

## ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9 am, 6.00 pm
Monday	5.15pm
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	6.00 pm

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007132

1<sup>st</sup> 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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**World Day of Prayer** is on the first Friday in March (3<sup>rd</sup>). This year it will be held at our St Lucia Catholic Church at 10.30am. We will be joined by members of the Anglican and Uniting Church parishes in St Lucia. **Morning tea** will be served after the Service. The prayers have been prepared by the **women of Taiwan**. For further information, or if you are willing to assist, please contact **Lyn Fletcher** on 33786743 or 0407164274

In preparing receipts we have discovered that **11 people** have made donations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection (some of which have been quite large) and we have **no details** about them on the new parish register. Some of them may have belonged to the parish in the past.

We have sent some letters to parishioners in the last 12-15 months. If you did not receive any and you contributed money directly to the parish account, we can only assume that you wish to remain anonymous, or alternatively, **if you want a receipt**, please contact us.

February marks the 50th anniversary of the **Aboriginal Mass** at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973, attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers took an active part in the original liturgy. To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday 23rd February at 12.30pm**.

**Jacaranda tree branches** overhanging the sidewalk on Central Avenue have concerned parishioners and the city council. These **branches were pruned and removed** last week.

Please take care when walking to Central Ave from the patio. There is a **raised piece of concrete** on the pathway. It has been painted bright yellow.

The parish has called for quotations for **railings in the sanctuary** of the main church and the side chapel. We thank **Cathy Baudet** for her supervision.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. To receive a short practical Lenten video in your inbox every morning from Bruce Downes 'the Catholic Guy', sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>. This program is free.

**Palms Australia** Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to **share their skills** with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore **35 positions** by going to [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au). Also you can see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Further information call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

### Gather Us In:

Here in this place a new light is streaming, now is the darkness, vanished away.  
See in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

*Refrain:* **Be with me, Lord**, when I am in trouble. Be with me, Lord, I pray.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Most High, Who abide in the shadow of our God,  
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge and fortress, The God in whom I trust'. *Refrain*

No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, For the angels stand close by your side  
Guarding you always and bearing you gently, Watching over your life. *Refrain*

### On Eagle's wings:

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain:* And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*