

PARISH PROFILE



St Thomas Anglican Church Cardiff

St Thomas' church complex is located in the suburb of Cardiff, which is 13 km from the Newcastle CBD and ten minutes from the shores of Lake Macquarie. The Parish extends across the suburbs of Cardiff, Argenton, Glendale, Macquarie Hills, Edgeworth and Cameron Park.

Services:

Sunday 7.30am	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 9.00am	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 10.30am	Holy Eucharist
2 nd Saturday of the month	Mass & Meal

There are also regular services at local Nursing Homes



Ministry:

At the heart of our Catholic expression of faith is always a passion to make the gospel live in the local context. We have embraced change and responded to local need by such initiatives as the Saturday lunch club (first Saturday of the month) and Mass & Meal Family Service (second Saturday of the month). In both of these outreach ministries there has been a commitment to re-shape and adapt the format over time, in response to feedback and reflection. The essentials – God, Faith, Love – don't change. What changes is our relationship, our understanding and our expression of these things.

We have also undertaken to provide pastoral care and regular worship services at several local nursing homes, as well as taking home communion from regular services to members of the congregation who are unable to attend due to illness.

St Thomas' parishioners are enthusiastic supporters of other outreach ministries such as Mission to Seafarers, Samaritans Welfare agency, and SRE in both High Schools and Primary schools.



Parish Groups:

Our Parish Council is actively involved in new initiatives and ready to embrace changes that will enhance the worship opportunities for our surrounding communities.

The Parish also has other active groups that provide opportunities for social connection and broader outreach. These include MU; Men's Group; choir; Craft & Art group and the Social Committee. Our Social Committee has developed a reputation in the diocese for its catering expertise, and also provides some much-needed funds to support parish finances.

Facilities:

Our church complex includes a large modern building with chapel leading to a memorial garden. The hall is across the courtyard and is well-used by the parish and other community groups. The upstairs offices are currently leased by the Samaritans. Next to the church is a 4-bedroom rectory built to Diocesan standards.

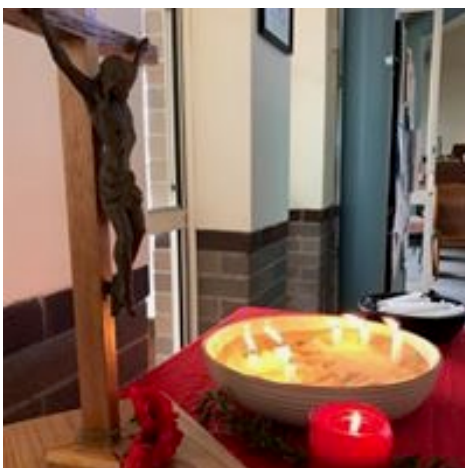
Social Media:

St Thomas' hosts a website (www.cardiffanglican.org.au) which provides information to the public about all the activities and services offered by the church in our local community. We also have a Facebook page (Anglican Parish of Cardiff) that is building in popularity and currently has over 350 followers.

Future Directions:

At St Thomas' the ministry of prayer is foundational to all we do. Everyone is welcome to share in our ministry of sacraments, song, teaching, and kindness, as we continue to face the past and shape a healthy future.

The people of St Thomas' church are keen to have leadership, which will continue to embrace ministry to young families, the socially isolated and those in aged care.



In addition we are seeking someone with an active interest in the local community and commitment to pastoral care. We are also ready to explore alternate worship styles and hope that our incoming rector will be able to commit to staying in the parish for a reasonable length of time to lead us into whichever new directions God is calling us to embrace.