

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

22nd January 2023

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9 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:**

2nd Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007132

1st Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007130

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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

Grade 2 RI teacher urgently needed for **Ironside state school**. Time of class 9.50a-10.20a Friday mornings during school term. Commencing with induction **Friday 24th February** then teaching begins **Friday 3rd March**.

Please contact **Sheryl Esdaile** 0419 806 023 or Fr Pat. Teaching materials will be supplied.

This year **St Lucia** is hosting the **World Day of Prayer** hour at 10.30am on **Friday 3rd March**.

The prayers have been prepared by the women of **Taiwan**. We will be joined by members of the **Uniting Church of St Lucia** and **Christ Church Anglican**.

We will organise **morning tea** in the hall after the service.

Please plan to come and participate in the service. For further information, or if you are willing to assist, please contact **Lyn Fletcher** on 33786743 or 0407164274.

There will be a **meeting** for all helpers on Tuesday **31st January at 10am**.

Abuse constraints: The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to **safeguarding** everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

STOPLine is an independent service that receives information about ‘reportable conduct’ by Archdiocesan workers (clergy, religious, employees, volunteers) including abuse and serious breaches of Archdiocesan policies and procedures. Information can be shared with the STOPLine anonymously. Phone 1300 304 550 or email A0B@stopline.com or head to www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com.

Last week’s newsletter which was filled with extracts from Cardinal Pell’s prison diaries after the failure of his first appeal and the success of his second, and many parishioners have expressed their gratitude.

But quotations could not capture his enormous number of close friends, the many stories of their life with the Cardinal, and even new friends with some prisoners and guards, and old friends from his youth. **Literally hundreds of them.**

And at the end of every entry, there are prayers and faith-insights from his favourite spiritual writers.

There are copies of last week’s newsletter in the reading room.

Here I am Lord: I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: **Here I am Lord.** Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night,

I will go Lord, If you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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.

O purest of creatures! sweet Mother! sweet Maid!

The one spotless womb wherein Jesus was laid!

Dark night hath come down on us, Mother! and we

Look out for thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

Deep night hath come down on this rough-spoken world,

And the banners of darkness are boldly unfurled;

And the tempest-tost Church - all her eyes are on thee,

They look to thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

Rec Dec’d: Margaret Gibson.