

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

1st February 2026

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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The **feast of St Thomas Aquinas** is being celebrated at both Masses this weekend with **morning tea** after the Sunday morning Mass in the Hall. **Please come down to the Hall.**

As part of the weekend celebrations there will be a blessing for installation of a painting of St Joseph and the baby Jesus. This painting has an interesting provenance in that it used to hang over the altar in the chapel of the Mercy Sisters 'Convent in Warwick. This painting is at least 133 years old and has been professionally restored and reframed by Hugh and Alex Hamilton who bought the convent, restored it to its former glory, and ran it as wedding venue. They have donated the painting to this Church. The painting is a reproduction of a famous one by Nicola Bertucci (1710-1777) an Italian painter of the Baroque period. The painting will be set up after Sunday morning Mass in the Church Hall for closer inspection. St Thomas Aquinas wrote an important theological treatise on St Joseph that changed the way the Church viewed the importance of St Joseph in the Incarnation. The altar and tabernacle in the side chapel are dedicated to St Joseph, hence the statue of St Joseph up on the wall.

Liturgy Committee - Anyone who has shown an interest in liturgy was invited to the inaugural meeting of this Committee last Tuesday. **Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ** outlined its purpose and the boundaries of its role; and he asked the Committee to encourage more lay participation in the Mass and to encourage lay reflection on Scripture and offer more lay-led liturgies. Over coming weeks the Bulletin will cover the various roles of the Liturgy Committee and the avenues for parishioners to input ideas and get involved in various liturgical ministries and tasks.

Ash Wednesday 18th February Mass Times: **St Lucia 8am**, Auchenflower 9am, Holy Family 6pm, St Ignatius 6:30pm.

St Lucia Spirituality - The next online meeting of St Lucia Spirituality will be held on **Tuesday, 3 February at 4:45pm for 5:00pm**. The meeting will consider a discussion paper on What does Salvation in Christianity mean today? How do modern theologians define salvation in the light of developments in scriptural interpretation, science and psychology? What does Salvation mean for you? To learn more and to obtain the paper, register and receive the zoom link, visit the website www.stluciaspirituality.com.

The new **Sacramental Coordinator** for our 'Community of Communities' is **Janine Curcuruto**, commencing this coming week. Email pw.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au. Janine will be leading this year's Sacramental Preparation Programme, commencing in Term 1 with Sacrament of First Penance (Reconciliation) children in Grade 5 & above, who have received 'Sacraments of Initiation' (Baptism, Confirmation & First Eucharist). All enrolments are to be completed via Flocknote. **Enrolments will close Friday 6 March.**

At this time of year there are **students looking for accommodation**. We have at times had requests from families in regional areas. If you have a room to rent, please leave your details at the office and they will be passed on to enquiring families.

St Thomas Aquinas parishioners are invited to the commissioning of **Reverend Katherine** at Anglican Church on **Thursday 19 February** at 6.30pm. Details are on the noticeboard.

The Care & Concern Group - has been reestablished, initially for the purpose of taking Communion to the housebound on Fridays after the Communion Service. **Mary Ward** is the Convenor. If you know someone in the Parish who is housebound and who would like Communion please provide contact details by email: stlucia@bne.catholic.net.au.

World Day of Prayer - 6th March. The Parish is hosting this important Ecumenical service. The liturgy booklet can be found <https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/wdp/>

Date Claimer: "Deep Listening" Session - The next "Deep Listening" Session will be held on **Saturday afternoon 28th of February 2-4pm** at the Faber Centre 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Drive Bardon. This session will be conference facilities, and air conditioning. The day and timing will allow busy family members to attend. It will also suit elderly parishioners who do not want to drive at night. The theme of this "Deep Listening" session will be "Ways Forward".

Toowong Parish Office has a **new phone number**, 07 3324 3045.