

**Reading Roster**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>1st/2nd July 2023</b>	<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Mass Time:</b>	VIGIL 5:00PM	8.00AM	9.30AM
<b>Priest:</b>	Fr Philip	Fr PJ	Fr PJ
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ed Junis	Randall Noney	Richard Merchant
<b>Commentator:</b>	Margaret Smith	Jim Gresser	Domhnall MacCormac
<b>First Reading:</b>	Cheryl Kirby	Vicky Walker	Matt Aldous
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Lynette Boyd	Kim Crawford	Steve Bishop
<b>Music:</b>	Andrew Wilson	None	Chris Wilson

<b>Date:</b>	<b>8th/9th July 2023</b>	<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Mass Time:</b>	VIGIL 5:00PM	8.00AM	9.30AM
<b>Priest:</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ian Miles	Marek Grus	Bernard Ellis
<b>Commentator:</b>	Tanya Baldwin	Trish Matchett	Phillip Saville
<b>First Reading:</b>	Felix Kobus	Michael Lloyd	Margaret Hickey
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Loida Derbyshire	Katherine Mahns
<b>Music:</b>	Chris Wilson	None	Streeters

**Morning Tea Roster - 2nd July after 9:30am Mass:** Disciples of Jesus / Catechists

**Weekend Mass Collections**

Thank you for your contributions to both the first and second collections, credit card, using the Tap and Go, Commonwealth Bank machine or by way of the Parish Bank Account.

**The FIRST COLLECTION:**

This is used by the Diocese to pay for all Diocesan Clergy so that they are all supported equally.

**The SECOND COLLECTION:**

(and both tap machines) goes directly to OUR CHURCH for the upkeep and running of our Parish.

Please see the office if you would like to consider a monthly contribution by way of direct debit or by way of credit card

**For one off payments, our details are as follows:**

**Parish Name: Springwood**

**BSB: 067-950**

**Account: 00000560 (must include all the zero's)**

**A big 'THANK YOU' to all those parishioners who currently contribute each week, fortnight or month to our Parish. Fr Paul**

**Springwood St Vincent de Paul Celebrates 85 Years**

Vinnies 85th Year Celebration will be on Sunday, 23rd July after the 9:30am Mass



**St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bulletin**

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**Parish Website:** [www.stachurchspringwood.org.au](http://www.stachurchspringwood.org.au)  
**Parish Facebook Page:** St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community Springwood  
**Parish Priest:** Fr Paul Slyney - 4754 1052 **Emergency ONLY:** 0418 461 316  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Suggestions to the Box at the Back of the Church  
**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, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 am  
**Communion Service:** Monday, Friday, Saturday 9:30 am  
**Healing Mass:** 1st Friday of the month, 9.30am  
**Rosary & Devotions:** Monday-Saturday, 9.00am  
**Children's Liturgy:** 3rd Sunday of every month, 9:30 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

*We respect the Darug people and their elders both past and present, as the traditional custodians of this land on which we celebrate the Eucharist.*

**A Poem to Sit With**

**Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

At the hospital of the dying  
she shows that  
although they have lived as animals  
they must die as angels  
Her living hoped to do  
something beautiful  
for God



J. Janda

**THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:37-42**

*And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.*

For our whole earth it is clean air.  
For war's end it's a peace treaty.  
For a virus end it's a vaccine.  
For the hungry it's a meal.  
For our racial problems  
it is justice and love.  
For all who thirst,  
it's a cup of  
water.  
O  
God,  
you ask  
little of us.  
Please help us  
give each other the  
"cup of water" we all  
need. Give us desire and  
your knowledge and insight  
to fix all the problems we have.  
Let us not ignore those souls that  
thirst. We all thirst for your living water.

Anne Osdieck

**Today's Readings:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



**Sick:** Mary Whyte, Gwen Daly, Ray Lyons, Lally Sabater, Baby Leonardo Diaz, James Wallace, Mischa Damaguc and family, Margaret Day, Adam McCully, Christopher Coombs, 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

**ASSISTANT PRIEST:** The Diocese at this stage, is not sending an Assistant Priest to our parish so while we negotiate the following few months, we will be relying on Supply and Communion Services. We will do our very best to keep you up to date as much as possible.

**MASS TIMES:** Please see the notice in the bulletin regarding Masses here at St Thomas Aquinas Parish Springwood.

**INFORMATION ON LITURGY:** The Parish Pastoral Council would like to hear from any parishioner who would be interested in helping our liturgical ministry. Liturgy is more than only words. We would like our parish to be a vibrant, meaningful and inclusive place of worship. Help us to establish a consistent, prayerful, and inviting liturgy for each Mass. Please email the Parish Pastoral Council on [springwoodparishpc@gmail.com](mailto:springwoodparishpc@gmail.com) or place your name into the suggestion box at the back of the church and the PPC will review submissions at the next meeting in July.

**COUNTERS:** If you would like to be part of our weekly contribution counters and are available during the week at 10.00am for one day a month, please send an email to the parish office at [springwood@parracatholic.org](mailto:springwood@parracatholic.org)

**READERS:** If you are interested in being a reader at any of our Masses please contact the Parish office via email or phone so we can place you on to our roster. Thank you.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL:** This will be coming up in July. Please keep an eye out for notices in the bulletin and on Facebook for further information.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** Dear Parishioners, it is almost time to order new envelopes and to avoid an unnecessary expense I will be reducing the amount of envelopes and simplifying the numbers. Therefore, when you receive your envelopes in August most of you will have new numbers. Thank you for your understanding, Debbie.

**2023 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 2 JULY:** Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. In Australia we are blessed to be home to the world's oldest continuing Culture. For more information and resources, please visit <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>

**NAIDOC WEEK 2 - 9 JULY:** NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee). It celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander People. NAIDOC became a week-long event in 1975 and had its roots in the 1938 Day of Mourning. In the 1967 referendum 90% of Australians voted to give the Federal Government the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait and to be included in the census.

**Group Mentorship Program** - Anyone interested in learning about how to welcome and support refugee newcomers into our community may register their interest with Celia at CatholicCare 02 8843 2545 or email us on [springwood@parracatholic.org](mailto:springwood@parracatholic.org)

**ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS:** You are warmly invited to attend Aboriginal Catholic Care's NAIDOC Week celebrations on Tuesday 4 July at 252 Luxford Road, Emerton from 10am to 2pm. The event will include Stalls, Entertainment, Rides, Jumping Castle, Creature Feature, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzles & much more.

**FREE COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CIRCLE:** A place to come together with other local women, to share conversation, enjoy craft and writing activities and indulge in a guided meditation! Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 10am-12pm in the Springwood Parish Centre. For details please contact 02 8843 2545; email: [sally.butler@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:sally.butler@catholiccarewsbm.org.au)

**PAINTING:** Our Parish has been gifted a beautiful, original oil painting and we would like to have help from someone that may know of how the art world operates and how we can sell the art to raise money for our Parish (at the donors request). If you think you may be able to help, please speak with Debbie in the office. Thank you.



**STA PARISH IS GETTING 660L WHEELIE RECYCLING BIN:** A 660L wheelie recycling bin will now be serviced fortnightly starting Tuesday 11th July 2023.

**PLASTIC FREE JULY:** Does that sound daunting? Transitioning to a completely plastic-free lifestyle overnight would be a challenging feat for most of us! But what if we all used July as a catalyst, and each took small steps towards reducing our plastic footprint? July could be a roadmap for year-round changes - we could make a real effort to actively seek alternatives, reduce unnecessary plastic packaging and make sustainable swaps. Remember, it's all about starting small, and aiming big. Look at the 101 handy tips right here to get you started! [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au)

## Glancing Thoughts

### The Love of the Lord

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus seems to recommend an inhuman attitude: you are not to love your mother or father or your child more than Jesus. In fact, you are not to love your own life more than Jesus. If you do, you will lose what you love.

What does it even mean to compare loves in this way? If you have more than one child, you can love each one equally, can't you? Why think that your love of your child is in competition with your love of Jesus? But if it is, honestly, why wouldn't you love your child more?



The good news is that if you do love the Lord, then you will be united with him.

Well, think about it this way. To love someone is to want to be united with that person somehow. If your mother sends you lots of gifts but never cares to be near you, you wouldn't think she loved you, would you? More than that, if, when your mother came to visit you, she constantly opposed everything you yourself value, you would have a sense of your distance from her; and that distance would make you feel lonely with respect to her even while she was there visiting you.

And now you can see how loves can be in opposition to each other. If your adult son is selling drugs to teenagers, you can be at one with your son only if you no longer care about those teenagers. But then you will be at a distance from the Lord because the Lord cares about each one of his people. So in wanting to be united with your drug-dealing son, you would be willing to be separated from the Lord. And then you would not be worthy of the Lord, would you?

The good news is that if you do love the Lord, then you will be united with him; and in being united with him, you will also be united with everyone else united with the Lord. The love you have for your child, the love you have for your mother or father, have their full home in your shared love of the Lord. And that is why the Lord says that a person who loses his life for the Lord will find it. Real union, and the real love, peace, and joy that union brings, are possible only in the love of the Lord.

Eleonore Stump

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Today, on the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we join the Australian Bishops and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council in celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

As Australians, we are fortunate to share our home with the world's oldest continuing culture. On this day, we honour and acknowledge God's presence in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, who have upheld their rich and diverse cultural traditions for thousands of years. We give thanks for the deep and enduring legacy of these ancient peoples and their contributions to our Continent.

Let us also take a moment to recognise and appreciate the land on which our Parish is situated and the people who have nurtured it over time. Together, let us continue to cultivate a spirit of unity and respect for all cultures and traditions within our community.

## HELP WANTED:

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

We are looking for more volunteers to be part of our Eucharistic Ministry. If you would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion visiting the sick in their private homes and/or retirement aged care facilities, please contact Fr Paul Slyney or the Parish Office on 02 4754 1052.

