

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

6th March 2022

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.00 am, 6.00 pm
Monday	5.15pm (Communion service)
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	6.00 pm

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

2nd Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007132

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We welcome **Fr Jim Smith** who is celebrating all masses this weekend. Fr Jim was the director of Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care for many years and created the respite centre from the ground up. Many St Lucia parishioners volunteered to help.

From today on, there will be **two doors open** as entrances to the church, the side and the back door, but **only for weekend masses**.

During Covid, the only-one-door-open has led to a **more social parish** both before and after mass, which was most successful. Many other parishes have welcoming committees, but in St Lucia this has not been possible because of the **eight entrances** into the church.

The Archbishop's suggestions for opening up: **Masks** are not mandatory anymore, but **advisable**. **Covid cleaning** is no longer required between masses, nor are **marshals**.

One feature of the St Lucia Parish is that it alone in the Western suburbs has kept its doors **open each day** in the past for people who wanted to **visit**. It is one of our features that will **only be restored slowly**. Similarly with **holy water, hymn books, collection plates**

There will be no mass this **Monday at 5.15pm** in the **hall**, but a **Communion service** instead.

The **9.30am mass on Friday will be in the side chapel** of the church and will remain there for the foreseeable future.

Starting from today, a **prayer of the faithful** will be reintroduced, and progressively over the next few weeks, other aspects of the mass will be reintroduced.

Our parish is in the process of changing from Telstra to the **NBN**. It requires the setting up of three new **modems** and a new **cable above ground**, connecting the church and the presbytery. We expect **interference** with our services until it is complete, and it may involve a change of phone numbers. At the moment, our phone lines are connected to mobiles and services are keeping up. **Email** is the most secure way to contact us.

Project Compassion envelopes are on the tables **at the church exits**. This year's theme is 'For all Future Generations' which comes from the biblical story of Noah's Ark. When the flood waters subsided, a dove returned with an olive branch indicating a new beginning. God used a rainbow as a sign of an unbreakable relationship with the human family. It is an expression of hope and reminds us that the good that we do today will impact the lives of generations to come.

Refrain: **A voice in the wilderness** calls to prepare,
For we are standing on the edge of changes.
Across the desert sand and the mountain high, The Lord is coming, make your way.

I will hear what the Lord will say, A voice of peace for all his people,
His voice is never far for those who know His glory dwelling in our land.. *Refrain*

Faithfulness and mercy have met, Peace and justice have embraced here.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth And justice look down from the sky. *Refrain*

Refrain: **All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.**

Someone will be calling you to be there for a while.
Can you hear the cry from deep within? *Refrain*

Laughter, joy and presence: the only gifts you are.
Have you time? I'd like to be with you. *Refrain*

On Eagle's wings:

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

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