

## ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

24<sup>th</sup> July 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 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	BSB 064786	ACC 100007132
1 <sup>st</sup> 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.

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**Fr Pat** is very grateful to **Fr Wally Dethlefs** and **Fr Chris Hanlon** for celebrating Masses while he was ill. Thank you also to Nev Feeney, Liz Jones & Sheryl Esdaile.

**Pope Francis** last year established the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, which is being celebrated on **July 24** this year. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit", taken from Psalm 92. Find prayer and liturgical resources and Pope Francis' message at [www.catholic.org.au/grandparents](http://www.catholic.org.au/grandparents)

The **new set of envelopes** is on the back table. We also are grateful to the **other registered parishioners** who contribute to the parish by direct debit, internet banking and cheque.

Unfortunately, our **accounting** system is being revised and restored and we are not able to determine with accuracy the amount we have received in the collection so far this year. But our **expenses have been much larger than previously** :

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

**The trees** on the Church property have now been lopped and are now considered safe. But there is **no guarantee**, and people should be cautious walking under them.

**St Mary MacKillop Mass** will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral celebrated by **Archbishop Mark** on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10am**. Morning tea will be served in the surrounding grounds following. RSVP to [rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 33243200.

The **Laurel Blow Speaker Series** is for anyone wanting to grow in understanding with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. In the August session, author **Jackie Huggins** will speak about her families' experience as First Nations people dealing with government. It will be held on the **4<sup>th</sup> August from 9-10:15 am** at ACU, Banyo. To find out more or register, visit [https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS22\\_1](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS22_1).

**St Lucia Spirituality Group** meets next on Zoom at **6pm Tuesday 26 July** on the topic of praying with scripture. For registration and resources, see [jscoble@hradvantage.com.au](mailto:jscoble@hradvantage.com.au).

**God of day and God of darkness,**  
Now we stand before the night;  
As the shadows stretch and deepen,  
Come and make our darkness bright.  
All creation still is groaning  
For the dawning of your might,  
When the Sun of peace and justice  
Fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness  
Still the rich oppress the poor  
Still the earth is bruised and broken  
By the ones who still want more  
Come and wake us from our sleeping  
So our hearts cannot ignore  
All your people lost and broken  
All your children at our door.

**Seek ye first** the kingdom of God      And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you      Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;      Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.      Allelu, Alleluia!

Where two or three are gathered in my name, There am I in their midst  
And whatsoever ye ask I will do. Allelu, Alleluia

*Refrain: Sing to the mountains;* sing to the sea Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made, Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord      You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death      You are my strength and my song.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord      Heaven and earth are full of your glory.