

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

8th January 2023

MASS TIMES:

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

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Two quotes from Pope Benedict, quoted by Fr Frank Brennan in The Australian 2-1-23:

1) Before the 2005 conclave, Pope Benedict said:

“Today, having a clear faith based on the creed of the church is often labelled as **fundamentalism**.

Whereas **relativism**, that is, letting oneself be ‘tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine’, seems the only attitude that can cope with modern times.

We are building a **dictatorship of relativism** that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of one’s own ego and desires.”

2) Benedict came to Sydney for World Youth Day in 2008. The Australian’s Paul Kelly asked about religious indifference in secular Australia. Benedict was upbeat in response:

“There will be in a certain sense in this ‘Western world’ a crisis of our faith, but we will always also have a **revival** of the faith because **Christian faith is simply true**, and the truth will always be present in the human world, and God will always be the truth. In this sense, I am in the end optimistic.”

Palms Australia are asking for **qualified and experienced** Australians able to mentor people in **education, health, administration, trades, agriculture** and more. **Sharing your skills** will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

The Church around the world has entered the **Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality**. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources and for more information at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch.

Refrain: Come to set us free, come to make us your own.

Come to show the way to your people, your chosen.

Open our lives to the light of your promise.

Come to our hearts with healing, come to our minds with power,

Come to us and bring us your life.

You are light which shines in darkness, Morning star which never sets.

Open our eyes which only dimly see the truth which sets us free. *Refrain*

Wherever you go I shall go. Wherever you live so shall I live.

Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God too.

Wherever you die I shall die, and there shall I be buried beside you.

We will be together for ever, and our love will be the gift of our life.

Repeat first verse

Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms,

Holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah: prepare the way of the Lord.

Go to the mountain top, lift your voice: Jerusalem, here is your God. *Refrain*

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,

And take my yoke upon your shoulders. I will give you rest. *Refrain*

Parishioners asked for masses for the following recently deceased 2022:

Ann O’Connor, Mary Gauci, Xavier O’Grady, Lorna (Lee) Graham, Br Alan Moss,

Br Tony White, Lina Daddow, Fr Ellis Clifford, Marlene Green. Patricia Goodings,

Kathy Brennan, Agnes Schleppenbach, Patrice Cornwall, Veronica Moroni, Mary Slack,

John Barry, Beppo Pagliaro, Kevin Bagley, Joseph Robson, Jean Plassais, Jim Noonan,

Margaret & Tim Ryan, Nicki Wood, Fr Ian Howells, Margaret Hopkinson,

Kevin Hourigan, Kimberley Kitching, Pat Cassidy, Lina Daddow