

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

1st 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: None until further notice **Phone:** 3371 5860
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NBN called in this week - the **office phone** and **answering machine** are now **working**.

Thank you to everyone that brought a plate or two to share at last week's Parish Morning Tea. And **thank you to all our volunteers** especially Joan James, Mary van Mourik, Jan Rawson, Denise Rogers and Elaine Williams.

Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ has released **Christmas Mass times** below. You can find Mass times for the whole of St Alberto Hurtado Community on our website and the noticeboard.

St Thomas Aquinas Church, St Lucia:

Christmas Eve: 5:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day: 9:00 am Mass

Expressions of Interest Religious Instructors - The Catholic Religious Instruction team at Ironside State School, St Lucia, is seeking EOIs from parishioners who wish to offer some of their time to the religious instruction of children in Grades 1 to 6. Even offering one hour per week or a casual relief session for a catechist who is away on occasion, would be a precious commitment to this work. Contact Anne pastoral.jesuit@bne.catholic.net.au.

The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** will take place on **14th and 15th December**. 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**. Return to collection boxes around the Church or by mail. Thank you for your generosity.

St Lucia Spirituality Group - The next meeting of this group will be held on Zoom at **6pm Tuesday 3 December**. This month's topic is the Abandonment of Religion. We will examine the inter-relationship between spirituality, theology and religion and why the attendances at formal religious services are in decline. To register for the meeting and view the briefing paper, visit www.stluciaspirituality.com and scroll down to "Events".

This Monday is the **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**. To read the 2023 Modern Slavery Statement and learn more about the Archdiocese of Brisbane's Modern Slavery Plan, please visit this link: <https://shorturl.at/vQQYi>.

Refrain: **Wake up, my people**, listen to my word,
Proclaim my love among you, let this song be heard.

O Lord has spoken and is speaking now to you,
the Spirit is longing to reveal the living truth.
We gather together and wait expectantly
for the fire of life that will set us free. *Refrain*

Refrain: **O Lord, I know you are near**, standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death, keeping me from harm.

Where can I run from Your love? If I climb to the heavens You are there;
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I'd find You there.

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

God is light; in him there is no darkness. Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words, Proclaim to my city the day of her birth

Refrain