

Summary of Survey Outcomes: Highlights Report

Purpose: the purpose of the survey was to understand the general attendance patterns and elements of mass at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, St Lucia, which are valued by parishioners.

The survey was voluntary opt-in and conducted anonymously.

Survey window was from Saturday 19th August to Sunday 27th August 2023, with responses submitted either via paper form (252 responses) or online form accessed via QR code (42 responses).

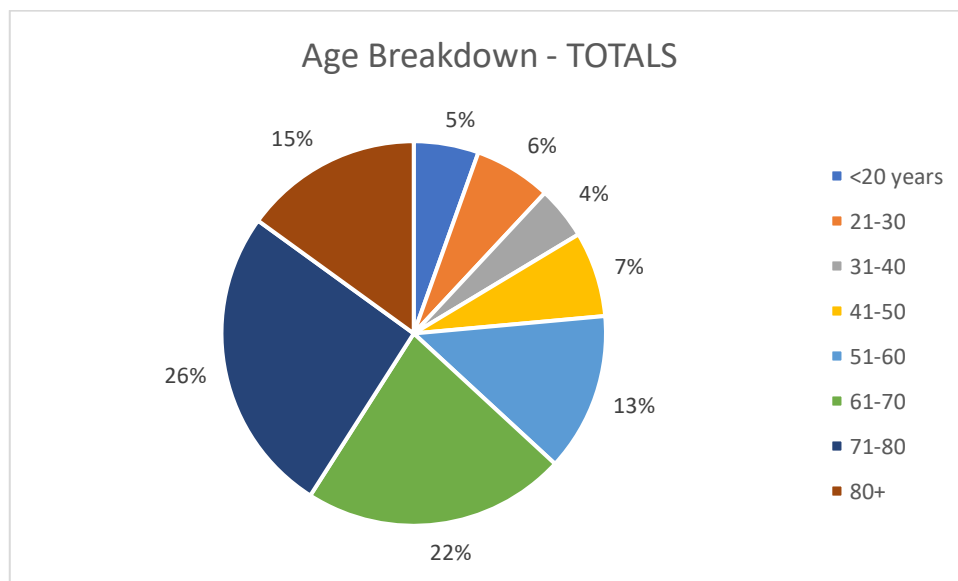
Total responses received: **294**

A copy of the survey form is appended to this highlight report for reference.

Overall trends (all results pooled)

Age:

- Over 75% of respondents are over 50 years of age on an overall basis
- The largest cohort of responses came from the 71-80 years age group (26% of total)
- The smallest cohort of responses is the 31-40 years age group (4% of total)
- This mix changes between the 3 masses, with the Sunday evening mass the youngest respondents on average (see 'Breakdown by mass attended' section for further detail).



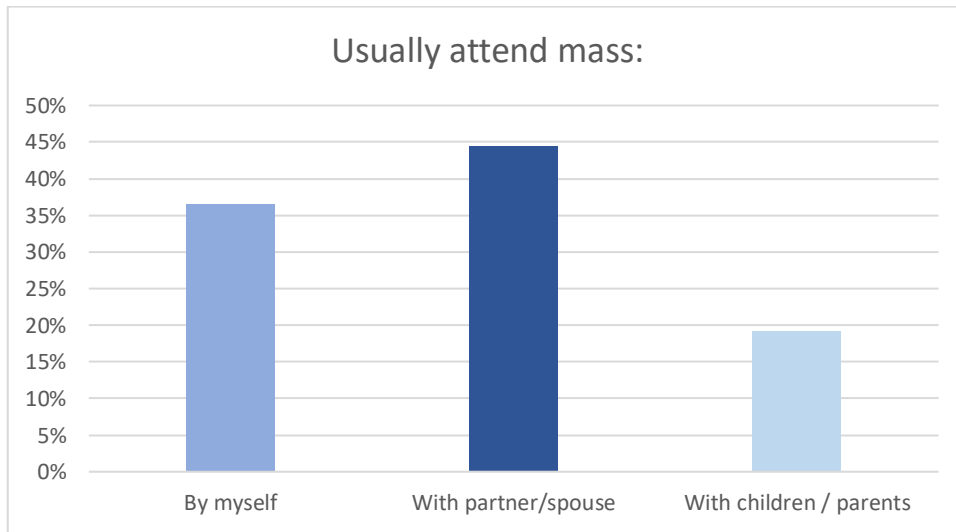
Regular Mass time:

- Almost 50% of respondents attend the Sunday morning mass most regularly, with the remaining 50+% split fairly evenly between Saturday 6pm and Sunday 6pm masses:

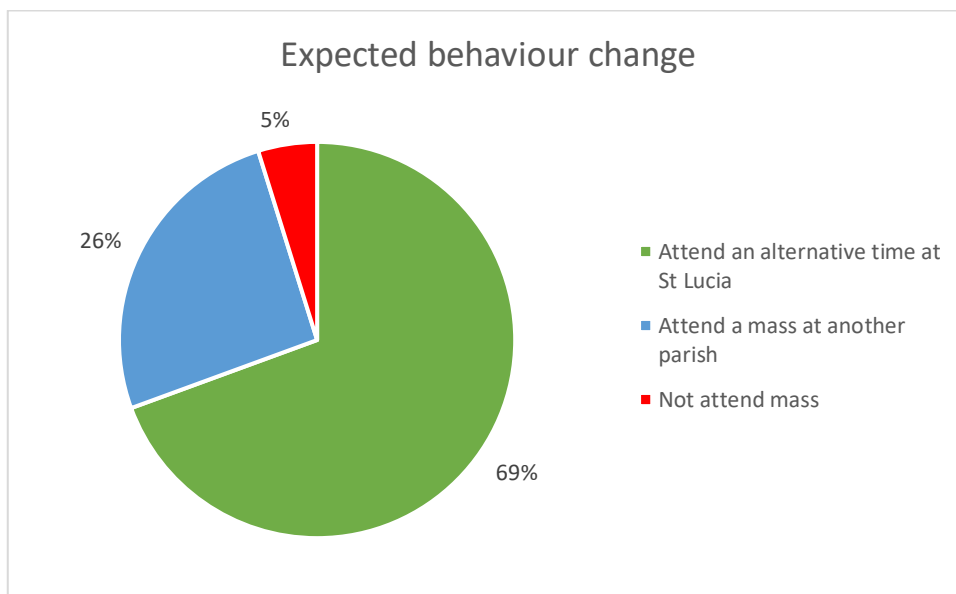
Regular mass time:	% of responses:
Saturday 6pm	26%
Sunday morning	47%
Sunday 6pm	27%

Attendance behaviours:

- ~20% of respondents attend with children and family members
- 37% of respondents typically attend mass by themselves



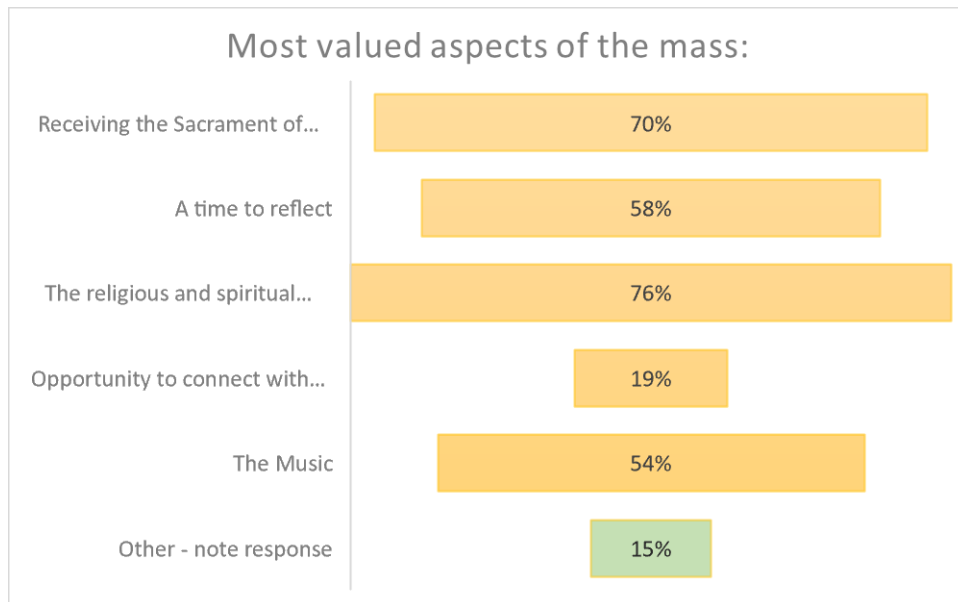
- A majority of parishioners expect they would attend another mass at St Thomas Aquinas St Lucia if their regular mass time was no longer available:



- About a quarter of respondents expect they would attend a mass at an alternative parish (eg. Indooroopilly / Toowong) if their regular St Lucia mass was no longer available; and
- ~5% of attendees expect they would no longer attend mass.

What Parishioners Value:

- The survey presented a number of pre-filled options for respondents to choose up to 3 of, plus an 'Other' option for additional comments. Of the pre-filled options, the frequency of responses are summarised as follows:



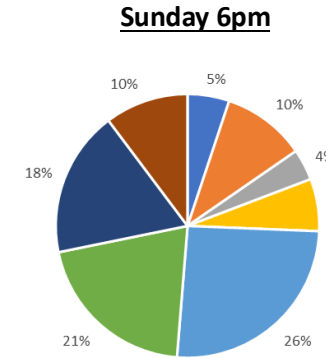
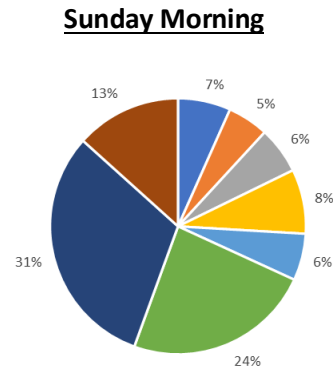
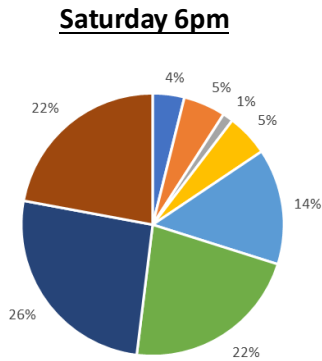
- Of the 'Other' responses, there were **3 key themes that emerged**:
 - Parishioners strongly value the current **length of masses** at St Lucia (~35 minutes)
 - Parishioners have a deep connection to the **quality & relevance of the homilies** that are currently given by Father Patrick Richards; and
 - Parishioners value the '**simplicity and straightforwardness**' of the mass.

The following page breaks down the above responses by Mass.

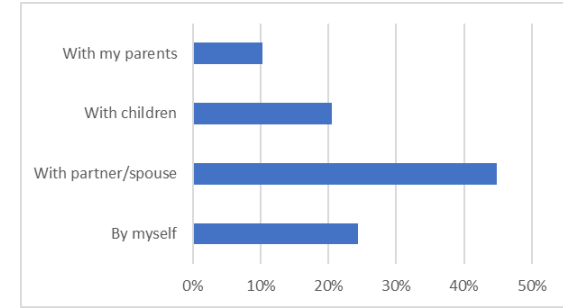
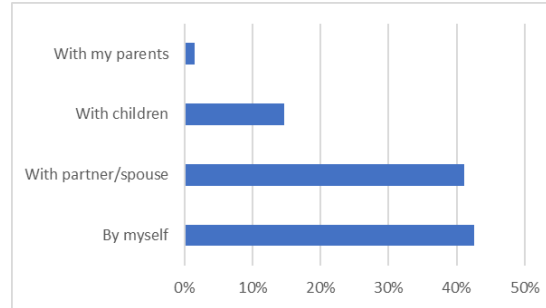
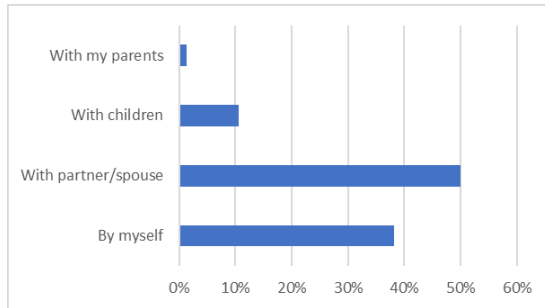
Breakdown by Mass Attended:

Age Breakdown:

- <20 years
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- 61-70
- 71-80
- 80+

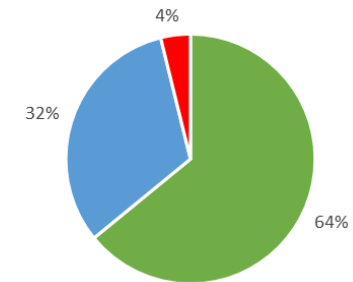
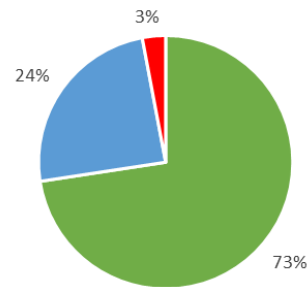
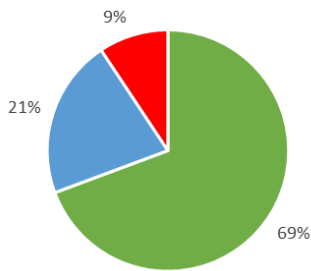


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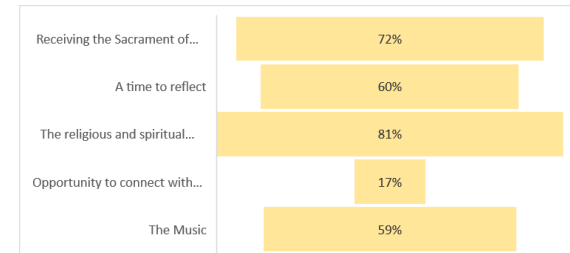
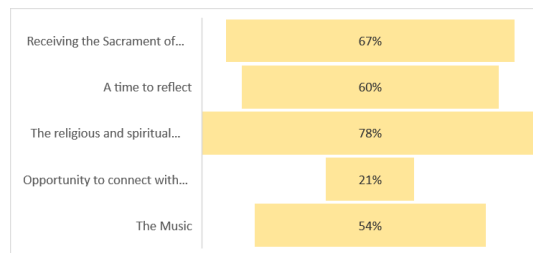
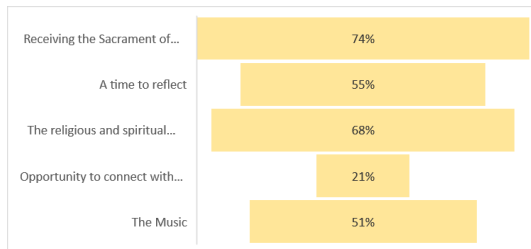


If mass time were to change:

- Attend an alternative time at St Lucia
- Attend a mass at another parish
- Not attend mass



Most valued aspects:



Appendix A: Survey Questions:

'Community of Communities': St Thomas Aquinas Parish Survey:

Please select your Age range:

- 20 years or under 31-40 years 51-60 years 71-80 years
 21-30 years 41-50 years 61-70 years 80 years or above

Do you usually attend mass:

- By myself With my partner / spouse With children

Which mass do you most regularly attend at St Lucia:

- Saturday Evening 6pm Sunday Morning (9/9:30am) Sunday Evening 6pm

If your regular mass was no longer available at St Lucia, are you more likely to:

- Attend an alternative mass time at St Lucia
 Attend a mass at your regular time at another parish (Indooroopilly / Toowong)
 Not likely to attend mass

What do you value about the mass at St Lucia (choose up to 3):

- Receiving the Sacrament of Communion A time to reflect The religious and spiritual teaching
 The opportunity to connect with other parishioners The music
 Other:
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