

Reading Roster

Date:	1st/2nd October			
Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9:30AM	
Priest:	Fr Paul	Fr Paul	Fr Paul	
Acolyte:	Ed Junis	Randal Noney	John Belfanti	
Commentator:	Margaret Smith	Peter O'Brien	Ingrid Merchant	
First Reading:	Felix Kobus	Jim Gresser	Katherine Mahns	
Second Reading:	Colleen Baker	Kim Crawford	Phillip Saville	
Music:			Chris Wilson	
Date:	8th/9th October			
Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9:30AM	
Priest:	Fr Gregory Jacobs	Fr PJ	Fr PJ	
Acolyte:	Ian Miles	Richard Merchant	Bernard Ellis	
Commentator:	Colleen Baker	Cecilia Hunt	Steve Bishop	
First Reading:	Anne Maureen Scarf	Colleen Baker	Matt Aldous	
Second Reading:	Lynette Boyd	Loida Derbyshire	Phillip Saville	
Music:			E Street Band	

READERS:
Please see the Acolyte rostered on when you arrive at Mass

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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:	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:	Please Contact the Parish Office
Weddings:	By appointment
Funerals:	Please Contact the Parish Office

ST VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE

In 2023 the Springwood St Vincent de Paul Conference celebrates 85 years of care and support to people in need. This has been carried out predominately in the Springwood Parish area but in times of disasters we have been able to support people all over Australia and in countries overseas as well.



In 1938 a group of 8 men from the St Thomas Aquinas Parish Springwood gathered for the first official meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish presbytery. Being led by the Society's moto that 'No act of charity is foreign to the Society' their first work was to assist the Sisters of St Joseph by escorting the children from the convent school to Buttenshaw Park for the school's sports carnival.

The need for food is often the initial reason people come to us, however this may only be the tip of the iceberg of the level of support they need. Vinnies members are always encouraged to listen to people's stories, discern their needs and offer whatever support we can. There are many reasons why people find themselves seeking help. Illness in the family, under employment is a major one, family breakup, high rental costs. Any one of us could be in a similar position. It is not our job to judge. It is simply to journey with these people through their difficulties and offer what support we can.

Today we still adhere to that moto, '*No act of charity is foreign to the Society*'. The support we offer is available to anyone in need, mirroring the acts of Jesus who was open to all irrespective of race, creed or position in society. To make an appointment for support call 1800 606 724 or simple call into the Catholic Care office, next to Blooms the Chemist in Springwood, every Thursday between 10am and 12 noon or our parish office on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 10am to 12 noon.

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US:

Our Conference has six active members at present, and we would welcome any parishioner who feels drawn to work with us to contact Margaret Smith on 47 531031. Training in all aspects of conference work is available. This is a beautiful work of charity where members enhance their relationship with God through the work they do with people seeking support.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.



PARRAMATTA MARIST HIGH SCHOOL BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Calling all PMH Old Boys!

Parra Marist warmly invites all Old Boys and former staff to join us on Friday 28th October 2022 at school from 6.30pm - 11pm to celebrate 200 years of continuous Catholic schooling.

Tickets are \$40pp and available at www.parramarist.catholic.edu.au

FORTIOR ITO!

Today's Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17:5-9

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



Recently Deceased: Alan Wedesweiler, Lucy Gatt, Paul James, Miguel Damas, Rose Borg.

Sick: Brian Hickey, Baby Leonardo Diaz, Ross Baker, 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

PARISH AND DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NEWS

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF MR ALAN PETER WEDESWEILER: The Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life of Alan Wedesweiler will be held on Tuesday, 4th October at 11.00am at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish. Everyone is welcome. May the Lord be with you Alan and may you rest in peace. Our condolences to Angela and family. Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF LUCY GATT: The Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of Lucy Gatt will be held at St Thomas Aquinas Church on Friday, 7th October at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome. May you rest in God's ever loving hands.

PRAY FOR OUR HSC CLASS OF 2022: Year 12 students and their families are invited to attend local HSC Masses being organised by parish teams across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to recognise their hard work and dedication ahead of their exams. Parishes will be blessing students over the weekends of 1-2 and 8-9 October. A number of parishes in our Diocese are having a dedicated Mass for our students. 2nd October at St. Finbars Glenbrook at 6.00pm and Sunday 9 October at Our Lady of the Way Emu Plains at 9.30am – These are the parishes closest to us. Nonetheless we are all asked to keep these - our young people in our prayers at this very important milestone of their lives.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30th October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate a Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org by 21st October. Family and friends are also welcome.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: Please note that Daylight Savings begins in NSW on Sunday 2 October at 2am. Please move your clocks forward one hour.

FR PAUL ON LEAVE: We wish Fr Paul well on his well-deserved time away during October. During his absence, please join us in welcoming the visiting Priests at each of the Masses. Names will be placed on the Church doors closer to each Mass.

ST THOMAS LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Welcome parishioners to our monthly meeting, every third Friday of the month at 10.30am. We often have a guest speaker.

CONFIRMATION:

Please join us in praying for the Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed this weekend. On your Confirmation day, we pray God will bless your life and fill your heart with happiness. May the Holy Spirit be a guide throughout your life.



Saturday, 1st October:	The Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus.
Sunday, 2nd October:	The Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
Tuesday, 4th October:	The Memorial of St Francis of Assisi
Friday, 7th October:	The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Tuesday, 11th October:	Feast of Pope St John XXIII & St Canice
Tuesday, 18th October:	The Feast of St Luke, the Evangelist
Saturday, 22nd October:	The Memorial of St John Paul II
Friday, 28th October:	Feast day of Saints Simon and Jude, the Apostles



St Thomas Aquinas Parish Pastoral Council

Our Parish Pastoral Council can be described as a body within our Church that offers leadership to the life of our parish. The key functions of our Council are described as:

- ✠ to seek out and respond to the needs of people in the parish and beyond and to involve the whole parish in the response to these needs;
- ✠ to set long-term and short-term pastoral goals for the parish;
- ✠ to develop a sense of Church beyond parish boundaries and to stimulate a Christian response to local issues and the problems confronting our world;
- ✠ to promote communication between all members, sectors and organisations of the parish and wider community;
- ✠ to co-operate and communicate with diocesan organisations and to support and promote the activities and services of these organisations.

Do you have a desire to be of service to our parish community?

What are your strengths and interests? Are you able to help us set these short and long term goals in our parish? Can you help us fundraise or get involved in Laudate Si' in particular Catholic Earth Care, or any of our other initiatives?

Please complete the below questionnaire and place into the box positioned at the back of the church or send via email to springwood@parracatholic.org.

Help our Parish Pastoral Council in its service to our parish community by helping us to understand the hopes and concerns of our parish.



Name: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____

I am interested in the below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Prayers of the Faithful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laudato Si | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Earth Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

My strengths / other comments: