

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

25th January 2026

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.30 am
Monday	5.15 pm
Wednesday	9.00 am (St Thomas Aquinas feast day)
Friday	9.30 am (Communion Service)
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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Reconciliation: *None until further notice.* **Phone:** 3371 5860

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am to 12:30 pm (*Call First*).
Friday 9:30am to 12:30 pm.

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St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day (Wednesday 28th Jan) and Parish Celebration - As well as having a Mass at 9am on the feast day itself, the feast will be celebrated at both weekend Masses with morning tea after the Sunday morning Mass in the Hall. Please **bring a plate to share**. Also there will be a blessing for installation of a painting of St Joseph and the baby Jesus. This painting has an interesting provenance in that it used to hang over the altar in the chapel of the Mercy Sisters 'Convent in Warwick. This painting is at least 133 years old, and has been professionally restored and reframed by Hugh and Alexandra Hamilton who bought the convent, restored it to its former glory, and ran it as wedding venue. They have donated the painting to this Church. The painting is a reproduction of a famous one by Nicola Bertucci (1710-1777) an Italian painter of the Baroque period. The painting will be set up after morning Mass next Sunday in the Church Hall for closer inspection. St Thomas Aquinas wrote an important theological treatise on St Joseph that changed the way the Church viewed the importance of St Joseph in the Incarnation.

The Care & Concern Group - has been reestablished, initially for the purpose of taking Communion to the housebound on Fridays after the Communion Service. Mary Ward is the Convenor. If you know someone in the Parish who is housebound and who would like Communion please give the Office, the contact details by email: stlucia@bne.catholic.net.au

World Day of Prayer - 6th March. The Parish is hosting this important Ecumenical service. The liturgy booklet can be found <https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/wdp/>

St Lucia Spirituality - The next online meeting of St Lucia Spirituality will be held on **Tuesday, 3 February at 4:45pm for 5:00pm**. The meeting will consider a discussion paper on What does Salvation in Christianity mean today? How do modern theologians define salvation in the light of developments in scriptural interpretation, science and psychology? What does Salvation mean for you? To learn more and to obtain the paper, register and receive the zoom link, visit the website www.stlucispiruality.com.

Date Claimer: "Deep Listening" Session - The next "Deep Listening" Session will be held on **Saturday afternoon 28th of February 2-4pm** at the Faber Centre 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Drive Bardon. This session will be conference facilities, and air conditioning. The day and timing will allow busy family members to attend. It will also suit elderly parishioners who do not want to drive at night. The theme of this "Deep Listening" session will be "Ways Forward".

The minutes of the two previous "Deep Listening" sessions are being distributed to participants. These sessions allowed existing groups within the Parish to experience the discernment process and to propose things that they would like to see re-established, instituted, or changed. Participants were also invited to articulate their vision for the Parish. Many of the things that the participants want to see re-established are already being implemented or are in the planning stage, Speedy implementation of the things that need to be done is a key characteristic of genuine Synodality

Apostolic Discernment Day - After the next "Deep Listening" Session at the end of February there will be a discernment day held before Easter. Its aim is to produce a clear, actionable Pastoral Plan for the Parish. This Plan will be the operating charter for the Parish Pastoral Council and other entities within the Parish.

Our Parish Priest, **Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ**, has made it clear that he wants a properly constituted Parish Pastoral Council with a clear operating charter with definite outcomes to deliver. It will not just be a sounding board for the Parish Priest but will have executive capacity consistent with genuine Synodality. It will be accountable and answerable for its implementation of the Parish Pastoral Plan within the funding available. This means that the Parish Pastoral Plan will be absolutely key to the functioning and priorities of the Parish.

This Apostolic Discernment Day will also be held at the Faber Centre.

Celebrating the 80th Year of the Parish - Over coming weeks we will be publishing some ideas for how we might celebrate this important birthdate. If you have any suggestions for this list, please email the office stlucia@bne.catholic.net.au. One thing that we are particularly interested in doing is displaying photos and other memorability of the early days of the original Church on site and the school underneath it.

Toowong Parish Office has a **new phone number**, 07 3324 3045.