

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS



As you are aware further easing of COVID-19 Restrictions began on Friday, 15 May 2020, where NSW allowed up to 10 people to be able to congregate in places of worship such as churches.

What does this mean for our Parish? Beginning on Tuesday, 19 May, we will be having weekday Masses as follows - **Tuesday 9.30am, Wednesday 9.30am, Thursday 9.30am and Friday 9.30am.** There will be NO weekend Masses but we will continue to video and upload these to our website and Facebook.

Who can attend these weekday Masses? A maximum number of 10 persons only will be able to attend as well as 1 Acolyte and 1 Reader to assist Father. Attendance to any Mass MUST be booked via the Parish Office on 4754 1052 during office hours Tuesday-Friday 8.30am-3.30pm. NO exceptions will be allowed. ***If you have booked and wake up feeling unwell on the day, PLEASE DO NOT attend the Mass.***

Fairness: To allow fairness to all parishioners you will NOT be able to book multiple masses. It may be a case that you can only attend once in every 2-3 weeks to allow opportunities for all.

Compliance: To comply with Government and Diocesan directions we need to keep records of all those who attend each Mass. A book will be placed at the rear of the church for you to record your name, contact telephone number, arrival and leaving time. We would also highly recommend you install the COVID-19 Government App. These processes are in place in case of an outbreak then we will be able make contact with those who were in attendance.

Social distancing is to be maintained. There will be fixed seating arrangements and after Mass all seating etc will be disinfected.

How Can I book for Tuesday, 19 May 9.30am Mass at Springwood? Our Parish office will be open from 12pm-1.30pm on Monday, 18 May for bookings. During this time slot we will ONLY be taking places for our first Mass on Tuesday.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS: Also commencing on Tuesday, 19 May, we will open our church **3 times a day for private prayer and devotions.** The times are as follows: **11am, 1pm and 2pm.** A maximum number of 10 persons only will be able to attend at one time. Attendance MUST be booked via the Parish Office on 4754 1052 during office hours Tuesday-Friday 8.30am-3.30pm. NO exceptions will be allowed. ***If you have booked and wake up feeling unwell on the day, PLEASE DO NOT attend.***

Lawson Parish Masses: Beginning on Tuesday, 19 May there will also be weekday Masses. Tuesday 5.00pm, Wednesday 5.00pm and Thursday 9.00am. Please contact the Lawson Parish Office on 4759 1034 to book a place at these Masses. The above conditions also apply.

