

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

15th December 2024

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.30 am
Monday	5.15 pm
Friday	9.30 am (Communion Service)
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: *See below.* **Phone:** 3371 5860
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St Lucia Parish is well known for our **balloon display on Christmas Eve**, but this can't happen without **help from volunteers**. Many of the people who helped in the past have moved on, including the organisers. We are hoping that new people will come forward to help. If you are able, please contact the office or sign up at the back of the Church.

We need people on **Sunday December 22nd after the morning Mass** to help with cutting string and preparing for Christmas Eve – in the Church side chapel.

or
on Christmas Eve, **Tuesday December 24th between 1pm and 3pm** in the Church, to tie up the ballons and position them around the Church.

Please come even for only 15 minutes, any amount of time will help. **All welcome.**

St Thomas Aquinas Church, St Lucia:

Christmas Eve: 5:30 pm Mass **Christmas Day:** 9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Mass

Advent **Reconciliation** (2nd Rite) for our 'Community of Communities' will be held on:

- **Monday 16 December at 6pm** (following Mass) at St Thomas Aquinas Church, St Lucia
- **Thursday 19 December at 6pm** at St Ignatius Church, Toowong;
- or, individually after Weekday Masses this week (**16—20/12**).

The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** will take place this weekend. Donations are used to support people in the **St Lucia** and **Indooroopilly communities** over the next six months. Needy families are also provided with a Christmas Hamper. You will be able to **donate cash or provide credit card details on the envelopes provided.**

St Lucia Spirituality Group - Our **December newsletter** reviews our last meeting and the other Butterfly Series meetings held during the year. The newsletter also includes links to all the discussion papers and keeps you abreast of additions to our website. The newsletter can be accessed at: <https://mailchi.mp/3d767ae26fea/st-lucia-spirituality-newsletter-august-11013027?e=029244c71b>

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Come as you are, that's how I want you. Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven; come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits. No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and dishearten'd. Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous, I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise, why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you. Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change, the love that I bear you. All will be well, just come as you are.

Go Tell Everyone: God's Spirit is in my heart He has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do What I have to do

Chorus: He sent me to bring the Good News to the poor
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
Tell blind people that they can see And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come
And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has come

Just as the Father sent me So I'm sending you out to be
My witness throughout the world The whole of the world *Chorus*