

Date: 27th June / 28th June 2026		Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Mass Time: Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
Vigil 5:00 PM	Phil Saville	Tamsyn Baldwin	Timothy Baldwin
8:00 AM	Marek Grus	Domhall MacCormac	Ros Comfort
9:30 AM	Joseph Sukkar	Peta Sparkes	Matt Aldous
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Date: 4th July / 5th July 2026		Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Mass Time: Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
Vigil 5:00 PM	Ian Miles	Shayna Jordaan	Elliene Johnson
8:00 AM	Sebastian Cook	Mary Morris	Kim Crawford
9:30 AM	John Belfanti	Anne Edwards	Brian Edwards
Morning Tea: STA Ladies Fellowship			

KID'S CORNER



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

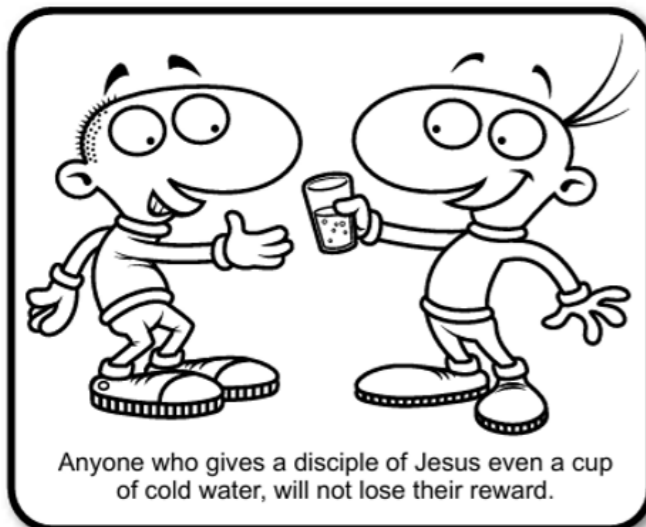
Jesus says that by welcoming others, we will be rewarded. Draw a picture of yourself making someone feel welcome. Write down some ways that you can make others feel welcome...

in your home _____

in school _____

in church _____

Complete the Text Maze:
"Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me."



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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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Fr Jack Elkazzi
 Parish Administrator
 St Thomas Aquinas Parish
 Springwood

Bulletin Reflection – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary – Year A

Putting Christ First

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that can initially sound confronting: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." Yet Christ is not asking us to love our families less. Rather, He is teaching us to love everyone more deeply by first loving God above all things.

The woman of Shunem in the First Reading recognised God's presence in the prophet Elisha and generously welcomed him into her home. Her hospitality became the means through which God abundantly blessed her life. Likewise, Jesus tells us that even offering "a cup of cold water" in His name will not go unnoticed.

True discipleship begins with recognising Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our parish and especially in those who are most in need. Every act of kindness offered for love of Christ becomes an act of worship.

As we gather around the altar today, may we renew our commitment to place Jesus first. When Christ is at the centre of our lives, every relationship finds its proper place, every sacrifice finds its purpose, and every act of love becomes a step towards eternal life.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for Us!

May God Bless you All +
 In Christ Jesus and Mary,
 Fr Jack Elkazzi



Second Reading *Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *1 Peter 2:9*

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!

Gospel *Matthew 10:37-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 102:1*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Entrance Antiphon *Psalms 46:2*

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading *2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16*

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**



Recently Deceased: Murdo Macarthur, Maureen Osmetti **Commemorative Deceased:** Charles Hughes
Sick: Marlene Thomas, Angelica Maria Suso, Chris Wilson, John Warner, 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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: THIS SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026:

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held this Sunday 28th June 2026. The collection supports the Pope's mission, which extends through the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. You can also support the Holy Father's mission by making a donation through our collection bucket at the back of the church or by scanning this QR Code. Please donate generously. For more information, please see posters at the church doors. Thank you.



REQUEST A VISIT FROM FR JACK

Need a home blessing, Confession, Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick, or another pastoral visit? Please complete a **Priest Visit Request Form**, available at the back of the church or from the parish office. We will then contact you to arrange a visit.

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.

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

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

St Thomas Aquinas Youth Night - Friday 3rd July 2026 from 6pm to 8pm. Listen to talks on the faith, have engaging conversation and play fun games. 7-12 Year Students all welcome!



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

EUCCHARIST28 UPDATE – HEARTS SET ABLAZE!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org