

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

16th November 2025

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**:

2nd Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007132

1st Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007130

Musicians Fund BSB 064129 ACC 10509763

Reconciliation: *None until further notice.* **Phone:** 3371 5860

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am to 12:30 pm (*Call First*).
Friday 9:30am to 12:30 pm.

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Today is **World Day of the Poor**. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world. **Pope Leo XIV** reminds us that “**the poor are not a distraction for the Church**, but our beloved brothers and sisters, **for by their lives, their words and their wisdom**, they put us in contact with **the truth of the Gospel**.” The full text can be found here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20250613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html>

Answer the Call to Mercy and Compassion - Do you have a heart for those on the margins? We are seeking one or two kind, empathic women of deep faith to serve as **Pastoral Visitors** to join Centacare's teams of **chaplains at a women's correctional centre**. Pastoral Visitors offer friendship, hope, and spiritual support to incarcerated women through weekly visits — being a living sign of God's love and mercy. Training, mentoring, and ongoing support are provided. If you feel called to accompany women in their journey of faith, healing, and transformation, we would love to hear from you. “I was in prison, and you visited me...” – Matthew 25:36. For more information or to express interest, please contact: Judy Norris on judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193.

The Musicians Fund needs your donations to continue to support the current high standard of music within the St Thomas Aquinas Parish. The **Fund is a Deductible Gift Recipient** so all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. There are envelopes around the Church, or you can make a direct debit to BSB 064 129 AC 10509763.

The **9:30 Sunday Morning Choir** at St Thomas Aquinas traditionally leads the singing at the two Christmas Eve Masses (5:30 pm and 7:00 pm). Christmas Eve rehearsal is usually 30-45 minutes prior to the 5:30 Mass and there is a short break for refreshments between Masses. **Anyone interested in singing is very welcome** to join the choir at those Masses, or at **any time during the year**. St Augustine said, “He who sings prays twice!”

Palms Australia are offering an opportunity to live and your professional expertise to mentor others in an overseas community. 1) GAP YEAR webinar on **Thursday 4 December** 6pm & 9pm AEDT for Year 12 school leavers and uni students, along with their parents. This is a chance for you to discover what you are interested in, and to define your purpose. 2) TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session on **Monday 8 December** 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements on our 2026 Palms Encounter to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May.

All people that on earth do dwell,

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;

Him serve with love, his praise forth tell,

Come we before him, and rejoice.

2) Know that the Lord is God indeed;

Without our aid he did us make;

We are his folk, he does us feed,

And for his sheep he does us take.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God the Father, God the Son,

And God the Spirit, ever one.

Be Not Afraid: You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.

You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live. *Refrain*

Refrain: Be not afraid I go before you always Come follow me, And I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown,

If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,

Know that I am with you through it all. *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*