

Reading Roster

Date:	21st/22nd January 2023		
Mass Time:	VIGIL	8.00AM	9.30AM
Priest:	Fr Paul	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto
Acolyte:	Ian Miles	Richard Merchant	John Belfanti
Commentator:	Margaret Smith	Jim Gresser	Matt Aldous
First Reading:	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Rosalind Comfort	Margaret Hickey
Second Reading:	Lynette Boyd	Kim Crawford	Peta Sparkes
Music:			E Street Band
Date:	28th/29th January 2023		
Mass Time:	VIGIL	8.00AM	9.30AM
Priest:	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto
Acolyte:	Ian Miles	Randall Noney	Ed Junis
Commentator:	Felix Kobus	Cecilia Hunt	Domhnall MacCormac
First Reading:	Anne Maureen Scarf	Rosalind Comfort	Phillip Saville
Second Reading:	Colleen Baker	Jim Gresser	Steve Bishop
Music:			Chris Wilson

DEAR EARTHCARERS

Greetings to all. Happy new year and welcome to our newer parishes.

Hopefully, those who've been with us for a while have the date of our next national Zoom gathering already on the calendar and for those newer parishes, we do hope you'll be able to join us on

Wednesday 8th February from 7.00pm – 8.30pm AEDT. (QLD 6.00pm; SA 6.30pm; WA 4.00pm)

These gatherings are a great opportunity to share our "joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties" as we travel the journey towards the 7 Laudato Si Goals together. We learn a great deal from listening to each other and pick up ideas, big and small, but always valuable. Presumably the Dec-Jan period has been quieter in most parishes so it will be good to gather and pick up our thoughts together as we look to put our 'new year's resolutions' into practice!

I hope you've all enjoyed a blessed Christmas and perhaps had space to experience the beauty and wonder of creation either around your home or at a favourite holiday spot. I will send the Zoom link closer to the date.

Kind Regards

Kerry Stone

2023 COMBINED First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Program - 6 Week preparation

We invite you and your child to be part of our 2023 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Program. This program will be conducted as one combined preparation in 2023 instead of two separate programs as both themes are connected. These sacraments will be in group sessions in a home or parish-based environment.

Age: Children in Year 3 or older in 2023, who have not yet received Reconciliation are invited to participate.

Meetings: Please come along to both Parent Meetings on Monday, 13th February and Thursday, 16th February (same week) 7pm at St Thomas Aquinas Church. (Not necessary for candidates to attend)

What do I bring along to the first meeting? Please bring with you a completed copy of the enrolment form (available to download via www.stachurchspringwood.org.au, hard copies at the back of the church or at the parish office) and also a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

The cost: \$40.00 per family (includes both sacraments). This covers all books required to complete both sacraments, certificates, and medal (medal - Holy Communion only). Payable via eftpos on the first parent evening.

Presentation of Candidates and Families at Mass: 18th February 5.00pm or 19th February 8.00am or 9.30am.

First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, 15th March at 7.00pm and Holy Communion on Friday, 24th March at 7.00pm (Please note new date)

Please refer to our website for further information : www.stachurchspringwood.org.au

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bulletin

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Parish Pastoral Council: email - springwoodppc@gmail.com
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

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him

"Come after me," he said.

They dropped their nets and followed the deep desires of their hearts. They learned to heal. To love.

Lord, thank you for calling us too. For accepting the beauty, the blindness of us, the warmth, the cold of us.

Teach us to leave our nets and our works to come and follow you in love, to seek out your people.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Anguish has taken wing; dispelled is darkness.

From a murky corner west of the Jordan there shone a small light.

It showed through all the world's darkness and distress, and lifted weights from shoulders, and smashed yokes and taskmasters; rods.

Christ, help us. Let us glimpse your light.

Fill us with angst at the poverty in our midst. Let us serve all who ever suffer.

Let us be your light for others.

Anne Osdieck

Today's Readings: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26:1, 4, 13-14 - R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Recently Deceased: Patricia Schirato, Sandra Bastoli, John Denman, Jim Wren,
Cardinal George Pell



Sick: Lally Sabater, 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

STA CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Our Children's Liturgy Ministry team will be commencing on Sunday 19th February at the 9.30am Mass and ALL primary school children are welcome. The Children's Liturgy Ministry will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We are looking forward to seeing all you wonderful young people. Vicky Walker, Children's Liturgy Coordinator.

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE GLENMORE PARK COMMUNITY: Please join our Parish community in praying for Nicholas Tadros who is in a serious and critical condition in hospital after an horrific helicopter accident in Queensland.

We pray for Vanessa Tadros. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Simon Tadros, their extended family, St Padre Pio Parish, Bethany Primary School and the Glenmore Park community.

OUR NEW WEBINAR SERIES LAUNCHES JANUARY 23RD 2023: We are thrilled to announce our new monthly webinar series - *Journeying with the Laudato Si' Action Platform* - dedicated to you and your path towards integral ecology. The first webinar in the series, "Wonder and Awe: How Eco-Spirituality Can Inspire Us in 2023", kicks off on January 23rd at 8:00 EST. This webinar will be available in English and Spanish. Register at: <https://bit.ly/LSAPwebinar>

FIRST CPR TRAINING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: The Diocese of Parramatta is participating in a program called First CPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community. The program will provide you with CPR accredited training to parish staff and volunteers and is free of charge. For more information, and to express your interest, please visit <http://parracatholic.org/cpr-training-eoi/>

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS - 11TH FEBRUARY 2023: A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11th February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6th February 2022 to hanah.portelli@parracatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE - MEMORIAL MASS OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA - 19TH FEBRUARY 2023: You are invited to the Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on Sunday 19th February at 2pm at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia and worldwide and look forward to celebrating the legacy of St Josephine Bakhita with you.

GLENBROOK PARISH SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION AND TALK - 21ST FEBRUARY 2023: St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a presentation by local parishioner and former journalist William West on the Shroud of Turin on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm. William will discuss the history of the Shroud, which he explores in his book *Riddles of the Shroud - Questions Science Can't Answer*. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please contact: secretary@stfinbars.org.au

SAFEGUARDING FOR VOLUNTEERS: An Invitation to Face-to-Face Training

St Thomas Aquinas will be presenting the Mandatory Safeguarding Training onsite for our parish community, on **Saturday 11th February 2023**.

The schedule for the day will be:

- 10.00am - Module 1: Understanding Safeguarding & the Child Safe Standards
- 11.00am - Morning Tea
- 11.30am - Module 2: Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm & Reportable Conduct
- 1:00pm - Lunch
- 1.30pm - Module 3: Working with Adults at Risk & Understanding Boundaries
- 3.00pm - Finish

Volunteers across the Diocese are asked to participate in this training to ensure our parishes are inclusive and safe for children and adults at risk.

Our participation is an expression of our personal commitment to living the values of the Gospel in this modern world. It is also an opportunity to show how we can combine our gifts and talents to ensure our parish is a faith-filled and welcoming community for all people.

Please register by emailing: springwood@parracatholic.org or
maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

I am looking forward to working with you all in ensuring that, together, we are building a safe parish for all our faith community.



Office for Safeguarding

Maria Kervin

WHY should I sign up for Mandatory Safeguarding Training?

- ✚ All people involved in parish life have a collective responsibility to ensure our parish life is safe and inclusive for all.
- ✚ We have a special responsibility to care for children and adults at risk.
- ✚ Religious organisations are now required by law to ensure their volunteers who are involved in ministries that may directly or indirectly come in contact with children and/or adults at risk are supported with Mandatory Safeguarding Training.
- ✚ This is a real opportunity to join with Bishop Vincent and work together at a Parish level to demonstrate that the Parish of St Thomas Aquinas has a zero tolerance of abuse in any form.

WHO should register for Mandatory Safeguarding Training?

- ≈ Are you involved in a ministry that works directly with children? (Acolytes, SRE Teachers, Children's Liturgy Helpers, Readers etc)
- ≈ Are you involved in a ministry that operates through liturgies and parish events?
- ≈ Are you involved in a ministry that may directly or indirectly come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults?
- ≈ Are you curious and would like to know more about keeping parishes safe?