

## ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

### MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.30 am
Monday	5.15 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday	As below
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

Musicians Fund BSB 064129 ACC 10509763

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

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

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*Christmas Mass times at Indooroopilly & Toowong Parishes are on the noticeboard and our website. For St Thomas Aquinas Church, St Lucia:*

**Christmas Eve:** 5:30 pm Mass      **Christmas Day:** 9:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Mass

**Caritas Australia Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal** - Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials. [www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu](http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu).

St Lucia Parish is well known for our **balloon display on Christmas Eve**, but this can't happen without **help from volunteers**. Many of the people who helped in the past have moved on, including the organisers. We are hoping that new people will come forward to help. **All welcome.**

We need people this **Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> after the morning Mass** to help with cutting string and preparing for Christmas Eve – in the Church side chapel.

*or*  
on Christmas Eve, **Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> between 1pm and 3pm** in the Church, to tie up the balloons and position them around the Church.

Our gift this Christmas is to live simply - **Pope Francis** in Laudato Si' asks all people to fuel their relationship with God by **living simply**. In this Advent Season, may we aim to make our Christmas preparations **less wasteful and more enriching**. Suggestions for living a Laudato Si' Christmas: [www.shorturl.at/mls5K](http://www.shorturl.at/mls5K).

Enjoy the combined voices of the **Cathedral Schola, Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Chorale**, as they present the **Annual Carols Service**, with integrated readings led by **Archbishop Mark**. Sunday **22 December at 5 pm** at Cathedral of St Stephen.

**Positions Vacant** - Various positions are vacant in nearby parishes. Parish Secretary at Dutton Park, Hervey Bay and Inala. Parish Sacramental Coordinator at Springfield; and Pastoral Ministry Coordinator at Birkdale. For more information about any of these jobs please contact the Parish Office, or send your interest via submitting a Resume to Brent Hunter – HR Recruitment [hunterb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hunterb@bne.catholic.net.au)

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who orders all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.

*Refrain:* **We are many parts,** we are all one body,  
And the gifts we have we are given to share,  
May the Spirit of Love make us One indeed,  
One, the Love that we share, One, our Hope in despair, One, the Cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you We would be your servants true,  
Let us be your love to all the world. *refrain*

All you seekers great and small, Seek the greatest gift of all,  
If you love, then you will know the Lord. *refrain*

**O come all ye faithful**, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels

*Refrain:* O Come Let Us Adore Him / O Come Let Us Adore Him,  
O Come Let Us Adore Him / Christ The Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels / sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God all glory in the highest *refrain*