



Entrance Antiphon
 Psalm 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading
 Isaiah 56:1-6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
 Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

- O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
- Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading
 Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation
 Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel
 Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

Communion Antiphon
 Psalm 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



Recently Deceased: Chris Wilson, Lisa Vaughan, Neil Kirby, Murdo Macarthur **Commemorative Deceased:** Holy Souls and all souls of family and friends of Christopher and the souls of those who have no one to pray for them, Liz Miles, Mary Eileen Scarff, Bill Baldwin, Terry Hammond, Michael Hughes, Charles Hughes **Sick:** Janice Mills, Marlene Thomas, Angelica Maria Suso, John Warner, Evelyn Robinson, 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, 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 ’N’ 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLIFF AND MARGARET SMITH

St Thomas Aquinas Parish warmly congratulates Cliff and Margaret Smith on receiving Diocesan Awards in recognition of their outstanding service.

Together, they have given over 110 years of service to the St Vincent de Paul Society, as well as generously serving our parish and wider community.

We thank Cliff and Margaret for their extraordinary generosity, faith and lifelong commitment to serving others.

THE STA LADIES FELLOWSHIP are holding a Street Stall outside Priceline Pharmacy from 9am on Friday 21st August 2026. Any donation of cakes, slices, books, preserves, etc. is welcome to drop it in to the stall. All donations will be gratefully received.

The Ladies Fellowship are a wonderful group of parishioners who spend a great deal of their year fundraising for various charities in the mountains and beyond. In this occasion, all proceeds assist St Vincent de Paul’s ‘good works’. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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

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

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 we have to offer.

ON FRIDAY THE 21ST AUGUST, THERE WILL BE NO 8:15 AM ADORATION AND 9:30 MORNING MASS AT THE CHURCH.

All are invited to attend the Holy Mass at 9:15 AM, St Columba’s school grounds to celebrate the feast of St Columba.

SPONSOR OUR PARISH BULLETIN: Promote your business while supporting the mission of our parish. A new sponsor page is coming soon - if you are interested in advertising your business, please contact the parish office for more information.

REQUEST A VISIT FROM FR JACK

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

ST THOMAS AQUINAS READING GROUP WITH DR ANGUS BROOK - All are invited!
 Sunday 3pm @ the St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre, 3:00pm.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH NIGHT

Friday 21st August 2026 from 6pm to 8pm. Listen to talks on the faith, have engaging conversation and play fun games. 7-12 Year Students all welcome!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAMILY:



Eryk Malouf

who was recently baptised here.

BETHANY PILGRIMAGE is on Saturday 29th August 2026 inviting all faithful women as we walk 17km and visit five churches reflecting on the theme “Totally yours”. Starting with 8am Mass at St Joseph Chaldean Catholic Church. Scan code to register.



2027 SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING

All STA Parish volunteers, as well as volunteers from neighbouring parishes who require Safeguarding renewal or have incomplete training, are invited to attend the mandatory Face-to-Face Safeguarding Refresher Training. This training is required every two years and is provided free of charge. Volunteers who completed the Face-to-Face training at St Thomas Aquinas in 2025 are due to renew their training in 2027.

PLEASE FIND BELOW LINKS TO REGISTER FOR CYCLE 2 & 3 SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (AT SPRINGWOOD):

Saturday 20th February 2027 [Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 \(Module 4-5\) \(20 February 2027\) | Diocese of Parramatta](#)

Time: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Saturday 27th February 2027 [Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 3 \(Module 6\) \(27 February 2027\) | Diocese of Parramatta](#)

Time: 10:00 am 11:30 am

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 02 4754 1052 OR EMAIL SPRINGWOOD@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG.