

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

5th March 2023

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9 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:**

2nd Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007132

1st Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007130

Musicians Fund BSB 064129 ACC 10509763

Reconciliation: Saturday 12-12.30pm in confessional Phone: 3371 5860

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We welcome **Fr Dudley McMahon** who is celebrating all masses this weekend. Fr Pat is very grateful for his assistance. Fr Dudley is a retired priest, formerly from Longreach and Caloundra parishes. **Fr Pat** returns next week.

Receipts for the parish collection were posted on Tuesday. If the amount is **incorrect**, please contact us preferably by email or phone. Or if you **did not receive** a receipt, and think you should have, please contact us also. When you tell us what mistakes we have made, we learn to refine our system. Thank you for helping us.

World Day of Prayer - Thank you to all who attended the service on Friday and especially those who participated in the readings and singing and thank you also to the ladies who organised the morning tea. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome parishioners from Christ Church Anglican and St Lucia Uniting to our church to share the service.

Project Compassion envelopes are on the **newsletter table** at the two main entrances to the church and on the back table. 'Project Compassion' is the Australian bishops' Lenten project. All donations go to **Caritas** which is an international Catholic organization assisting people in developing countries.

Donations are **tax deductible**. The theme this year is '**For all Future Generations**'. It is an expression of hope that reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

The Archdiocesan Council for Ecumenism provides the following information on the religious festivals of other faiths:

6 March - Sangha Day (Buddhism):

Sangha Day is dedicated to the brotherhood of Buddhist monks and those who keep this doctrine and is usually celebrated on the **full moon** of the first lunar month. 'Sangha' means an assembly or association and most commonly refers to the monastic community of ordained Buddhist monks or nuns. **Monastic life** is considered to provide the safest and most suitable environment for advancing toward enlightenment and liberation.

7 March - Purim (Judaism):

This holiday commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, a Persian Empire official who was planning to kill all the Jews living in Persia. The story is recounted in the Scroll of **Esther** which is found in the Hebrew Scriptures. The holiday is celebrated with a feast, the wearing of fancy dress costumes, the eating of hamantaschen (**triangular pastries** filled with fruit, cheese or poppy-seeds) and the giving of gifts (food baskets) to friends and those in need.

Refrain: Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of God.

Glory, glory to God most high, glory blessing and praise. With one voice O people, Rejoice in our God who hears the cry of all in need. *Refrain*

Who has fashioned the earth and sky, who created the deep, who exalts the lowly, Sets captives free, who opens the door to all who seek. *Refrain*

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

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love. His love can never be measured. His 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. His love can never grow weary. His mercy is as though our sins have never been, if we can place our trust in him. *Refrain*

Refrain: All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea, lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea, has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord, the wonders he has done in every age. *Refrain*

The Lord has made his salvation known faithful to the promises of old. Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all it holds make music before our King! *Refrain*