

Date: 20th June / 21st June 2026	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Mass Time: Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful
Vigil 5:00 PM Bernard Ellis	Nelius Jordaan	Felix Kobus
8:00 AM Randall Noney	Tanya Graham	Kim Crawford
9:30 AM Joseph Tabone	Katherine Mahns	Phil Saville
Morning Tea: Polish Group / Catechist		Clemens del Rosario

Date: 27th June / 28th June 2026	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Mass Time: Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful
Vigil 5:00 PM Phil Saville	Tamsyn Baldwyn	Timothy Baldwyn
8:00 AM Marek Grus	Domhnall MacCormac	Ros Comfort
9:30 AM Joseph Sukkar	Peta Sparkes	Matt Aldous
		Streeters

KID'S CORNER

Don't be afraid!

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

God watches over us and protects us because we are precious to him. Draw a picture of something that is precious to you.

What are some things that people are afraid of?

How does God help us to overcome our fears?

Colour in the shapes that contain a dot • and discover the hidden message!

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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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Bulletin Reflection – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary – Year A

In today's Gospel, Jesus repeats a command that appears throughout the Scriptures: "Do not be afraid." Fear has a way of limiting our faith. We worry about the future, our health, our families, our finances, and what others may think of us. Yet Jesus reminds us that we are infinitely precious in the eyes of God. Not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge, and each one of us is worth far more than many sparrows.

Jeremiah knew rejection and persecution, yet he continued to trust in God. St Paul reminds us that while sin entered the world through one man, God's grace is even greater through Jesus Christ. Our hope, therefore, is not founded on circumstances but on God's unfailing love.

As disciples, we are called to witness to Christ with confidence and joy. This does not mean we will never experience fear, but rather that we place our fears into God's hands. When we trust in Him, we discover the freedom to live faithfully, speak truthfully, and serve generously.

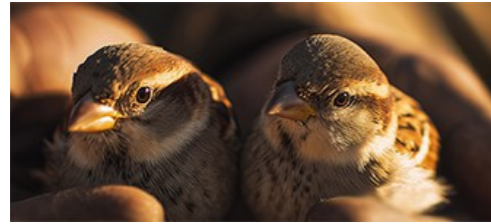
May we leave this Mass renewed in confidence, knowing that God knows us, loves us, and walks beside us each day.

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 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

Communion Antiphon Psalm 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



Recently Deceased: Maureen Osmetti, Brian Dewhurst

Sick: Marlene Thomas, 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
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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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to the 2026 Deanery Cluster Meeting to be held at Mulgoa, the STA Parish office will be closed on Wednesday 24th June only. For important matters call 02 4754 1052 / 0474 631 168 and leave a message or email springwood@parracatholic.org

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

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held on Sunday 28th June 2026. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, 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.

Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. A third collection will be made on the weekend Masses of 27th/28th June 2026.

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.



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

STA Youth Night - Fri 3rd July 2026, 6pm to 8pm. Have engaging conversation and play fun games. 7-12 Year Students all welcome!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2026

Thanks to the joint efforts of our school and parish communities, the Vinnies Winter Appeal has raised almost **\$5,000**. We Vinnies volunteers are so grateful to you for having helped the needy people among us so generously. A further contribution, if you wish, can be made via the Poor Box near the sacristy door. Thank you.

