

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

27th August 2023

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.30 am, 6.00 pm
Monday	5.15 pm
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	6.00 pm

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This Sunday is **Social Justice Sunday**. The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops, “A New Engagement with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples” is available at www.app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023.

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St Lucia church after the gospel at the 9.30am mass on Friday, **September 1st**. Anointing is for those who are ill (not dying). The letter of **St James** in the New Testament says:

‘Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.’

A brief **survey of parishioners** was held last weekend to ensure we have an up-to-date understanding of what our parishioners value about **mass at St Lucia**. This will help to inform our discussions with the amalgamating parishes. If you missed out last week, there are surveys on the **back table**. There are **only five questions** to be answered with a **tick only**. Please put the completed surveys in the **collection boxes** at the exits of the church.

Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, are hosting a Season of Creation Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by **Archbishop Mark Coleridge**. Parishes are encouraged to bring a **jar of water (river, sea or rainwater)** from their area to add to an **urn** that will be blessed and used to **bless the congregation**. **Saturday, 9th September 6pm** Mass, followed by discussion event.

As mentioned last week, **Bishop Tim Norton SVD** will celebrate all weekend Masses **next weekend** as part of a scheduled pastoral visit to St Lucia Parish.

A message from Bishop Tim.

Fr Pat Richards will conclude his time at St Thomas Aquinas parish at the end of this year. **Fr Greg Jacobs SJ** will be the new Parish Priest of the parish, assisted by Fr Paul Fyfe SJ and Fr Frank Brennan SJ.

As part of the preparation for this transition, you are invited to a **parish gathering** with Bishop Tim and Mary Macuga. who will take time to listen to parishioners’ thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of St Thomas Aquinas Parish. This information will be provided to Fr Greg Jacobs SJ when he begins.

The gathering will take place on **Saturday 2nd September at 1pm** at the **St Lucia parish hall**. All are welcome.

Hail, Queen of heav’n, the ocean star,	O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
Guide of the wand’rer here below;	We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Thrown on life’s surge, we claim thy care	Remind thy Son that he has paid
Save us from peril and from woe.	The price of our iniquity.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,	Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.	Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Come as you are, that’s how I want you. Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven; come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits. No need to fear, love never ends.
Don’t run away shamed and dishearten’d. Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous, I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise, why do you think I’d love you the less?

Come as you are, that’s how I love you. Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change, the love that I bear you. All will be well, just come as you are.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Father we praise you as Lord, all of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth. *Refrain*

Blessed apostles sing praise; prophets and martyrs give glory;
For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son! *Refrain*

Rec Dec’d: Veronica Butta, George Delaney, Anne Corbett.

Ann: Joseph Robson, Suzy King, Charles Coulson.