

Reading Roster

Date:	12th/13th November		
Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9:30AM
Priest:	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto
Acolyte:	Ian Miles	Bernard Ellis	Ed Junis
Commentator:	Margaret Smith	Jim Gresser	Ingrid Merchant
First Reading:	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Kim Crawford	Matt Aldous
Second Reading:	Lynette Boyd	Cecilia Hunt	Phillip Saville
Music:	Chris Wilson		E Street Band
Date:	19th/20th November		
Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9:30AM
Priest:	Fr Paul	Fr Paul	Fr Paul
Acolyte:	Roshan Rupesinghe	John Belfanti	Richard Merchant
Commentator:	Felix Kobus	Cecilia Hunt	Margaret Hickey
First Reading:	Lynette Boyd	Roslyn Comfort	Katherine Mahns
Second Reading:	Colleen Baker	Kim Crawford	Steve Bishop
Music:			Chris Wilson

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
Healing Mass:	1st Friday of the month, 9.30am
Rosary & Devotions:	Tuesday-Saturday 9.00am
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

Daily Prayer This Week

Making changes in our lives and the fear of making those changes are both themes in this week's gospels. Zacchaeus boldly reforms his life after he allows Jesus into it. The servant who is given a gold coin hides it in a handkerchief because he is afraid of his master. He has a chance to be given responsibilities but his fear keeps him from doing anything.

We are often afraid when we consider making a change in our lives. We can see habits that are not healthy, a benign neglect of those we love and patterns that are deeply set in our lives. We may know deep down that we want to change them but we don't have the confidence to believe we can do it. This week we are invited by Jesus to know that while we can't make those changes alone, we can if we allow Jesus to be with us in them.

Where do we start? With a small prayer. In those tiny pockets of time during our week, when we travel, ride to work, do dishes or even in the shower, we can make these reflective moments to ask for help. Just as Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?" he is asking us the same question.

What do we want Jesus to do for us? Where do we want to make changes in the patterns of our lives? What changes are we afraid to make?

Dear Jesus, I ask for your help. Heal my fears. You have asked how you can help me and I am afraid to answer. I know what changes need to be made in my life but it seems overwhelming. Help me to open my heart to what you are asking - and to what I know I need. Be with me when I don't always know how to live in these new patterns and give me the humility to keep asking you for help over and over.

Let me feel your presence in my life and that will give me the strength and courage I need to live my life more faithfully.

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/C2-0T-33.html>

November - Book of Prayer

November is the month that we remember family and friends that have gone before us in faith.

If you would like to place a name into the Book of Prayer, please use the November Mass Offering envelopes situated at the back of the church.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

It will lead to your giving testimony.

Lord, in fall the maple trees give witness to you,
and geese fly a perfect V.
And how do we ourselves testify?
At the end of the day let the work of our hands
speak always of you.
Whether we work, eat, play, talk or take time with
one another,
let these whisper of life's fullness and of your
goodness.
When we love one another, let the world know
you are here in our midst loving us first.
When our days are done, let our
whole life, all that has been,
be witness to your
name.

Anne Osdieck

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:19-20a

*But for you who fear my name, there
will arise the sun of justice
with its healing rays.*

Father,

let us bask in the healing rays of your sun.

Fill us with wonder each time

we hear your

name.

Anne Osdieck

Today's Readings: Malachi 3:19-20, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97: 5-9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



Recently Deceased: Patrick Mullen, Margaret Nesbitt

Sick: Tony Ellis, Brian Hickey, Baby Leonardo Diaz, 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 Diocesan News

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: If you are interested in being part of this wonderful ministry, please complete one of the yellow forms around the Church and place into the Pastoral Council box at the back of the Church. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The forms for the PPC are situated in the back of the church for collection if wishing to participate in service to our parish community.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Next meeting is on **Friday, 18th November** in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am Mass.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS: Sunday, 20th November at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Mary's. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr Brian Steele MGL. All welcome!

STA PARISH CATHOLIC EARTHCARE: This weekend at all Masses a video invitation will be issued to you from the Diocese of Parramatta. This is a call to respond to the ecological crises facing our planet due to climate change. Many nations and communities are facing dire consequences if the world does not respond. St Thomas Aquinas Parish has signed up to be part of **CATHOLIC EARTHCARE AUSTRALIA**. You are invited to JOIN our parish Earthcare team to consider **LOCAL INITIATIVES** - Please complete the green notes, located on your pews and place into the Pastoral Parish Council box at the back of the church. Thank you.

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE: The parishes of the Blue Mountains Deanery will host the Epiphany Pilgrimage from 2-8 January 2023. You can be part of the celebrations & help welcome the pilgrims to our beautiful mountains by - Participating in the full pilgrimage or else joining for one or more days of bushwalking; Praying & celebrating with them at the Blue Mountains parishes along the way; Assisting with the festive meal when they visit us at STA on Tuesday, January 3 2023 & Writing prayer intentions for the pilgrims to pray on your behalf (see prayer box at church entrance). Register or to find out more information at www.epiphanypilgrimage.org

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022:

	<i>Springwood</i>	<i>Lawson (OLN)</i>
Christmas Eve, Sat 24 th Dec	5.00pm Children's Mass <i>(at St Thomas Aquinas Church)</i>	5.00pm Children's Mass <i>(at OLN Cola if fine weather)</i>
	8.00pm VIGIL	8.00pm VIGIL
Christmas Day, Sun 25 th Dec	9.30am	8.30am
Boxing Day, Mon 26 th Dec	9.30am	
Tues 27 th , Dec	9.30am	
Wed 28 th Dec	9.30am	
Thurs 29 th Dec	9.30am	
Fri 30 st Dec	9.30am	
Sat 31 st Dec	9.30am	



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

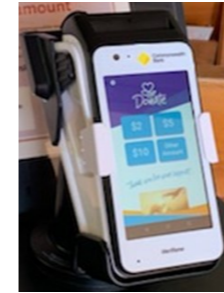
Monday, 19th December, 7.00pm - Lawson
Tuesday, 20th December, 7.00pm - Springwood

The Sacrament of Penance, at this time during Advent, is an ideal way of remaining focused on the beautiful spirituality of Christmas.

Please Tap to give and to support our parish.

This new tap and go machine is for the *second collection*

Simply tap on the device near the Commonwealth Bank logo.



There are four options: **\$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00**
and other amount

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unimaginable impact on our parish and our ability to raise funds and the second collection is a vital part of running our parish. We rely on the generosity of our parish community's support through these weekly offertory collections.

Thank you.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be present at all Masses on the weekends of 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th November seeking offers of donations from parishioners towards our Christmas Hamper Appeal. These may be in the form of a hamper of non-perishable food items or cash donations towards vouchers for fresh food, fruit and vegetables. Please speak to a conference member if you need further clarification. The weekend of 17th & 18th December is when we ask you to bring your contribution to any Mass so they can be distributed to families before Christmas.



DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS ANNUAL MASS:

All parishioners are invited **to attend a Mass** which will be celebrated to the Repose of the Souls of family members commencing at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 16th November. A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration of the Mass so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle, which your family member will place on the sanctuary, please contact the Parish office by the week ending Friday, 11th November 2022. A framed photo of your loved one may be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass (prior to 7.00pm).

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR is on 13th November 2022

Pope Francis reflects on the words of St Paul to the Church in Corinth and invites Christians to greater solidarity and responsibility for the poor.

"That is precisely what solidarity is: sharing the little we have with those who have nothing, so that no one will go without. The sense of community and of communion as a style of life increases and a sense of solidarity matures."

On this day we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. As we reach out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers.

