

## ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

1<sup>st</sup> September 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<sup>nd</sup> Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007132

1<sup>st</sup> Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007130

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

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**Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ** had surgery on Tuesday. The operation was a success and he was due to leave hospital on Friday. He will not be at Masses this weekend, but the prognosis is good looking forward. Please keep him in your prayers while he recovers.

**RCIA for Enquirers and Supporters** - A5 forms are available for those interested in the Catholic faith, or developing their faith, or willing to act as support persons. **Fr Paul** will meet immediately after mass in the Church to explain or answer questions about it. RCIA is also adapted for children. The program will begin later in the month. Quite a number have already enquired. Have you thought to invite anyone?

**St Lucia Spirituality Group** - The next meeting of this group will be held on Zoom at **6pm Tuesday 3 September**. This month's topic is Interpreting Your Worldview. We will discuss the characteristics of four different ways of viewing the world, with the assistance of **Richard Rohr**. Is your worldview material, spiritual, priestly or incarnational? To register and view the briefing paper: [www.stluciaspirituality.com](http://www.stluciaspirituality.com) scroll down to "Events".

**From the Archdiocese** - The "Respect at Work and Other Matters" Bill is set to go before Parliament. This will have serious impact on churches and faith-based organisations. It will make anti-vilification easily weaponised to silence speech that is considered "hateful" with no protection for good-faith religious discussion. Our Church leaders have sought meetings with the Government to address our concerns and offer solutions. To date, they have not met with us. Write to your local MP: contact details: <https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld-ad>.

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark **Safeguarding Sunday** on the **8<sup>th</sup> September**, at the conclusion of this **National Child Protection Week**. More info next week.

**Synod24 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September** - 140 Synod members will gather at Holy Spirit Seminary to begin discussing, debating, discerning and voting on actions that we can take as an Archdiocese to implement the Decrees of the Plenary Council of Australia. Please pray for all those participating that they may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the stories, questions, challenges, hopes and joys of others. The **opening Mass is open to the public** and will take place at **9am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September** in the ACU Chapel, Banyo.

**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.

**Gentle as Silence:** Oh the love of my Lord is the essence Of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see God has given to me And His giving is gentle as silence.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment Have been blessed by the strength of His love.  
At the turn of each tide He is there at my side, And His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from His presence,  
And I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on His name in the dark of my shame, And His mercy was gentle as silence.

**How Great Thou Art:** O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.