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| Date: 13th June / 14th June 2026 | | Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Mass Time: Acolyte | First Reading & Responsorial Psalm | Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful | Music |
| Vigil 5:00 PM | Phil Saville | Tanya Baldwin | |
| 8:00 AM | Sebastian Cook | Loida Derbyshire | |
| 9:30 AM | Shaun Keating | Margaret Hickey | |
| | | Timothy Baldwin | |
| | | Domhnall MacCormac | |
| | | Anne Ellis | Streeters |
| Date: 20th June / 21st June 2026 | | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Mass Time: Acolyte | First Reading & Responsorial Psalm | Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful | Music |
| Vigil 5:00 PM | Bernard Ellis | Nelius Jordaan | |
| 8:00 AM | Randall Noney | Tanya Graham | |
| 9:30 AM | Joseph Tabone | Katherine Mahns | |
| Morning Tea: | Polish Group / Catechist | | |
| | | Felix Kobus | |
| | | Kim Crawford | |
| | | Phil Saville | Clemens del Rosario |

KID'S CORNER



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

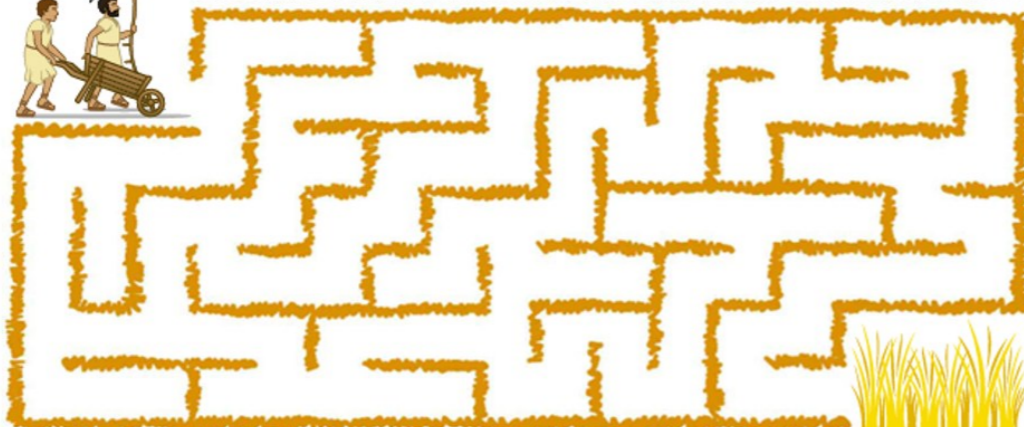
Can you name the 12 Apostles?

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Jesus calls each of us to continue his mission as the Apostles did. What are some of the things that Jesus needs us to do?

There's a large crop in the field but not enough workers! Send these workers out to gather in the harvest



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Parish Administrator: Fr Jack Elkazzi
Parish Pastoral Council: springwoodparishpc@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 Masses: Tuesday 9:30am & 7:00 pm, Wednesday - Saturday: 9:30 am
Adoration: Tuesday 8:15am & 6:00pm, Wednesday - Saturday: 8:15 am
First Friday Adoration: Adoration & Confession - 8:15 am;
 First Friday Mass - 9:30 am will be offered for the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Reconciliation: Saturday after 9:30 am Mass and 4:00 - 4:45 pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass
Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 11:00 am and by appointment
Weddings: By appointment
Funerals: Please Contact the Parish Office



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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.

St Thomas Aquinas - Springwood

Gift Shop

Gifts of Faith for Every Occasion

Opening Hours

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| Weekdays Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Saturday: Closed Sunday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM |
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Bulletin Reflection – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary – Year A

In today's Gospel, Jesus looks upon the crowds and is moved with compassion because they are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." His response is not simply to feel pity, but to send disciples into the harvest. Those who have encountered His love are entrusted with sharing that love with others.

This mission continues in every parish community. Here at St Thomas Aquinas, we give thanks to God for the many parishioners who generously answer Christ's call through their service. We are grateful for our readers, acolytes, musicians and choir members, SRE catechists, those who prepare morning teas and parish gatherings, those who visit the sick, the elderly and the homebound, and all who quietly serve behind the scenes. Their generosity reflects the compassion of Christ and helps build up the Body of Christ in our parish.

We also acknowledge with gratitude those who support the parish through their prayers, planned giving, donations, fundraising efforts, and practical assistance. Your contributions help sustain the mission of the Church and enable us to care for our buildings and facilities. As many would be aware, we are presently obtaining advice and quotations regarding necessary roof repairs and other maintenance works, while continuing to plan for future parish and presbytery needs.

As St Paul reminds us, "There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:5). Every contribution, whether visible or hidden, is precious in God's sight. May the Lord bless all who serve our parish community and inspire others to share their gifts generously for the glory of God and the growth of His Kingdom.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for Us!
 May God Bless you All +
 In Christ Jesus and Mary,
 Fr Jack Elkazzi

Dear Friends,

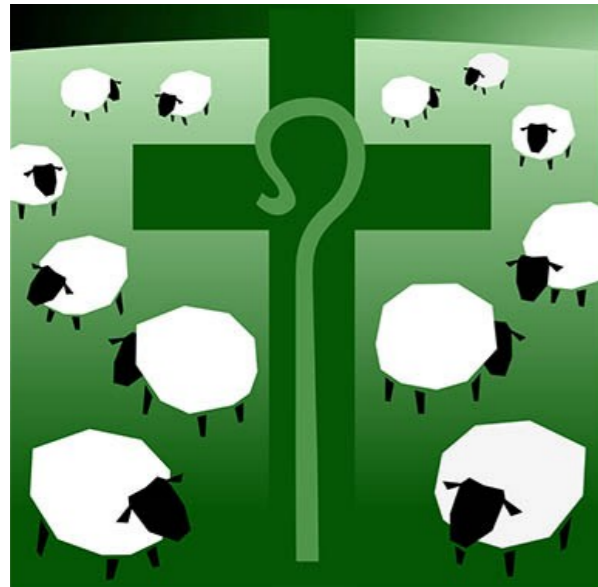
Please consider supporting our Parish's Fundraising Raffle. Your generosity and willingness to share and promote this fundraiser helps support important parish projects and future development within our community. To buy tickets or to share this raffles use this raffle link or scan the QR Code:

[RaffleTix | Raffles by St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Springwood](#)

Every ticket purchased and every share genuinely helps. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Fr Jack Elkazzi
 Parish Administrator
 St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood





Second Reading Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Psalms 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

**(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**



Recently Deceased: Brian Dewhurst; **Commemorative Deceased:** Roseanne Lewin, Boleslawa (Kozlowski) Wilenski, Deceased Members of Kozlowski, Foley, Brown, Roope Families and the Holy Souls

Sick: Angelica Maria Suso, Chris Wilson, John Warner, Murdo Macarthur, Evelyn Robinson, Lisa Vaughan, Larry Munn, Mary Green, Rowena Cook, Precious Tamayo, David Rees, Melissa Couch, Erlisa Argayoso, Allan Arias, Mary Coombs, Carl Johnson, Philip Coggan, James Connor, Richard Ford, Julie Somerville, Fr Bob Bossini, Marama Watson.

We also pray for private intentions including the sick, dying and the suffering.
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

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH AND ITS MISSION

We rely on the faithful support of our parish community to sustain the life and mission of St Thomas Aquinas. Every contribution—large or small—makes a real and necessary difference. If you are not yet supporting the parish financially, I warmly encourage you to consider doing so. Regular giving allows us to plan responsibly and continue providing for the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community.

Ways to Give:

Direct Debit: Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a regular contribution.

Direct Deposit:

Account Name: Springwood; **BSB:** 067-950

Account Number: 00000560

Reference: Please include your full name.



Please Note: This is an official parish account of the Diocese of Parramatta. Some banks may display an automated warning; however, this account is verified and secure.

Parish Collections

First Collection supports the priests of our Diocese, assisting with their living expenses.

Second Collection directly supports our parish—covering essential costs, i.e. insurance and wages, maintaining our facilities, and enabling our ministries and programs.

Mass Offering Envelopes are also available for those who wish to give regularly. Thank you for your generosity, your sense of responsibility, and your commitment to the life of our parish.



STA Parish 2026 Sacrament of Reconciliation Program

Please visit our website:

stachurchspringwood.org.au and then click the Tab: **STA Sacramental Program** to access our invitation, important dates to remember and enrolment form. For enquiries, please call: 02 4754 1052 or email: sacramentssta@gmail.com

St Thomas Aquinas Youth Night - Friday 19th June 2026 from 6pm to 8pm. Listen to talks on the faith, have engaging conversation and play fun games. 7-12 Year Students all welcome!

Mountains Gathering Invitation from Bishop Vincent and the General Secretariat of the Synod - Saturday 18th July 2026 at 2pm-4pm, St Finbar's, Glenbrook:

Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the Final Report of the Synod on Synodality have galvanised us and as we continue to journey together, we have been invited by the General Secretariat of the Synod to reflect, celebrate and renew our own efforts towards becoming a more synodal Church. Our diocese will be bringing parishes together in local clusters to reflect on and recognise the ways in which we are already living out the themes and priorities of the Pastoral Plan and share the fruits with one another. The intention is to assist each parish to grow in communion and participation, and to be affirmed through recognising your own present efforts towards synodality and sharing in those of our neighbouring communities.

The next Ladies Fellowship group meeting is on Friday 19th June 2026 after morning Mass. Thank you. - Elizabeth Farrar

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2026

Thank you for your compassion and generosity this weekend. Cash is preferred. If you wish to pay by card, please take a Vinnies envelope from our collection table and bring it back next week – dropping it in the Poor Box near the sacristy door. Should you require a tax receipt, please leave your details on our clipboard sheet. Thank you.



ST THOMAS AQUINAS SPRINGWOOD GIFT SHOP

Our Parish Gift Shop is now open!

Located in the Parish Office building.

The shop is open:
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am – 11:30am



We offer a beautiful selection of Catholic gifts and seasonal items—from inspiring books and rosaries to religious art and meaningful keepsakes.

Now Available our exclusive Saints' images which are a unique part of our parish family. You can now own and purchase at our Catholic Gift Shop.

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SPRINGWOOD

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Building Our Future

Supporting our new presbytery and essential parish works

APPROX. \$1.3 MILLION GOAL



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12:00PM
SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 2026

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NEW PRESBYTERY + TWO STOREY HOME

\$1,300,000
PROJECT GOAL

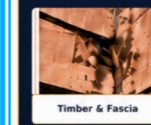


A new presbytery and two storey home will provide a safe, comfortable and welcoming home for our priests, supporting spiritual leadership and pastoral care in our community.

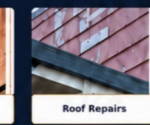
"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."
- Psalm 127:1

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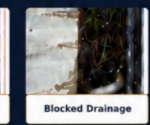
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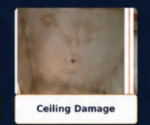
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Church Interior

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Donors will go into the draw to win prizes including a \$2,000 Visa Gift Card, iPad, framed jerseys, Catholic gifts, vouchers and more.

"God loves a cheerful giver."
- 2 Corinthians 9:7

St Thomas Aquinas Reading Group with Dr Angus Brook is on every Sunday 3-5pm at the Parish Centre, All welcome to attend.

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Good Works Appeal. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal