

## ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH – ST LUCIA

15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.30 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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The **parish councilors** used to receive **complaints and comments** and bring them to meetings. Because they were mostly anonymous, it was often that we heard statements like 'There are two people who want this,' with various nuances given for each anonymous comment, and little progress was made.

Fr Pat has decided that in future all complaints and comments should be **by email or on the answering machine**. (No one answers the parish phone after 12.30pm. So if anyone rings after 12.30 they will get the answering machine on any day of the week.)

At future parish council meetings, parish councilors will be asked what their **personal view** is of any subject. Parishioners of course may speak to any councilor about any issue, but the meeting will only hear **what the individual councilor thinks** and listen to her/his explanations. This will cut the number of opinions down to a manageable number.

Topics for the next meeting include music in the parish and the reduced mass attendance.

The councilors are: Merril Brandenburg, Dr Arabelle Clayden, Justice James Douglas, Sheryl Esdaile, Dr Simon Journeaux, Dr Gemma Latham, Dr John Irwin, Patrick Richards & Andrew Slack.

This week Australia will celebrate **National Volunteer Week**. Throughout the parishes, and by virtue of its work with Centacare, the Archdiocese has one of the largest numbers of volunteer groups throughout the state—around 10,000 approximately.

**The church** is now **open each day** from **Thursday to Monday** for visitation. That means that the only days the Church is closed are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We thank Nev Feeney who will be opening and closing the Church each day.

**A Morning's Prayer** is a 3-hour morning retreat with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Held between 9am - 12pm on Saturday 4th June at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston. Cost \$20. Info <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3>.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an **Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"** commencing in Melbourne on **18 October**, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on **29 October 2022**. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Information at [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call 89124818.

**God of day and God of darkness,**  
Now we stand before the night;  
As the shadows stretch and deepen,  
Come and make our darkness bright.  
All creation still is groaning  
For the dawning of your might,  
When the Sun of peace and justice  
Fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness  
Still the rich oppress the poor  
Still the earth is bruised and broken  
By the ones who still want more  
Come and wake us from our sleeping  
So our hearts cannot ignore  
All your people lost and broken  
All your children at our door.

*Refrain: A new commandment I give unto you.*

that you love one another as I have loved you  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another *Repeat and 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*

**Rec Dec'd:** Br Alan Moss, Br Tony White. **Ann:** Patricia Copley, John & Maria Chang.