

**ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

**MASS TIMES:**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Monday	5.15 pm
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>
Friday	9.30 am (Communion Service)
Saturday	<b>6.00 pm</b>

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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**Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ** returned to hospital this week for back surgery. The surgery went well. It was a little more complicated than the doctor expected, however, and so the recovery time has now increased. Fr Gregory is expected to return home over the weekend. Please keep him in your prayers while he recovers.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times:**

<i>St Lucia</i>	<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Family</i>	<i>6pm</i>
<i>Auchenflower</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>St Ignatius</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>

**Lenten Resources:**

**Archdiocese of Brisbane - Start A new in Christ.** A resource for Lent from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday with daily reflections accompanied by reflection questions and a concluding prayer. Available in printed and eBook via [www.lentprogram.com.au](http://www.lentprogram.com.au).

**40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil** - begins on Ash Wednesday and stretches 40 days until Palm Sunday. Free pancakes will be provided, all ages welcome, **4 March at 7 pm** Where: Glendalough Hall next to St Kevin's Church - 251 Newman Rd, Geebung. To learn more, please visit [40dfl.net](http://40dfl.net) or via email [40daysbrisbane@gmail.com](mailto:40daysbrisbane@gmail.com)

**Lenten Retreat - Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus** - Dates: Five Consecutive Mondays during Lent 10, 17, 24, 31 March and 7 April Time: 10am to 11.30am. Where: JISA Faber Centre, 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Drive, Bardon or on Zoom <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/inner-peace-in-friendship-with-jesus-lenten-retreat-series>

This year's **World Day of Prayer** service is being organised by Christ Church Anglican, Central Ave, St Lucia, on **7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am**. The service has been **prepared by the women of the Cook Islands**. All are welcome to attend. If any of our parishioners are from the Cook Islands please contact Robin, the organiser, or the parish office.

**St Lucia Spirituality** - The next online meeting of St Lucia Spirituality will be held on **4 March at 5:45pm for 6:00pm**. The meeting will consider a discussion paper on Indigenous Spirituality and Christianity and hear a presentation by Anglican priest Dr Garry Deverell. The meeting will be 30 minutes longer than usual. SLS seeks to support spiritual growth. To learn more and to obtain the paper, register and receive the zoom link, visit the website [www.stluciaspirituality.com](http://www.stluciaspirituality.com).

**Now thank we all our God**, with heart, and hands, and voices.  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given.  
The Son and Spirit blest, who reigns in highest heaven.  
Eternal Triune God, whom earth and heav'n adore.  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**Abide with me**; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!** His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation, Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary, Earth your footstool, heaven your throne:  
Thou within the veil, have entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
Thou on earth both priest and victim, In the Eucharistic feast!