

## ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9 am, 6.00 pm
Monday	5.15pm
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	6.00 pm

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007132

1<sup>st</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> February is **World Interfaith Harmony Week**. Commencing in 2007, this encouraged Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in dialogue. The concept has been extended to people of all faiths and those of none. World Interfaith Harmony Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the dialogue being undertaken by people of good will.

**Receipts** for the second collection will be posted to registered parishioners before the end of February, as is done every year.

Fr Pat will individually sign all receipts and acknowledge what was contributed to the **first collection, any Christmas offerings or gifts**.

A full **income and expenditure statement** for the parish will be included with the receipt. We had a loss this year of \$13,635 mainly because of the new gutters on the side of the church (\$5972) and the lopping of all trees on the church property (\$9170).

There are some people who have put a contribution directly into our account, and given us their name as a reference, but we have **no record of any details** about them (address, phone etc) as they are not registered parishioners. Hence we are not able to send them a receipt and can only just thank them here in the newsletter.

**St Lucia Spirituality Group** will meet next on Zoom at **6pm Monday 13 February** on the topic of "An Adult Faith". To register and receive the pre-reading material email [jscoble@hradvantage.com.au](mailto:jscoble@hradvantage.com.au).

*Jacques Brel* is alive and well and living in Paris was an **alternative musical from 1975**. Fr Pat used recordings from this musical to start off topics with religion classes at the High School in the seventies and eighties. The singing is so fast that the words are not easily understood, so he had the words typed out so that the students could follow the meaning.

On the back table of the church are several copies of the words for anyone interested to take them home. The original recording is available on **Spotify** which is easily accessed by typing in the title above on Google.

**Abide with me;** fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

*Refrain:* **The light of Christ** has come into the world,  
The light of Christ has come into the world.

We must all be born again to see the kingdom of God;  
The water and the Spirit bring new life in God's love. *Refrain*

God gave up his only Son out of love for the world,  
So that all who believe in him will live for ever. *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*

**Rec'd Dec:** Chantal Monnell, Cardinal George Pell.

**Ann:** Mary Slattery.