

Reading Roster

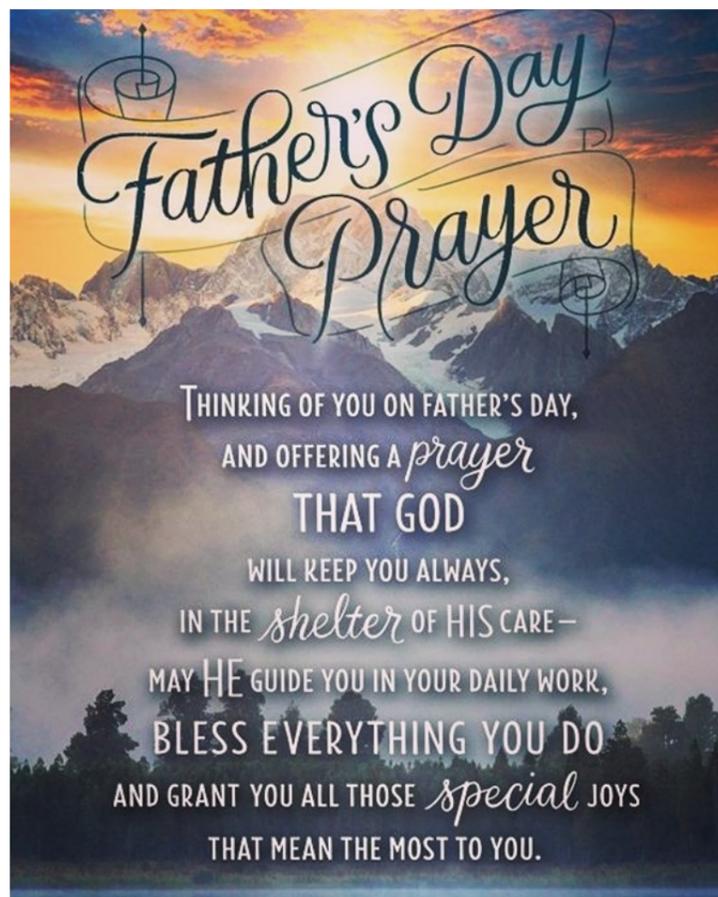
Date: **3/4th September**

Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9:30AM	READERS:
Priest:	Fr Paul	Fr Paul	Fr Paul	<u>Please see the Acolyte</u>
Acolyte:	Ed Junis	Randall Noney	John Belfanti	<u>rostered on when you</u>
Commentator/ Prayers of the Faithful:	Colleen Baker	Peter O'Brien	Steve Bishop	<u>arrive at Mass</u>
First Reading:	Margaret Smith	Jim Gresser	Ingrid Merchant	
Second Reading:	Anne-Maureen Scarf	Kim Crawford	Phillip Saville	
Music:	Elizabeth Wilson		Chris Wilson	

Date: **10/11th September**

Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9:30AM
Priest:	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto
Acolyte:	Ian Miles	Bernie Ellis	Richard Merchant
Commentator/ Prayers of the Faithful:	Anne-Maureen Scarf	Kim Crawford	Phillip Saville
First Reading:	Colleen Baker	Sandra Sheean	Katherine Mahns
Second Reading:	Margaret Smith	Peter O'Brien	Peta Sparkes
Music:	Elizabeth Wilson		Chris Wilson

Please let the parish office know if you are unable to help at any of our parish Masses. Thankyou.



TO ALL THE FATHER'S,
FATHER FIGURES AND
SPECIAL MEN IN THE
PARISH WHO ARE IN
OUR LIVES.

WE THANK YOU FOR
YOUR DEVOTION TO
YOUR FAMILY AND TO
THE COMMUNITY.

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bulletin

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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

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18b

*For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and un-
sure are our plans*

Lord,
what does
the world hold
for us?

We are
puzzled by the
things that we can see,
even more by the things we can't.

Your
Spirit from on high
gives us the warmth of your wisdom.
Show us how to live in peace with our worries.

Let us surrender and place all
our trust in you.

Anne Osdieck

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14: 25-33

*Anyone of you who does not renounce all his
possessions cannot be my disciple.*

Lord,
we pay a lot
to walk with you;
carrying a cross,
clinging
to nothing,
no one:

family, friends, favourite chairs,
palaces, portfolios, clothes, cars, books.
Help us let them go, and more,
to take them up again
only in you

Anne Osdieck

Today's Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10,12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

TREK FOR TIMOR: The needs in this fledgling nation are still high in the areas of health and education. We have another opportunity to continue our support in the annual **TREK for TIMOR** event in October. This event will be held **virtually** as was quite successful last year. All you need to do is to follow the link <https://trek-for-timor-blue-mountains.raisely.com/> You can financially support other walkers or pledge to walk 10, 25 or more kilometres over the month of October. Just look on the list of walkers to add your support.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Parishioners are invited to a luncheon on Friday, 16th September at Springwood Golf Club. Arriving 11.30 for 12 noon sit down. NO meeting that day. Closing date for people to book is Thursday, 8th September. Contacts: Pam Gorman 47077845 Colleen King 47544335. Please leave message if not answered. It is a 'buy your own lunch' from the Menu Board. Looking forward to a great gathering. We also welcome parishioners to our monthly meeting, every third Friday of the month at 10.30am. We often have a guest speaker.

CHURCH REPAIRS: We have recently had confirmation from our Insurance Building Contractor that they are ready to proceed with our scope of works. The work will be undertaken during normal working hours and will stop for Mass 9.30-10am daily. There will be temporary mobile scaffolding placed around the church and these areas will be taped off for your safety. The scope of works we have requested for fixing is as follows:- Repair and paint church ceiling in 3 places, paint walls and replace corner ceilings in crying room, repair and paint male toilet and finally, repair, fix and set acoustic plasterboard to ceiling above altar.

A LETTER OF THANKS: Dear Parish of St Thomas Aquinas I'm writing to you on behalf of my mother, Eileen Halley. Mum is coming to Queensland to live with my husband and I. As you may know, dad, Chester Halley, died 7 years ago and life for mum is increasingly lonely. Mum has plenty of family in Queensland and she is very much loved. I have often enjoyed Sunday service at your beautiful church with mum when I visit. Thank you so much for all the kindness your parishioners have shown to Mum and dad over the years. A special thank you to Father Paul. May God bless you all. Sam Towers.

HARD COPIES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: There is a small number of hard copies of the Australian Bishop's new Social Justice Statement, accompanied by 50 Prayer and Action cards positioned on table at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to take a copy home. The statement invites us all to engage with a complex and challenging social reality: family and domestic violence and abuse. The Australian Bishops call for all people to take part in the

National Child Protection Week 4-10 September 2022

Every Child in Every Community Needs a Fair Go: This week begins Child Protection Week across the country.

During this week we are reminded that:

Children benefit when we bring people together to create connected communities.

Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture.

They have a right to grow up in environments that support them now and into their future.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
4 - 10 September 2022



Bess's Experience

To quote Australia's first Saint, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop; 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. As a parent of three beautiful children, all of whom have had the privilege of attending both St Thomas Aquinas Primary School and St Columba's Catholic College, I understand the importance of learning about and living out our shared faith.

My children have grown and transitioned into young adults and remain aware of God's love. I am certain that, in their hearts, they know that the Holy Spirit is with them, to guide and support them through their actions and decisions. When asked to join the Catechist community at Mass a few years ago, I was promoted to consider my responsibility as a Christian woman, but also as a mum.

For many years I had ignored the calling as I was a busy, young, working mum and wife. I began teaching at Children's Liturgy during Sunday morning Mass. Throughout this experience, I prepared myself for the role of a Catechist by reading the scriptures and trying to understand God's message through the eyes of a child. This was an enriching experience; my faith grew stronger as I was challenged to understand and explain parables and stories to the children in a way that they could understand. I came to realise the simplistic and grounding foundations of my faith; that God loves unconditionally and calls each of us to work in his image and likeness. Although overwhelmed by the idea of teaching in the state schools, I listened to God's call and knew that, through his love and support, I could begin my Catechist journey.

The program is supportive, and each lesson is structured and easy to read and simple to follow. Catechism is a highly rewarding vocation. As Catechists, we share our faith with so many young people who would otherwise miss out on the joyful love and strength of Jesus, and the Christian community.

The Catechists of this parish need your help. Use your own faith journey to inspire today's youth and follow the calling of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop; see this need and together, let's do something about it. Please Contact St Thomas Parish 02 4754 1052 or email springwood@parracatholic.org

Confirmation 2022

Congratulations to the 64 wonderful young adults who were Confirmed by the grace of God and sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit on the 31st August and the 1st September.

May God bless you; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to Fr Chris de Souza and Monsignor Ron McFarlane who travelled to our parish to officiate the ceremonies.

Kind regards,

Debbie Breytenbach

We also thank Debbie wholeheartedly for the amazing effort she put in to setting up, decorating and all the behind scenes exercises she completed for the Confirmation in such an amazing way.

Thankyou Debbie.

