

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

It's a characteristic of Catholicism to see God's goodness in all of creation, in various human endeavors, and in the cultures and histories of human beings wherever the gospel is preached. While we haven't always lived up to that ideal, I was happy that my new parishioner experienced something of that spirit.

That "universal" dimension is also one of the themes of Pentecost. The dramatic story of the descent of the Holy Spirit tells us how the Holy Spirit can break down walls we may put up between peoples, races, and cultures. What we see as obstacles, the Spirit can use to create a new unity, a reversal of the story of the tower of Babel in Genesis, when people let human arrogance lead to disunity, as one human language fractured into many different tongues.

Today across the world, a myriad of voices, different languages, and many cultural expressions will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let's join our voices with that Pentecost chorus!

Today: Acts 2:1-11. Rom 8: 8 - 17; . John 14:15-16.

Entrance Antiphon.

The Spirit of The Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103: 1,24,29-31. 34. R v.30.

Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come. Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They we filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God., alleluia.

Next Week:

Prov 8: 22-31, Rom 5:1-5, John 16: 12-15.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Pepper.



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

Saturday:	8.30am Rosary
Monday:	10am Exercise Group 7.30 pm Choir practice
Tuesday:	10am Exercise Training
2nd Tuesday:	1.15pm Life ascending
Wednesday:	10am Craft Group
Thursday:	7.30pm Centering Prayer
1st Friday:	9.30am Anointing Mass
3rd Friday:	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 it gives a chance to share my faith and beliefs with children in the state schools. It also allows me to give back to the community some of the graces and blessings that have been given to me over the years through various Church Ministries."

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 or Chris Ohlsen in the Chancery 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 05th April, with an Information session and Overview of the Program. The Program will run fortnightly until Tuesday 12th 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

Pope Francis' latest apostolic exhortation released

This widely anticipated document contains the Holy Father's conclusions, following the two synods dedicated to the theme of family: the Extraordinary Synod of 2014 and the Ordinary Synod of 2015. To download the document, go to the Vatican website and click on "apostolic exhortations" at: www.w2.vatican.va

Women's Ways and the Rule of Benedict: 28 May

A practical and creative workshop for women & men facilitated by Patty Fawcner SGS, writer & adult educator. From 10am-3pm at Mount St Benedict Centre, 449D Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (entrance off Hull Rd). Cost \$25 – BYO lunch. Bookings: (02) 9484 6208,

The Most Holy Trinity YEAR C 21 st & 22 nd May			
MINISTRIES	6.00 pm	9.45 am	5.00 pm
Welcome Team	Sheila Skinner	Josephine Mackenzie	Jean O'Brien
Acolyte	Roshan Rupesinghe	Richard Merchant	John Belfanti
Commentator	Anne Maureen Scarff	Maureen Osmetti	Anne Ellis
Musicians & Choir	Chris Wilson	Sergio Rosato	Chris & Thea Welch
Children's Liturgy	Karen Pace, Bess Bauerhuit Liz Moore		
First Reading	John Tomczyk	Ingrid Merchant	
Second Reading	Lynette Boyd	Matt Aldous	Elizabeth Farrar
Universal Prayers	Anne Maureen Scarff	Maureen Osmetti	Anne Ellis
Collectors	Thank you to our generous volunteers		
Presentation of Gifts	Mary Green Ernest Green	Children's Liturgical Group	Youth
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Steve Muller Michael Pyne Diane Pyne Joanne Toohey	Margaret Sibbald Vicky Walker Irene Barr Maria Ljubic	Peta Sparkes Fran Blakeman Janaka Rupesinghe
Morning Tea	FAMILY GROUPS		

History of the Parish:

A history of the Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish is currently being compiled. It will include a brief history of the parish in the early years of Springwood and will continue to our current church. To complete this history we need to include the memories and recollections of those who recall the early days of our time spent in the Saint Columba's Chapel and the building of our current Church. If you are able to share your memories of this period of our history please come along to a meeting at the Parish on Wednesday the 18th of May at 7pm to share your stories and memories of our Church. If you have any queries please contact Johanna Wilson on 0450479893.

Clergy Conference: 23-26 May.

The priests and deacons of the Diocese will gather for a Clergy Conference from Monday 23 May to Thursday 26 May. During this time, our priests will be away from their parishes. Anyone in urgent need of a priest should contact their parish office.

Normal Mass times in parishes may be suspended on Tuesday 24 May, Wednesday 25 May and Thursday 26 May. On these days, it is hoped to have a Mass in each deanery.

- HAWKESBURY DEANERY:** Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill: 8.30am on Tuesday, 9.15am and 7pm on Wednesday, 9.15am on Thursday.
- HILLS DEANERY:** St Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills: 9.15am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- HOLROYD DEANERY:** Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Wentworthville: 9am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands: 9am and 7pm on Tuesday, 9am and 7pm on Wednesday, and 6.30am and 9am on Thursday.
- NEPEAN DEANERY:** St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood: Mass at 8am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys: Mass at 9am on Tuesday, noon on Wednesday and 9am on Thursday.
- PARRAMATTA DEANERY:** St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta: Mass at 6.45am and 12.30pm on each day.
- Blue Mountains Deanery:** St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood. Mass at 9:30 AM Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Our Lady of The Nativity Lawson, Thursday at 9:00 AM
- Masses for the Blacktown TBA. Closer to the dates, check parish newsletter or the diocesan website: www.parracatholic.org/deanerymasses

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 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, next dates: **10th & 24th April**. For more info call or text Marty on 0410 730 071 or Kate-Michelle 0400 310 021.

Annual May Pilgrimage at Mt Schoenstatt: 22 May .From 10am–3pm with Holy Mass at 10.30am and Eucharistic Procession at 2pm. This is an outdoor event – BYO chairs and picnic rugs. Food stalls available or BYO lunch. Jumping castle for children. 230 Fair-light Rd, Mulgoa. Details: info@schoenstatt.org.au

Catholic Womens League.

All members are reminded that **our MEETING NEXT FRIDAY 20th MAY has been CANCELLED.**



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