

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH – ST LUCIA

4th January 2025

MASS TIMES:

Sunday	9.30 am
Monday	5.15 pm
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
1st Collection BSB 064786 ACC 100007130
Musicians Fund BSB 064129 ACC 10509763

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.

Website: www.stluciacatholic.org.au **Email:** stlucia@bne.catholic.net.au

AOB Safeguarding Office: www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding

“Deep Listening” Sessions - In order to implement the Archdiocesan Synodality project across the 4 Parishes, **Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ** has commissioned the Jesuit Faber Centre to facilitate “deep listening” sessions within the Parishes so that **Parishioners can communicate their ideas and vision for the Parish**.

For St Thomas Aquinas Parish, the process started in November with the Friday Women’s Group, the Choir and Musicians, Lectors, Special Ministers, Sacristans, St Vincent de Paul Chapter, and the St Lucia Spirituality Group. The initial sessions have been well-facilitated and have already produced a list of constructive, do-able proposals. There will be follow up sessions early in the New Year and there will be an opportunity for all Parishioners to participate. Participants have found the process enlivening and encouraging.

Some of the proposals like reestablishing a Care & Concern Group to take Communion to the sick and housebound are being implemented immediately. Some proposals like reestablishing a Children’s Liturgy Group on Sunday mornings will be given very high priority.

Parish Volunteer Opportunities – there are plenty of small volunteer roles available such as sacristan duties, cleaning, grounds tidying, small office tasks, and being a backup for current volunteers when they are away e.g. Sacristan for 6pm Saturday and 5.15pm Monday Mass, Open/Close Church, Safeguarding coordinator. If you are currently not volunteering in the parish, please contact the office and/or speak to a Priest if you have been wanting to contribute in some way – **something can be found to suit you**.

St Alberto Hurtado Jesuit Community Announcements

Toowong Parish office is closed from Wednesday 24 December until Tuesday 13 January. Emails will be checked during this time. For **urgent or emergency** contact, please contact **Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ** on jacobsg@bne.catholic.net.au or 0487778154 Otherwise, contact the parish office for all other matters.

Save the Dates **Indooroopilly Parish – Celebrating 100 years** of faith and community 1926-2026. Starting **14th March**, please see noticeboard events which include **Archbishop Shane** and **Archbishop Emeritus Mark**, and **Fr Tom Elich**.

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.

You are hope which brings us courage, you are strength which never fails.

Open our minds to ways we do not know, but where your Spirit grows.

Refrain

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Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

The First Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

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*