation asked by the heart of the Saviour". In union with Christ, amid the ruins we have left in this world by our sins, we are called to build a new civilization of love. That is what it means to make reparation as the heart of Christ would have us do. Amid the devastation wrought by evil, the heart of Christ desires that we cooperate with him in restoring goodness and beauty to our world.

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #182*

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



"And hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5)

Bishop Pat Power Funeral Details

Below are the details of Bishop Pat Power's funeral.

- **Vigil Mass - Tuesday 23 September at 7pm** at St Raphael's Church, 47 Lowe St, Queanbeyan
- **Funeral Mass - Wednesday 24 September 2025 at 11am** at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka
- **Burial** - Woden Cemetery following the Funeral Mass

Archbishop Christopher will be the principal celebrant at both services.

The funeral Mass from the Cathedral will be livestreamed via
<https://www.youtube.com/live/FpXEdxIYLYA>

MINISTRY APPEAL

The current ministry roster concludes on 31 December 2025. If you are currently in any ministry please advise the parish office your intention to continue or finish your ministry into 2026. If you are currently not in ministry and have discerned you would like to volunteer please contact the parish office: charnwood@cg.org.au

The roster period for the combined parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart West Belconnen is 1 June 2026 – 30 May 2027 the discernment time for ministries will take place during Lent 2026

St Thomas Aquinas Parish 2025 Finance Report

A copy of the finance report given on the weekend 13/14 September is available at: [Parish Messages - St. Thomas Aquinas Parish](#)

This link also includes copies of the payment options for both the Maintenance Appeal and signing up for Planned Giving

Marian Procession 2025 Sunday 26 October 2025 Goulburn

This year's celebration will be a vibrant display of unity, prayer, and peace, bringing together people of all ages, cultures, and Christian traditions. As Archbishop Christopher Prowse reminds us: "It is time we showcase unity. It gives a good example to the world." Come with family and friends, walk in procession, pray the Rosary, and gather for Mass as we honour Our Lady and pray for peace in our world.



Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish warmly invites you to join us on a day trip by bus at 8:00am from Waramanga to Goulburn for the Annual Marian Procession.

www.mqagoulburn.com.au

Cost is \$47pp. To reserve seats early, you may register via the Qkr! App under Register or enquire by emailing the parish office: westoncreek@cg.org.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>

God's Economy

"You cannot serve both God and money."

In this curious parable of the dishonest steward, Jesus invites us into a deeper reflection on the role of wealth in our lives and how it can be used for purposes far greater than personal gain. At first glance, it may seem as though Jesus is endorsing dishonesty. But as always, his message lies not in the surface details of the story, but in the deeper truth he wishes to reveal.

The steward, facing dismissal, uses his remaining time and influence to reduce the debts others owe. While his actions are self-interested, he is commended not for his morality but for his shrewdness—his ability to act decisively in a time of crisis. Jesus uses this example to say: if only we, the children of light, were as urgent and creative in using our resources for the Kingdom of God as the worldly are in securing their futures.

Jesus then says something startling: *"Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, they may welcome you into eternal dwellings."* This is not a call to bribery or manipulation, but to generosity.

Money—something fleeting and corruptible—is to be used as a tool for building lasting relationships, especially with the poor, the overlooked, and the needy. These are the "friends" who, in the mystery of God's economy, will be the ones who welcome us into eternity.

It is a radical inversion of the world's values. Jesus is reminding us that we are stewards, not owners, of what we have. All wealth—material, relational, spiritual—is entrusted to us for a time, and its truest use is not in hoarding or status-building, but in service. To care for others, especially those in need, is to align our hearts with God's heart.

This teaching culminates in the challenge: *"You cannot serve both God and wealth."*

Wealth in itself is not condemned, but the power it can hold over us is. Jesus invites us to ask: What am I doing with what I have been given? Am I using it to build God's kingdom or my own?

Based on: *Gospel Focus – Using money*, by Greg Sunter

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set them in the company of rulers,
yes, with the rulers of his people. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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