ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

2nd March 2025

MASS TIMES:

 Sunday
 9.30 am

 Monday
 5.15 pm

 Ash Wednesday
 8.00 am

Friday 9.30 am (Communion Service)

Saturday 6.00 pm

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

Reconciliation: None until further notice. Phone: 3371 5860
Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am to 12:30 pm.
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AOB Safeguarding Office: www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding

Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ is home from hospital and recuperating. Please keep him in your prayers while he steps closer to a full recovery.

This year's **World Day of Prayer** service is being organised by Christ Church Anglican, Central Ave, St Lucia, on 7th **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.

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.

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 or via email 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

Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

St Lucia 8am Holy Family 6pm

Auchenflower 9am St Ignatius 6:30pm

Project Compassion envelopes are around the Church. Through your generosity, you are **assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people** build better futures for themselves, their families, and their communities, **now and for all future generations**. For more information see noticeboard or visit www.caritas.org.au.

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.

Joyful in hope, your people pray.

Mary, so open to the Lord,

When you answered, "Yes" our hope was restored.

There's sunshine after rain;
Though you couldn't understand,
In trust you took his hand.
And I am with you always, so rise again.
So, joyful in hope, we live again.

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love. This love can never be measured. God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen, so let us place our trust in him. *Refrain*

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God. Whose love can never grow weary. God's mercy is as though our sins have never been If we can place our trust in him. *Ref.*

Refrain: **Though the mountains may fall** and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand as a shelter for all who will call on his name, Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you? Could the Lord forget his love? Though a mother forsake her child, He will not abandon you. *Refrain*

Should you turn and forsake him, He will gently call your name. Should you wander away from him, He will always take you back. *Refrain*