

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA
10th December 2023

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.00 am, 6.00 pm
Monday	5.15 pm
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	6.00 pm

For people who are able to help the Church by **contributions:**

2 nd Collection	BSB 064786	ACC 100007132
1 st Collection	BSB 064786	ACC 100007130
Musicians Fund	BSB 064129	ACC 10509763

Reconciliation: Saturday 12-12.30pm in confessional Phone: 3371 5860

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am to 12:30 pm.

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We need **4 more special ministers** to distribute **Communion at the 5.30pm** mass on Christmas Eve. Please put your name and email on the clipboard on the back table. We will write back to confirm that we have registered your name.

What makes the task difficult is so many people **come to Communion without knowing what it is about**, and the special minister needs to keep an eye on people for a second or two after they've received Communion. The most we can do is make sure that the Communion bread is consumed.

We need only to make sure that there is **one special minister for the 7pm mass**. If anyone is able to help please send an email to the parish, and it will be confirmed.

After the **7pm mass** on Christmas Eve, we hope people will help us with the **clean up**. All the ordinary balloons are to be cut down (some will be high on the columns) and they are to be left in the back foyer. Concerning the helium balloons, two people should immediately walk into the sacristy and take them down to the altar rails for children to pick up. Benjamin Hoey will supervise. **No balloons are to be taken home after the 5.30pm mass.**

There will be **hymn sheets to be collected**. Those that have been crushed will be thrown away, others may be used for the morning mass. If you are able to help please email the office and we will get back to you.

We need 4 or 5 people to keep an eye on the **collection boxes** at the 5.30pm mass. If anyone picks one up, just take a photo of them on your phone. Let us know by email if you are willing to do this.

We need **readers** for the **Sunday morning masses** for the **three weeks after Christmas** into the New Year when the Jesuits will probably create a roster. If anyone is interested in reading at Sunday morning masses, please send an email to the office saying what dates you would be available.

The mass schedule for the Christmas weekend is complex.

Saturday December 23 6pm vigil for 4th Sunday of Advent,

Sunday December 24 9am mass for 4th Sunday of Advent.

5.30pm children's mass

7pm vigil of Christmas

Monday December 25 9am Christmas Day mass

Fr Jim Smith is scheduled to celebrate all masses on the Christmas weekend. **Fr Chris Hanlon** will be celebrating the two masses on the following weekend.
Saturday 6pm Sunday 9am Mass of the Holy Family.

There will be **no Sunday evening mass on December 30** as the last Sunday evening mass will be on December 17 as previously advertised.

Refrain: A voice in the wilderness calls to prepare,

For we are standing on the edge of changes.

Across the desert sand and the mountain high, The Lord is coming, make your way.

I will hear what the Lord will say, A voice of peace for all his people,

His voice is never far for those who know His glory dwelling in our land.. *Refrain*

Faithfulness and mercy have met, Peace and justice have embraced here.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth And justice look down from the sky. *Refrain*

Refrain: A new commandment I give unto you.

that you love one another as I have loved you

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By this shall all men know that you are my disciples

if you have love one for another *Repeat and Refrain*

Refrain: Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust,

Yet the love of the Lord will stand

As a shelter for all who will call on His name. Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you? Could the Lord forget His love?

Though a mother forsake her child, He will not abandon you. *Refrain*

Should you turn and forsake Him, He will gently call your name.

Should you wander away from Him, He will always take you back. *Refrain*