

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA
3rd December 2023

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.00 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:**

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 confessional Phone: 3371 5860

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

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As explained in last week's newsletter, the task group for **the joining of the three parishes** has accepted that the Sunday night mass at St Lucia will close next year. The Jesuits have asked that we introduce that closure before the end of the year.

Accordingly, **the last Sunday evening mass at St Lucia will be on December 17th**. This excludes the Christmas vigil which is also on Sunday evening this year and mass times will be at 5.30pm and 7pm. But there will be **no** Sunday evening mass on December 31 and for all next year.

The Sunday evening mass was for many years the largest at St Lucia and the most vibrant. It is a great pity to see it has to close but it was unavoidable. Among the three parishes there will be only one Sunday evening mass.

There is only one Saturday and one Sunday evening mass for the three parishes:

St Lucia: Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 9:30am (loses Sunday 6:00pm)

Toowong: Sunday 7:00am and 5:00pm (loses Saturday 6:00pm)

Auchenflower: Sunday 8:00am (change of Mass time)

Indooroopilly: Sunday 8:30am (loses Saturday and Sunday evenings)

Until the end of December, **weekday mass times** will be advertised in the newsletter, and those interested should check each newsletter at mass or online to see the times.

Special Ministers to distribute Communion will be needed for The Christmas Eve Mass at 5.30 pm. Fr Jim Smith will be celebrating and will need at least four special ministers. Some people who receive communion have no idea what to do and so the minister's job is very important. Please fill out the **clipboard on the back table** if you are able to help.

Stroll through Bethlehem includes Roman Soldiers, craftspeople, live animals, shepherds, innkeepers, three wise men and a nativity scene, including refreshments. **December 20-23, 6.30pm to 8.30pm** at Uniting Church Indooroopilly.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal - Our conference regularly supports the needy in St Lucia, Indooroopilly, and Taringa. Donation envelopes are on the table at the rear of the church.

The **St Lucia Musicians Fund** supports our musicians at all masses. Donations are tax deductible and envelopes are on the exit tables of the church.

Prepare for Christmas with The Catholic Guy's devotional items for Advent. Register here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent/> For more information, email: info@brucedownes.org.

God gives his people strength.

If we believe in his way, He's swift to repay

All those who bear the burden of the day. God gives his people strength.

God gives his people hope,

If we but trust in his word. Our prayers are always heard.

He warmly welcomes anyone who's erred. God gives his people hope.

God gives his people love,

If we but open wide our heart, He is sure to do his part;

He's always the first to make the start. God gives his people love.

Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.

Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.

Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know. Refrain

You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy. Refrain

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

Refrain