

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

17th November 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**:

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

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This Sunday is **World Day of the Poor**. The theme this year is “The prayer of the poor rises up to God.” **Pope Francis’** message is to remind us to walk in solidarity with the poor, work towards a world where all can fully be part of society, learn from the poor and at all times pray. In the Catholic Church we have many organisations that support those living on the margins. Maybe this could be a time to volunteer, encounter and serve?

Catholic Mission: www.catholicmission.org.au, Caritas: www.caritas.org.au. St Lucia is home to **Innocent’s Relief**, www.innocentsrelief.org.au. Also, **St Lucia/Indooroopilly SVPD** Conference www.vinnies.org.au/qlld. Envelopes are available around the Church.

The next **Parish Morning Tea** at St Lucia will be held on **Sunday 24th November** (Christ the King) to coincide with the First Communion sacramental program. **All are welcome**. This is a great opportunity for new and long-standing parishioners to meet one another while showing support for families of the First Holy Communicants.

Please contact the office, see Benjamin or **Anne Rego** if you are able to help in any way - or **simply bring a plate of food** to share with your fellow parishioners.

How our Church is changing, 1964 – 2024: from Vatican II - St Ignatius Church to the Synod. 30 Kensington Terrace, Toowong. The key speaker: **Bishop Shane Mackinlay** member of both sessions of the Roman Synod on Synodality. Joined by: Leading Ecumenist, **Margaret Naylor. Tuesday, 10 Dec, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. All welcome. Also online.** What will be the washup now for the Church after the final session of the Vatican Synod on Synodality? What might change for us? More information on the noticeboard.

Apologies to the people who were **unable to ring** the office this week. The **phone lines are still down**. iiNet and Telstra have not been able to give an estimated reconnection date, but they are working on the problem. Emails are now working using 4G backup.

The **water pipe** between the Central Ave taps and grass circle tap has **busted**. There is flooding under the Church where **Innocents Relief** have their office. We are unsure if this is related to the water pipe or the various storms this week. **Chris Jacobs** is organising the repair. The water main will be turned on during weekend Mass to allow for use of the toilets, but will otherwise be turned off until the leak is fixed.

Advent: An hour of contemplation - St Ignatius Parish Toowong, **Thursday 28 November 7pm to 8pm**. Prepare for the Season of Advent in a candle-lit St Ignatius Church. Join us to prepare for Advent through an experience of Ignatian Contemplation, prayer and silence interspersed with gentle background music.

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Refrain: **Come to the water!** You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.

Why spend your money on what cannot fill The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy Goodness and peace in your heart! *Refrain*

Just as the heavens are high above earth; My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near! I will be Father to you! *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*