

<b>Date:</b> 6th June / 7th June 2026		<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	
<b>Mass Time:</b> Acolyte	<b>First Reading &amp; Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading &amp; Prayer of the Faithful</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Vigil 5:00 PM</b> Ian Miles	Elliene Johnson	Shayna Jordaan	Rebecca Sahyoun
<b>8:00 AM</b> Randall Noney	Mary Morris	Kim Crawford	
<b>9:30 AM</b> Ian Boncales	Anne Edwards	Brian Edwards	Andrew Wilson
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Passionist Family Group			

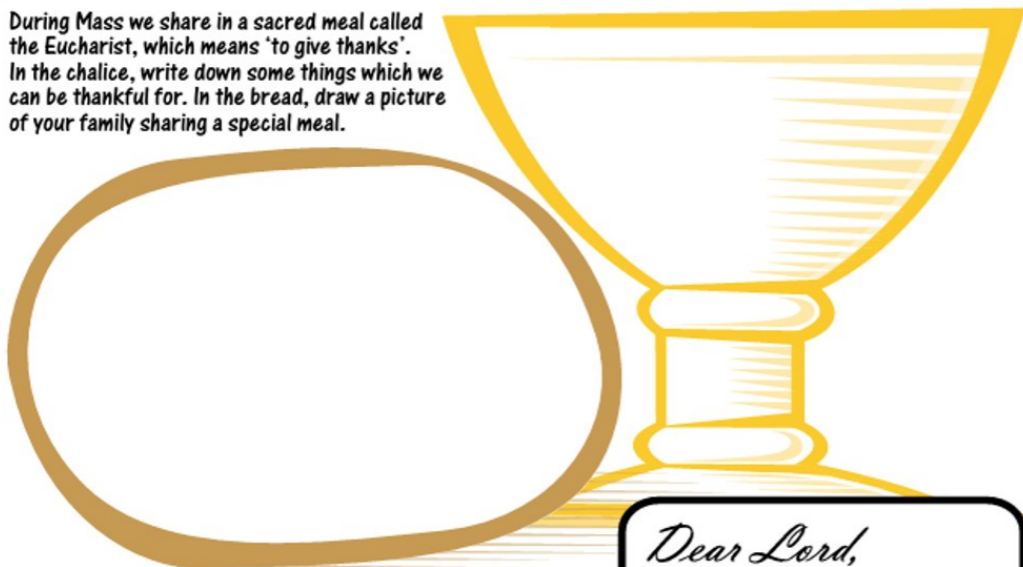
<b>Date:</b> 13th June / 14th June 2026		<b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Mass Time:</b> Acolyte	<b>First Reading &amp; Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading &amp; Prayer of the Faithful</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Vigil 5:00 PM</b> Ian Miles	Tanya Baldwin	Timothy Baldwin	
<b>8:00 AM</b> Sebastian Cook	Loida Derbyshire	Domhnall MacCormac	
<b>9:30 AM</b> Shaun Keating	Margaret Hickey	Anne Ellis	Streeters

KID'S CORNER



The Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

During Mass we share in a sacred meal called the Eucharist, which means 'to give thanks'. In the chalice, write down some things which we can be thankful for. In the bread, draw a picture of your family sharing a special meal.



Can you work out which two of these pictures are the same?



Dear Lord,

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Amen.

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God that you can say before every meal.



St Thomas Aquinas Parish

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**Parish Administrator:** Fr Jack Elkazzi  
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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 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.

Bulletin Reflection – Solemnity of Corpus Christi – Year A

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast invites us to pause in wonder before the greatest gift Christ has left to His Church: Himself.

In the Gospel, Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves and two fish. What appears insufficient becomes more than enough in His hands. This miracle points beyond itself to the Eucharist, where Christ continues to nourish His people. At every Mass, He fulfils His promise: "This is my Body, given for you."

The Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a reminder. It is the real presence of Jesus Christ—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Here we encounter the same Lord who walked the roads of Galilee, healed the sick, forgave sinners and rose from the dead. He comes to us under the humble appearance of bread and wine so that we may be united with Him.

The Eucharist also shapes how we live. Having received Christ's self-giving love, we are called to become bread broken for others through acts of charity, forgiveness and service. As we gather around the altar today, may our hearts be renewed in gratitude and may our lives reflect the love we receive from the Lord who remains with us always.

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





**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

**(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

- O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
- He has established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
- He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence**

*The sequence, Sing forth, O Zion, may be said or sung in full, or using the shorter form indicated by the asterisked verses.*

\*Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

\*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

\*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

**Gospel Acclamation** John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel** John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon** John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



**Recently Deceased:** Brian Dewhurst; **Commemorative Deceased:** Roseanne Lewin, Boleslawa (Kozlowski) Wilenski, Deceased Members of Kozlowski, Foley, Brown, Rooome 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.

**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.

Whether you are searching for a thoughtful gift or simply wish to browse, we warmly invite you to visit and discover what is available.



**ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
SPRINGWOOD

**ONLINE PARISH RAFFLE**

**Building Our Future**

Supporting our new presbytery and essential parish works

APPROX. \$1.3 MILLION GOAL

DRAWN ONLINE  
**12:00PM**  
SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 2026

**2026**

**ST THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH NIGHTS**  
5th June - 7th August

<b>5</b> JUNE	Social Night – 6pm - 8pm Team Trivia - Games - Dinner
<b>19</b> JUNE	Youth Gathering – 6pm - 8pm Listen to talks on the Faith, have engaging conversations and play fun games
<b>3</b> JULY	Youth Gathering – 6pm - 8pm Listen to talks on the Faith, have engaging conversations and play fun games
<b>24</b> JULY	Youth Gathering – 6pm - 8pm Listen to talks on the Faith, have engaging conversations and play fun games
<b>7</b> AUGUST	Social Fun Night – 6pm - 8pm Games - Bonfire - Pizza - Music

**STA Parish 2026 Sacrament of Reconciliation Program**

Please visit our website:  
[stchurchspringwood.org.au](http://stchurchspringwood.org.au) and then click the Tab: **STA Sacramental Program** to access our invitation, important details and enrolment form. For enquiries, please call:  
02 4754 1052 or email:  
[sacramentssta@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentssta@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ:** A letter is received from one of our parishioners requesting for assistance in giving more information about an incident that happened within our Parish Car Park: After the 8am Mass last Saturday 30th May (around 8.50am) in the top car park (nearest the Church) a white vehicle believed to be a small Hyundai reversed out of a car park and hit my white Suzuki Swift twice. The lady did not seem to notice me and drove off without exchanging details. I would be grateful if the person responsible could contact me on this email address to resolve the damage done to my vehicle:  
[nckmcloughlin@gmail.com](mailto:nckmcloughlin@gmail.com) - Nicholas McLoughlin

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2026**  
A Vinnies volunteer will speak at all masses on the weekend of **June 6 – 7** calling on your generosity to donate to the 2026 Winter Appeal. A week later (**June 13- 14**) we will collect donations at the end of all masses, with cash preferred or card payments possible via special Vinnies envelopes. Thank you. Tax receipts available on request. Our Conference always welcomes new members, so if you are interested in joining us, talk to one of the members during the Winter Appeal.

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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

**YOUR SUPPORT TODAY BUILDS OUR PARISH TOMORROW**

**ESSENTIAL WORKS - ESTIMATED \$50,000 AND MORE**

**DONATE DIRECTLY**

Support our parish project:

Name: STA Springwood  
BSB: 067-950  
ACC: 00000560  
Reference: STA Projects

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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.

**BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL** This Appeal supports Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the year ahead. Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal).