

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

21st August 2022

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.30 am, 6.00 pm
Monday	5.15pm
Friday	9.30am
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: Saturday 12-12.30pm in confessional Phone: 3371 5860

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am to 12:30 pm.

Website: www.stluciacatholic.org.au **Email:** stlucia@bne.catholic.net.au

As mentioned last week the **Annual Catholic Campaign** will be held this weekend. Please return your envelopes to the collection boxes at the Church exits. The Campaign raises funds for:

Centacare – Serving the poorest and most vulnerable;

The Seminary – Educating seminarians for the priesthood;

Priests Foundation – Caring for the health and retirement of our priests;

Mackillop Fund – Giving a Catholic education to children facing significant hardship.

Annual Grants Program – Helping fund local grants for grass roots ministries.

We have completed **income** and expenditure statement for the 6 months of the Church year to June 2022, and the 2nd collection income has been **roughly the same** as in the past.

But our **expenses have blown out** for the first 6 months of this year leaving us a **loss of \$33,776**. This is primarily because of the extra expense of some items, and some of the most pressing repair works of the Church. Listed below are some examples:

Replacing the guttering on the Central Avenue side of the church	\$3077
Replacing the window seals in the side chapel	\$2200
Sound equipment upgrades and repairs	\$2120
Tree lopping for safety purposes	\$10,067
Insurance	\$15,597.87
Legal fees for a council dispute over driveway.	\$3850
New printer \$840 plus many other maintenance expenses around \$1000 each	

A full income and expenditure statement is sent to all registered parishioners with their receipts in February each year.

Are you **seeking** some **spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment**? Sr Mel Williams the Vicar for Religious has a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese, and these can be accessed easily via the website: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>

St Lucia Spirituality Group will meet next on Zoom at 6pm Tuesday 23 August on the topic of praying with scripture using Ignatian imagination. To register and receive the pre-reading material email jscoble@hradvantage.com.au.

The **Archbishop** is **seeking Parish Priests** in four very large Archdiocesan Parishes: Banyo-Nundah, Coolangatta-Tugun, Springfield, and Chermside-Wavell Heights.

Refrain: **We remember** how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you when you come,
In your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls, are yearning just to touch you and be healed;
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart; *Refrain*

Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
Sign of grace and mercy, the Presence of the Lord; *Refrain*

Come as you are, that's how I want you. Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven; come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits. No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and dishearten'd. Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous, I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise, why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you. Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change, the love that I bear you. All will be well, just come as you are.

Refrain: **All the earth** proclaim the Lord, sing your praise to God.
Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness, Come into his presence singing for joy!

Know that the Lord is our creator. Yes, he is our Father; we are his own. *Refrain*
We are the sheep of his green pasture, For we are his people; he is our God. *Refrain*

Ann: Jim & Cecily Healy.