

# St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bulletin



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**Parish Office Hours :** Mon, Tue, Wed, 8.30am-3.30pm & Fri 8.30am -12.30pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** email—springwoodppc@gmail.com

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 9.45am & Youth & Family Mass 5pm.

**Weekday Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

**Baptisms:** 2nd & 4th Sundays 11am by appointment.

**Rosary & Devotions:** Saturday 8.30am

**Adoration:** 2nd & 4th Wed 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Intercession & Adoration:** 1st Friday 7.30pm

**Reconciliation:** -By Appointment

**Weddings:** - By Appointment

Today's first reading reminds us of Cardinal Bernardin's dream of reconciliation. Centuries ago, Jewish and Gentile Christians found themselves disagreeing on how to follow Jesus. Trusting in the Holy Spirit, they prayed, shared their different approaches—and we read the result today.

The Gospel today also reflects something of the early community's uncertainty about its future. At the Last Supper, the disciples realize Jesus is about to leave them. They're troubled and afraid, not knowing how they will survive without him. Jesus assures them that he will send "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit," who will teach them and remind them of all Jesus told them.

In effect, Jesus is promising that the Church can always rely on the Spirit to guide it in troubled times.

When we face difficulties and even disagreements within the Church, we mustn't forget what Jesus promises in today's Gospel: He sends us his Spirit to be our "Advocate" and teacher. The Spirit will help us discover the peace that Jesus gives—a peace the world does not know.

**Today: Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Apoc 21: 10– 14; 22-23. John 14:23-29.**

**Entrance Antiphon.**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth; The lord has freed his people

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 66: 2-3,5-6.8.

O God, let all the nations praise you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me keep my commandments, says the lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete to abide with you forever alleluia.

**Next Week:**

**Acts 1: 1-11, 22-29; Eph 1:17-23, Luke 24: 46-53.**

**Recently Deceased: Fr Geoff Dickinson & Fr Terrence Hogan.**

**Sick:** Melissa Baxter. Chris David Concha, Julie O'Carrigan, Mary Ellen Schell, Danielle Munn, Sue Downes, Joan Eastwood, Gwen Daly, Jennifer Piggot, Stephen & Kerry Aitken, Anthony O'Connell, Trish, Wal & Anne Knoke, Angela Brown, Lea Dardenne, John O'Connell, Matthew Christie, Nathan Duffy, Francisco Robles, Teresita Robles, Susie Ziino, Patricia Duffy, Sarah Walke, Maree-Therese Pepper, Elizabeth Pepper, John Vaughan, Matthew Vaughan, Jackie Davies, Mary-Anne Bratovic, Kimberly Cusack, Carole & Brian Proops, Margaret Healy, Colleen Lusty, Lorna Lyons, Christopher Coombs, Lucinda Goodwin, Maria Thurston, Rowena Cook, Angela Coombs, Leila Baker, Mary Coombs, Slawcia Pisarska, Luca Hurley (child), Kerry Kime, Joan Lohrey, Sarah & Thomas McGoram, Matthew McHarry, Frances Hinder, John Taylor, Shirley Anderson, Peter Doherty, Val Hardy.  
All Private Intentions.

**Diary Dates**

<b>Saturday:</b>	8.30am Rosary
<b>Monday:</b>	10am Exercise Group 7.30 pm Choir practice
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10am Exercise Training
<b>2nd Tuesday:</b>	1.15pm Life ascending
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10am Craft Group
<b>Thursday:</b>	7.30pm Centering Prayer
<b>1st Friday:</b>	9.30am Anointing Mass
<b>3rd Friday:</b>	10am CWL

**Schools in our Parish****St Thomas Aquinas Primary School**

Principal - Mr Serge Rosato 4754 2554

**St Columba's Catholic College****Catechists—Ministering to children in the State Schools**

"I like being a scripture teacher because some of the children have no idea who God is until they come to our classes, they don't know He created them or that He loves them. We do not have to leave our own town to be a missionary as Jesus has instructed us to do".

Sharing a thought from one of our current catechists. We are in need of more catechists, have you considered joining this wonderful ministry? If you would like more information please call the parish office 4754 1054.

**Calling for Nominations for Diocesan Awards.**

**Diocesan Medal of Honour:** Awarded for outstanding services to parish, Diocese and community.

**Diocesan Citation of Merit for Youth:** Seeks to encourage and recognise youth 18-25 who have shown outstanding contribution and service to the parish, Diocese and community.

**Diocesan Certificate of Recognition:** Seeks to encourage and recognise outstanding contribution by non-Catholic members of the Diocese of Parramatta community, for work supporting the parish, Diocese and community.

The overview for how to make a nomination and notations are available from Rev Arthur Bridge AM, Chairman of the Diocesan Honours Committee, tel (02) 9631 3316, [arthurbridge@arsmusica.org.au](mailto:arthurbridge@arsmusica.org.au) or Chris Ohlsen in the Chancery [COhlsen@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:COhlsen@parra.catholic.org.au)

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM: INFORMATION SESSION**

A Bereavement Support Program for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or partner will begin on Tuesday fortnights commencing on 05<sup>th</sup> April, with an Information session and Overview of the Program. The Program will run fortnightly until Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm. Venue: CCSS 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Cost: \$5.00 per session.

For further information / Registration Essential: Call Rita on 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**The Springwood East Timor Support Group** will be selling raffle tickets after Masses on weekend of 30 Apr/1st May with winners to be drawn at the Trivia Night on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Good prizes assured. Thanks for the support in previous years.

It is hoped to form a new **Family Group** in the Parish on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May after the morning Mass. Anyone wishing to enquire about the Family Group idea or intending to join up with a few other Parishioners so as to get to know each other a little more please gather at that time near the Parish Centre steps.



The Ascension of the Lord- Year C			
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> May			
MINISTRIES	6.00 pm	9.45 am	5.00 pm
Welcome Team	Trish Matchett	Yini Zeng	Youth Group
Acolyte	Ian Miles	Mark Hoare	Bernard Ellis
Commentator	Peter Letts	Nick Walker	
Musicians & Choir	Christine Tapsell - Timbs	Sergio Rosato	Hanna Zdon & Michelle Wilson
Children's Liturgy	Virginia Fortunat Cathy Stopford Sussane Towner		
First Reading	Maura Murname	Martyn Ellis	Elizabeth Wilson
Second Reading	Dawn Brohier	Vanessa Ellis	Anne Maureen Scarff
Universal Prayers	Peter Letts	Nick Walker	
Collectors	Thank you to our generous volunteers		
Presentation of Gifts	Rowena Cook Narelle Edwards	Children's Liturgical Group	Youth Group
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	1.Mary Rooney 2.Wilhelmina de Raadt 3.John Tomczyk 4.Cheryl Kirby	Fran Blakemore Maria Ljubic Vicky Walker Yini Zeng	Peta Sparkes Patrick Malone Kim Crawford Janaka Rupesinghe
Morning Tea	Musicians		

**Catholic Care – Pastoral Care Workshop**

For Pastoral Carers in Ministry Theme: “Creativity and Spirituality” Sr Heather Burke PBVM. B.A., Dip.Ed., M.Ed., (pastoral guidance)

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 9:30 to 3:30 pm. Theme: “Creativity and Spirituality” Sr Heather Burke PBVM. B.A., Dip.Ed., M.Ed., (pastoral guidance)

**Catholic Womens League.**

Members will hold their annual Mothers’ Day Autumn Dinner at **Springwood Sports Club, Macquarie Rd, Wednesday 4th May 7PM for 7:30 PM. Cost \$ 35.00 per person.** All parishioners are warmly invited to come along as this is always a great social night and is an opportunity to meet new friends, renew old friendships and spent an enjoyable evening with fellow parishioners in pleasant surroundings. **Contact Pam Gorman 4754 1160, Kathleen Belfanti. 4751 1672 and Molly Hurley 4751 2167.**

**May 2016 @ Mount Schoenstatt**

*Saturday, 7 May 2016, 9.30am - 3.30pm: Reflection Day for Women*

*Friday 13 May, 7.30pm - Sunday 15 May 2016, 5pm: Discover Retreat for young women (18-35)*

A self-knowledge weekend on identity and personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission.

Cost: early birds (up to 1st May): student: \$160; employed: \$180 / after 1st May: student \$180; employed \$200 (sponsorships available)

Contact: Sr. M. Julie Brcar, (mb) 0408738334; [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com)

*Sunday 22 May - Annual Marian Pilgrimage in the Year of Mercy*

10am Welcome (sacrament of confession available)

10.30am Solemn High Mass

Lunch: Hot food, tea & coffee available or BYO

2pm Eucharistic Procession from the valley to the Shrine (alternative program with the anointing of the sick at the Shrine)

Outdoor event: Please bring your own chairs and rugs

**ANZAC Day Mass.**

Thank you to Trish Matchett for organizing our Mass on Anzac Day. It was wonderful celebration on this special day.



### Young Adults & Youth aged 15-25

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1Tim4:12

If you would like a chance to grow in your faith, meet other like-minded people, or just want to hang out, come along to the Parish Centre after 5pm Mass. Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, next dates: **10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April**. For more info call or text Marty on 0410 730 071 or Kate-Michelle 0400 310 021.

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