

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

24th September 2023

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.30 am, 6.00 pm
Monday	5.15 pm
Friday	9.30 am
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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The **Sunday morning Mass** will return to **9am** from next Sunday, October 1st, **the first Sunday in October**.

Nellie Powell our cleaner of the church and presbytery for over 20 years is leaving on **Thursday 28th September**. She will be very much missed, and we wish her every success.

25 September Yom Kippur (Judaism) Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. According to tradition, G-d inscribes each persons' fate for the coming year into the Book of Life and waits until Yom Kippur to seal the verdict.

Five prayer services that include private and public confessions of sins are held on this day. People refrain from work, attend synagogue and fast from the evening before until the evening of Yom Kippur. **No food or drink is taken for 25 hours**. It is customary to wear white as a symbol of purity.

26 to 27 September is the Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad (Islam) Also known as Maulid Nabi, the date of this holiday is based in the Islamic lunar calendar. Maulid Nabi falls on the 12th day of the third Islamic month of Rabi' al-awwal.

30 September to 6 October Sukkot (Judaism) Sukkot is a seven-day holiday and the primary symbol of sukkot is the sukka, a **temporary structure** that represents the hastily constructed quarters of the Jews as they wandered in the desert.

It is a time of praise, singing and dancing for joy for all the wonders that God has done. **In modern times, only the very religious will live in their sukka** for seven days. Most Jewish people symbolically build a small structure and eat a meal in it.

November is the month we celebrate masses for our deceased relatives and friends. We are advertising it early so that individual masses can be said at St Lucia before the end of the year. If there are some remaining, Fr Pat will celebrate them when he retires at Canossa.

November envelopes are on the exit tables for people who want **All Souls' Day** masses on 2nd November. Please put the completed envelopes in the collection boxes.

Individual masses for those names on the envelopes will be celebrated on weekdays or weekends starting **in October**.

The **first four names only** will appear in the newsletter. Please write the names clearly.

The **envelopes** we are using are white with "November Masses for the Faithful Departed" printed on the top. There are also **November envelopes in the set of envelopes** that some registered parishioners receive which can be used as well.

Firmly I believe and truly God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly do to death as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly light and life and strength belong;
and I love supremely, solely, him the holy, him the strong.

Praise and thanks be ever given, with and through th'angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Refrain: **Come to me** all who labor and are heavy burdened, and I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows where he gives me rest. *Refrain*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their refuge, and their might:
You, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'Mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!