

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

A Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Parish



WEEKLY BULLETIN

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
[All Soul's Day]
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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 8 Nov	Sun 9am 9 Nov
Acolyte	Adam S-P	Margie H
Servers	Aditya P, Aseem H	Maeve J, Nella Molly W-S
Communion Minister	Brian D, Fran H	Gavin H, Cathy H
Readers	Tanya P, Annaliese S-P	Leo W, Megan W
Music/Screen	Recorded/ Patrick S-P	Choir/ Peter J
Children's Liturgy	9 November Megan W, Grace J	
Morning Tea 9 Nov	Gerri Bleaser, Irene Daly, Marg Ellis	



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.

John House, Brenda Swift, Robert Watson,
Br. Brendan Powell cfc, Edward Tregillgas,
Brendan Davidson, Peter Marlow, Sarah Rankine,
Janice Swift, Fr. Phil Buckley, Dr James Keaney,
Gwendolyn McDonald, Ainoa Iose, Aaron James,
Lester Fisher, Joyce Paten, Bill Lindus,
Ellen Fogarty, Maryann Marsh, Kathleen Oxley,
Catherine Fox, Leonard Wilson, Hugh Barber,
Grace Carmichael, Catherine Cummins,
Irene Ashton, Kuzma Bucat, Evan Blacker,
Paul Draper, Ronald Berry, Helen Duncan,
Geogry Hore, Una Axelby, John Carmichael,
Keith Hofman, Michael Kelly, Tanya Kelly

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

Heaven

Heaven is coming together of every possible joy. Supreme happiness of the mind: we shall see God in himself and in his creatures: they shall appear so beautiful, so glorious, so perfect, that nothing in this world can give us an idea of it. Supreme happiness of the heart: we shall love God with indescribable love. With God, in God and for God, we shall love all his works, especially his elect, the angels and the saints. Among the elect we shall love with a special love those whom we loved in this world. This twofold happiness of mind and heart will grow forever without impoverishing himself. Since he is infinitely good, that is what he wants to do forever. Forever! We should meditate on the word: the eternity of heaven.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.360f., Paris 1900.

Pilgrims of Hope

Revelations of the Sacred Heart

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque reported a remarkable series of apparitions of Christ between the end of December 1673 and June of 1675. Saint Margaret Mary's account is powerful and deeply moving: "He revealed to me the wonders of his love and the inexplicable secrets of his Sacred Heart which he had hitherto kept hidden from me, until he opened it to me for the first time, in such a striking and sensible manner that he left me no room for doubt". In subsequent appearances, that consoling message was reiterated: "He revealed to me the ineffable wonders of his pure love and to what extremes it had led him to love mankind".

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #120*
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

Standard 8: Safe physical and online environments.

Some Key Competencies

The entity:

- Empowers personnel to be proactive in recognizing and mitigating safeguarding risks
- Consistently applies safeguarding practices across the entity

https://www.acsltd.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/National-Catholic-Safeguarding-Standards-Edition-2_FINAL_December2022.pdf

2026 Sacramental Program Information Evening for Parents

18 November 2025 – 6:30pm – 7:30pm
St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Register to attend the information evening for parents for the Sacraments of Penance [Reconciliation], First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Key information will be provided on the process for registering your child/children for the Sacraments in 2026, Formation Evening for parents Information and key dates for the Sacraments in 2026

For students in Years 3-6 for the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion and Year 6 for the Sacrament of Confirmation



QR Code to register or
<https://forms.gle/vvKmq4FLzdV2c8ae7>

twilight tucka' n' telly

Young Adult [18-25] Gathering

November 16th 7pm and

December 14th 7pm

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre

Bernadette: 0419 562 553

Gethsemane Thursday

6 November 7:30 – 8:30pm

Thursday Night before

1st Friday. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Thanksgiving Mass

All ministers are invited to mark the end of the liturgical year.

Friday 28 November - 6.15pm for Mass at St John the Apostle Church, Kippax, followed by supper.

Please bring a plate ... a main dish or dessert

RETREAT

Date: 29/30 November

Theme: *Listening with a Hopeful Heart*

Presenter: Fr Khoi Nguyen msc

Cost: Free – our Christmas gift to you

Registration: Will be in next weeks Bulletin

Time & Place: STA Charnwood: 2.00 pm on Saturday finishing with the 6:00pm mass.

REPEATED

Time & Place: SJA Kippax: 2:00pm on Sunday finishing with the 6:00pm mass.

Khoi Nguyen is a priest of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC), a scholar in the field of disability, and a person living with vision impairment. He is currently pursuing a PhD, researching the intersection of Vision Impairment Spirituality and MSC Heart Spirituality. With a strong background as an MSC formator, spiritual director/ accompanier, and professional supervisor, he has also been on the staff team at the Heart of Life Pastoral Formation and Spirituality Centre (Croydon), where he lectures and facilitates various workshops and reflection events. He has also authored several books on everyday spirituality.

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed
on Wednesday 5 November.

Spirituality of the Heart

MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1st Friday of every month

9:30am 7 November 2025

SJA Kippax

The heart is the centre of our being, and the seat of our emotions and love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes his great love for humanity

Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

In the Gospel for the Feast of All Saints, we hear the familiar and beloved words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount: the Beatitudes. These blessings are more than poetic ideals or moral teachings; they are a portrait of the saints—a vision of what a holy life looks like in God's eyes. They are also a promise to all the faithful, that despite the hardships of life, God sees and blesses those who live with mercy, humility, purity, and peace.

The Church sets before us the twin feasts of **All Saints (November 1)** and **All Souls (November 2)** as a kind of sacred embrace of the whole communion of those who have died. All Saints Day honours those who have already entered into the fullness of divine life—those who see God face to face and dwell in God's eternal presence. These are the "poor in spirit," the "pure in heart," the "peacemakers" who now rejoice in the reward of heaven. They are not just the canonised saints we know by name, but also the countless unnamed and uncelebrated faithful who lived lives of quiet love, self-giving, and trust in God.

The Feast of All Souls follows immediately after, inviting us to pray for those who have died but are still on the journey—those in the process of being purified, healed, and made ready to enter that same communion. The Church teaches that in purgatory, the soul is drawn more deeply into God's love, shedding the remnants of selfishness and fear, so that it can be fully open to divine light. Even here, the Beatitudes offer comfort: those who mourn shall be comforted, the merciful shall obtain mercy. God's promise holds true not only in this life, but beyond death.

Together, these feasts remind us of the unbroken bond between the living and the dead, between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven.

May we live in such a way that, one day, we too may be counted among the blessed—among the saints in light.

Based on: *Have you thought? All Saints / All Souls.*

by Greg Sunter

R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
My lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
Your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
And I should lose nothing of all that he has
given to me,
And that I should raise it up on the last day
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

The Annual Remembrance Mass **Saturday 15th November 10:00 am** **St John the Apostle Parish Kippax**

At this mass, we will pray especially for all those whose funerals or burials we celebrated here in the past year, but all are welcome to join us and pray for all their beloved dead.

Morning tea will be held in the foyer after mass.
