

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA
4th February 2024

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:**

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

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

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

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The Church in Australia celebrates **Word of God Sunday** on the first Sunday in February. **Pope Francis** established the day, which is devoted to 'the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God'. One of the primary ways in which the faithful honour God's Word in the liturgy is by faithfully listening to the proclamation of the readings in the homily, and by discerning the various ways in which God's Word applies to their lives. Several resources have been prepared to assist with the promotion and commemoration of the day at www.catholic.au/s/article/Word-of-God-Sunday.

As mentioned last week, the first **Parish Morning Tea** for 2024 is on next **Sunday 11th February after the 9.30am** Mass in the Parish Hall under the Church, everyone welcome. To help with catering, please register your name on the clipboards around the Church if you think you might attend. If you would like to help serve, please contact the office.

A reminder, the **St Lucia Spirituality Group** will meet next on Zoom at **6pm Tuesday 6th February** on the topic of "Death and Rebirth". We will explore the stages of transitions in our secular and spiritual lives. To register and/or receive the briefing paper email jscoble@hradvantage.com.au.

Saint Valentine's Dance - Charity Social for Pregnancy Crises Inc. The suggested dress level for men is a collared shirt & tie, and for ladies Sunday best/cocktail. **Friday 9th February 6.30pm** at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Hall, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley. \$35pp includes a glass of wine upon arrival, \$20pp for ages 10-17, and ages 0-9 are complimentary. For more information <https://www.trybooking.com/COEVT>.

Ash Wednesday (14th February) Mass times across the Community:

St Lucia: 8am

Indooroopilly: 6pm

Toowong: 6pm

You are invited to attend **Discere** — a **free** (morning tea and lunch included), **one-day retreat to start the new year with prayer** and discernment about where God is calling you in 2024 and beyond. For young single Catholic men and women, the team from **Vocation Brisbane** will provide information about the different Catholic vocations and help shed light on what 'discernment' actually means. **Saturday 10 February, 9am – 3pm**, 2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren For info 33243003 or email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ryone.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, And truth eternal is thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Day is done, but love unfailing

Dwells ever here;

Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,

Calms every fear.

Loving Father, none forsaking,

Take our hearts, of Love's own making,

Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,

Be always near.

2) Dark descends, but light unending

Shines through our night;

You are with us, ever lending

New strength to sight:

One in love, your truth confessing,

One in hope of heaven's blessing,

May we see, in love's possessing,

Love's endless light!

- 1) Eyes will close but you unsleeping Watch by our side
Death may come in Love's safe keeping Still we abide
God of love all evil quelling, Sin forgiving, fear dispelling
Stay with us our hearts indwelling This eventide.

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