

Reading Roster 2/3rd and 9/10th July



Date:	9/10th July		
Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9.30AM
Priest:	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto
Acolyte:	Ian Miles	John Belfanti	Richard Merchant
Commentator/			
Prayers of the Faithfull:	Colleen Baker	Loida Derbyshire	Katherine Mahns
First Reading:	Margaret Smith	Kim Crawford	Ingrid Merchant
Second Reading:	Lynette Boyd	Jim Gresser	Steve Bishop
Music:	Chris Wilson		E Street Band

Date:	16/17th July		
Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9.30AM
Priest:	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto
Acolyte:	Ian Miles	Richard Merchant	Ed Junis
Commentator/			
Prayers of the Faithfull:	Margaret Smith	Sandra Sheean	Kim Lonergan
First Reading:	Lynette Boyd	Loida Derbyshire	Phillip Saville
Second Reading:	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Kim Crawford	Katherine Mahns
Music:	Elizabeth Wilson		Chris Wilson



SEA SUNDAY 2022

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Seafarers in our ports arrive as strangers in a foreign land. They are also our neighbours who lead dangerous working lives. The Samaritan helped the stranger. We are called to...

> "Go and do likewise!" Luke 10:37



Stella Maris cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of seafarers globally, regardless of colour, race or creed.

Please support our ministry to seafarers and donate online at www.stellamarisaustralia.org

Stella Maris Australia Sea Sunday

This Sunday, 10 July is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal on Sunday is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

Confirmation 2022

First Parent Meeting - Tuesday, 19th July, 7pm, St Thomas Aquinas Church

Second Parent Meeting - Tuesday, 26th July, 7pm, St Thomas Aquinas Church



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Parish Office Hours:	Tuesday to Friday 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00 pm, Sunday 8.00 am and 9.30 am
Weekday Mass: Tuesday - Saturday 9.30 am

Rosary & Devotions: Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am
Adoration, Rosary & Chaplet: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month, 7.30 - 8.30 pm

Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 10.30am and by appointment

Reconciliation: By request

Weddings: By appointment

Funerals: By appointment

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

He said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

Lord, I love you. Expand my heart; Let me love my neighbours.

Make us brave enough to cleanse wounds, work to get gun and clean air laws give shelter to travellers when needed, help pay bills and lend a helping hand.

When we love you in our neighbour, let us find you in ourselves.

Anne Osdieck



Masks are not compulsory at Mass but are recommended.



Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Paul 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. cf. v. 33

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10, Paul 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

"Work hard every day at increasing your purity of heart, which consists in appraising things and weighing them in the balance of God's will." - St. Francis de Sales

We acknowledge the Darug and Gundugarra people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to elders both past and present.



Sick: Baby Leonardo Diaz, Ross Baker, Roshan Rupesinghe, Susie Ziino, James Wallace, Mischa Damaguc and family, Margaret Day, Adam McCully, Christopher Coombs, Kate Moore, Luca Hurley and all Private Intentions.

Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family. Thank you.

Parish and Local Community News

JRS GOOD DRIVE: Back in June 2020 - a time that seems like a world away, St Thomas Aquinas Parishioners began a drive to gather food for refugees in our diocese. The result was amazing! In total, the STA faith community donated three trailer loads of food items to Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) and How of Welcome (HOW). In May 2021, we planned to conduct another food drive. A number of people came on board to work together to co-ordinate a regular effort that would offer some food security for people in desperate need of food to survive. What we have here is clear evidence of the generosity of people who are in great need. If we watch people walking our streets, it is impossible to recognise people who are hungry, this is why JRS and HOW are a wonderful team to work with. We have a team to coordinate this effort, but we do need more people who can share in this effort. You WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Please email Vic and Liz O'Callaghan on vicocallaghan@gmail.com.

HOME CARE PACKAGES: Buckland homecare ensures you are provided with the very best care while in the comfort of your own home. With over 80 years' experience in providing on going care to the blue mountain's community, our dedicated staff know what it means to deliver the highest level of care to promote a lifetime of independence at home. Buckland homecare can provide personalized support around the home to assist with all activities of daily living, such as: Personal Care; Domestic Assistance; Home Maintenance; Transport Services; Social Support Services; Meal and Food Services. If you want to know how best to maintain your independence or that of a loved one, please give us a call at 4752 2500 or email homecare@buckland-rv.com.au and we will be more than happy to help you.

CHARASMATIC HEALING MASS: Mass will be followed by prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr Hugh Thomas, Sunday 17 July 2022, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. All welcome.

REMOVAL OF FREEZER: We have a broken freezer in our parish office which requires removal to either the Blaxland or Katoomba rubbish tip. Is there a lovely parishioner who would be able to take this away for us?



St Vincent de Paul

This year the Springwood St Vincent de Paul Conference celebrates 85 years of support to the people of Springwood and surrounding villages. While we are able to assist people through major disaster events our main work has been to support people through difficult and challenging times in their lives. Sometimes that support is only needed for a short time until people are able to get their situation sorted however some people benefit by having us journey with them for many months and sometimes for a much longer period of time.

Our members meet people for support at the Catholic Care office in Macquarie Rd, Springwood, (down the little walkway next to Blooms the Chemist), every Thursday between 10am and 12noon, we are also available in the small office in the Parish Pastoral centre from 10am to 12noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

If anyone would like to discuss their situation and find out how we can help you can ring our call centre 1800 606 742 or simply drop in at either office at the advertised times. If there is need we also can visit people in their homes. Confidentiality in all matters discussed is assured.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal (July)

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal collection is held after each Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Church every July. This year the collection appeal will be **Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th, Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July**. On the weekend of the **30th and 31st July, conference members will hold a morning tea after Mass** as a thank you to our parishioners for your generosity.

Thank you for helping someone in need.

Glancing Thoughts - What Must I Do?

In the Gospel Reading, a lawyer asks Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus says to the lawyer, well, how do you read the law? Without hesitation, the lawyer gives Jesus the answer, which the lawyer already knew: love God wholly and your neighbour as yourself.

Right!, Jesus tells him. You do that, and you'll live.

But wait, the lawyer says, who is my neighbour?

Then Jesus tells him the story of the bad priest and Levite and the good Samaritan, and Jesus finishes with another question to the lawyer: which of these was the neighbour of the robbery victim?

The lawyer gives the answer he has to give: the good neighbour was the Samaritan.

Now notice the oddness of the lawyer's first question. He doesn't ask: what is the best way to soar in love of God? He asks: what must I do to inherit eternal life? He is looking for the minimum necessary to get in to heaven, isn't he?

But eternal life is a union, a marriage, with God. Who would want to get married to someone who said, "what's the minimum I can do for you and with you and still get you to marry me?"

So Jesus gets the lawyer to answer his question, and the lawyer gives the right answer. What you have to do, the minimum necessary, is everything: love God wholly, and love your neighbour as yourself.

This is a disconcerting answer, of course, because in this life none of us is ever going to do everything. So if everything is the minimum necessary, then none of us is getting in. And so the lawyer tries on his original move again. He wants a definition of neighbour which gives him the minimum number of people to count as neighbours he has to love.

But Jesus upends the lawyer's continuing desire for a minimum by giving him another maximum: everyone you can love is your neighbour. If you can do good to him, he counts as your neighbour.

And that is what we must do to inherit eternal life: come to Christ. The lawyer's own answers to his questions are right. But giving everything in love for God is a holiness we can find only through Christ's unstinting outpouring of love for us.

Eleonore Stump

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Please respect the health and well-being of other parishioners and do not attend Mass if you are unwell.



Monday, 11th July - The Memorial of Saint Benedict

Friday, 15th July - The Memorial of St Bonaventure

Saturday, 16th July - The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday 22nd July - Feast Day of Saint Mary Magdalene

Monday, 25th July - Feast Day of St James, the Apostle

Tuesday, 26th July - The Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne

Friday, 29th July - The Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus