

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

30th November 2025

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.30 am
Monday	5.15 pm
Friday	9.30 am (Communion Service)
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

Musicians Fund BSB 064129 ACC 10509763

Reconciliation: *None until further notice.* **Phone:** 3371 5860

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am to 12:30 pm (*Call First*).
Friday 9:30am to 12:30 pm.

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AOB Safeguarding Office: www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding

St Lucia Christmas Eve: 5:30pm and 7pm. Christmas Day: 9am; **Indooroopilly** Christmas Eve: Carols at 5:30pm, Mass at 6pm, Christmas Day: 8:30am; **St Ignatius** Christmas Eve: 6pm (Oval); 9pm (Church), Christmas Day: 7am (Church); 8am (Auchenflower).

Book launch - Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge DD, will launch **Pope Francis: The Disruptive Pilgrim's Guide** By **Fr Frank Brennan**, SJ, AO. **Friday 12th of December** at 6.00 pm, at Holy Spirit Parish, 17 Harriett St, Auchenflower. Book available for purchase at special launch price of \$25.00 soft cover. RSVP hdregan@atf.org.au by 6 Dec.

St Lucia Spirituality - The next online meeting of St Lucia Spirituality will be held on **Tuesday, 2 December at 4:45pm** for 5:00pm. The meeting will consider a discussion paper on A New Ecological Ethic. How are philosophers, scientists and theologians encouraging us to consider the interconnectedness of all life on earth and to take action to protect the environment and enhance human development? To learn more and to obtain the paper, register and receive the zoom link, visit the website www.stluciaspirituality.com.

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will take place on **6th and 7th December**. Donations are used to support people in the St Lucia and Indooroopilly communities over the next six months. Needy families are also provided with a Christmas Hamper. You will be able to donate cash or provide credit card details on the envelopes handed out at the appeal. Envelopes will also be available at church entrances prior to the appeal weekend. Envelopes can be deposited in the collection boxes at the next mass, or returned by post.

CHRISTMAS AT ST LUCIA – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- **Christmas Balloons** – will happen again this year, but only if we have the volunteers. There are two dates **21st December after the Sunday morning Mass**, cutting ribbons and preparation, and **24th December 1pm and 3pm** for inflating the balloons.
- **Special Ministers and Readers**
- **Dusting Working Bee** – Looking for expressions of interest to see if we can get a group of people to meet one day before Christmas to do extra dusting and cleaning around the Church. **Saturday 20th** was floated as an option.

If you would like to **get involved this Christmas**, there are plenty of opportunities. Please either contact the office or sign up on one of the clipboards.

The **9:30 Sunday Morning Choir** at St Thomas Aquinas traditionally leads the singing at the two Christmas Eve Masses (5:30 pm and 7:00 pm). Christmas Eve rehearsal is usually 30-45 minutes prior to the 5:30 Mass and there is a short break for refreshments between Masses. **Anyone interested in singing is very welcome** to join the choir.

Refrain: **Wake up, my people**, listen to my word,
Proclaim my love among you, let this song be heard.

O Lord has spoken and is speaking now to you,
the Spirit is longing to reveal the living truth.
We gather together and wait expectantly
for the fire of life that will set us free. *Refrain*

Refrain: **O Lord, 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.

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

God is light; in him there is no darkness. Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words, Proclaim to my city the day of her birth