

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

27th February 2022

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.00 am, 6.00 pm
Monday	5.15pm
Ash Wednesday	9.30am & 5.15pm
Friday	9.30am (Communion Service)
Saturday	6.00 pm

For people who are able to help the Church by **contributions**:

2 nd Collection	BSB 064786	ACC 100007132
1 st Collection	BSB 064786	ACC 100007130
Musicians Fund	BSB 064129	ACC 10509763

Reconciliation: Saturday 12-12.30pm in Sacristy Phone: 3371 5860

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am to 12:30 pm.

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This Wednesday, March 2nd, is Ash Wednesday. There will be two Masses at St Lucia at **9.30am and 5.15pm both in the Church.** The Church will be disinfected between Masses. The masses will be short like weekday masses.

The ashes should not be put on one forehead and then another. So the priest will **sprinkle the ashes** on the head of parishioners.

If people do not want to receive ashes on their hair/head, Fr Pat recommends that they put out their hands as they do for Communion, and the ashes will be **sprinkled on their wrists.** Some people may prefer to attend mass and **not receive the ashes**, this is no problem.

Archbishop's Lenten Message is on the newsletter table outside the church.

There will be **no Mass this Friday** but there will be a Communion Service instead.

No reconciliation this Saturday. From March 12, reconciliation will be in confessional.

Fr Jim Smith will be celebrating all Masses next weekend, 5th and 6th March.

Project Compassion envelopes are on the **newsletter table** at the entrance to the church. The theme this year is 'For all Future Generations'. It is an expression of hope that reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

This Lent, you have the opportunity to connect directly with Caritas Australia to learn how our compassion makes a difference with **one-hour zoom sessions.** You can register by going to <http://lent.caritas.org.au>. See noticeboard for more information.

The **World Day of Prayer** will be held at **Christ Church, St Lucia this Friday March 4th at 10am.** We will join members of the Anglican and Uniting Church parishes. **Morning tea will be provided** after the prayers. For more information contact Lyn on 33786743.

The Archdiocese has informed us that **from March 4, masks** will not be mandatory in church but are advisable. **Covid cleaning** will no longer be necessary between services. But **social distancing** is still required. At St Lucia after March 4th, the ropes that seal off the pews will be removed from the back area of the church.

A special **thank you** to those involved for so long in the unpleasant work of **fogging** of the church premises. Your willingness to be involved, especially for extras, has been very much appreciated.

Acacia Ridge Praise and **Worship Youth Meeting** this Saturday. See Noticeboard.

St Lucia **Spirituality Group** will meet next on Zoom at 7pm Tuesday 1st March. To register and receive the pre-reading material email jscoble@hradvantage.com.au.

*Refrain: Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.*

Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death, keeping me from harm.

Where can I run from Your love? If I climb to the heavens You are there;
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I'd find You there.

Refrain: **BE WITH ME, LORD**, when I am in trouble, Be with me, Lord, I pray.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Most High, Who abide in the shadow of our God,
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge and fortress, The God in whom I trust'.

No evil shall befall you, no pain come near For the angels stand close by your side
Guarding you always and bearing you gently Watching over your life.

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 sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Ann: John Tully.