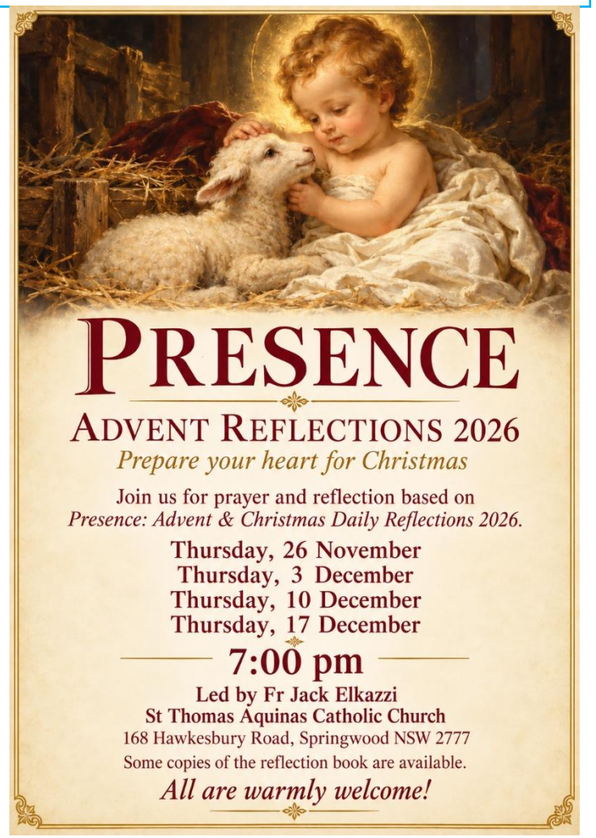
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MASS TIME:	ACOLYTE	FIRST READING & RESPONSORIAL PSALM	SECOND READING & Prayer of the Faithful	MUSIC
Vigil 5:00 PM	Ian Miles	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Tamsyn Baldwin	Anthony Silvestrini
8:00 AM	Marek Grus		Georgia Cook	
9:30 AM	John Belfanti	Karen Sukkar	Peta Sparkes	Rebbeca Sahyoun

DATE: *28TH NOVEMBER / 29TH NOVEMBER 2026* — *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

MASS TIME:	ACOLYTE	FIRST READING & RESPONSORIAL PSALM	SECOND READING & Prayer of the Faithful	MUSIC
Vigil 5:00 PM	Ed Junis	Nelius Jordaan	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Tamsyn B & Ellie J
8:00 AM	Randall Noney	Mary Morris	Kim Crawford	
9:30 AM	Joseph Tabone	Phil Saville	Anne Ellis	Couples for Christ
Morning Tea:	Couples for Christ			





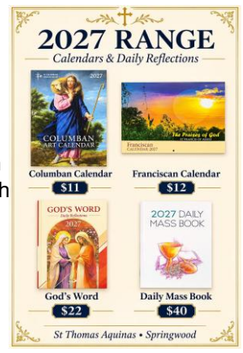
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2027 CALENDARS & DAILY REFLECTIONS

Now available at our gift shop!

Please note there is limited stock!

- God's Word: $22 each
- Columban calendar: $11 each
- Franciscan calendar: $12 each
- Daily Mass Book: $40 each



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Are you a local business owner?

St Thomas Aquinas Parish is inviting local businesses to join our Parish Business Sponsors Page.

By advertising with us, you can promote your business to our parish community while also helping to support the ongoing life, ministries and projects of our parish.

It's a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners to support the local businesses that support our parish.
Interested in becoming a sponsor?
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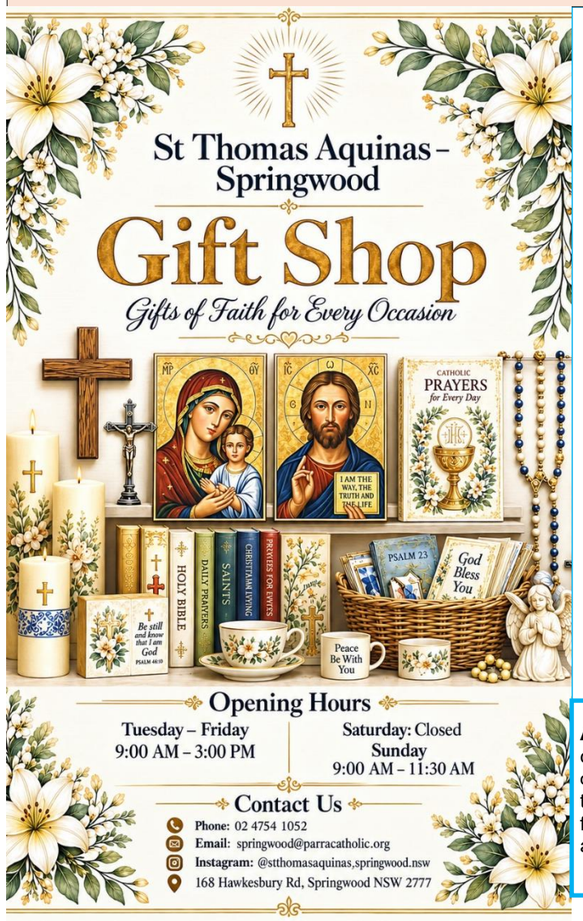
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MASS & SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Masses: Sat Vigil 5:00 pm | Sun 8:00 am & 9:30 am
Weekday Masses: Tue - Sat 9:30 am
Adoration: Tue - Sat 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: Sat after 9:30 am & 4:00 pm-4:45 pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass

Baptism: 2nd & 4th Sundays 11:00 am or by appointment
Weddings: By appointment (6–12 month notice)
Funerals: Contact Parish Office

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.



Fr Jack's Reflection
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A

The King Who Comes to Us

Today we proclaim Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. Yet his kingship overturns the world's expectations. He wears a crown of thorns before receiving the crown of glory. He rules not by crushing the weak but by seeking the lost, binding the wounded and feeding the hungry.

In the Gospel, Christ identifies himself with those who suffer: what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters, we do for him. This is both a consolation and a serious examination of conscience. We cannot honour Christ at the altar while remaining indifferent to him in our neighbour.

On this solemnity, our Eucharistic procession offers a beautiful public confession that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Lord whom we adore in the monstrance is the same Lord who calls us to mercy in our homes, streets and community. Under the maternal care of Mary, Queen of Heaven, may we learn to recognise her Son, welcome his reign into our hearts and carry his love into the world.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for Us!

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

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who generously donated towards the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, particularly towards the cost of the Eucharistic canopy. We sincerely thank all those who have worked tirelessly, given their time, and helped in so many ways over the past few weeks. We are truly grateful for your hard work, patience, sacrifices and generosity.
God bless and thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Entrance Antiphon Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)

2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.



Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

Communion Antiphon Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A 22ND November 2026

Recently Deceased: Heather Cole, Richard Kemmis, Shirley Bell and all of the Faithful Departed
Sick: Fr Peter Carroll, Brendan Church, Patricia Hughes, Auntie of Finley Donaghey, Marie Medlin, Marlene Thomas, Angelica Maria Suso, John Warner, 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 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: STA 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.

HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH ELECTRICITY BILLS

As the warmer months approach, our parish electricity bills are beginning to increase, particularly with the increased use of air conditioning to keep our church & parish facilities comfortable for everyone. Our latest electricity bill came to **$1,242.52 due in December**. We kindly ask for your support in helping us meet this expense. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference and helps us continue to maintain our parish facilities for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for your continuous support & generosity.

BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL – Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness.

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story.
Let the birth **of** our Saviour, Jesus Christ, inspire us to reach out to those in need – especially vulnerable homeless women & children. Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, & the support they need to build a strong family life & hopeful future. Please give Generously through the **Bishop Good Works appeal envelopes located at the back of our Church or at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code.**
Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness & compassion.

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY TO RICHARD JOHN & INGRID MARIA MERCHANT

– We keep Richard & Ingrid in our prayers as they celebrate this wonderful milestone. May God continue to bless them with love, good health, happiness and many more beautiful years together.



STA PARISH GIVING TREE – SPREADING LOVE AND HOPE

St Thomas Aquinas Parish is inviting our parish community to support our Giving Tree Appeal this December, helping women and children affected by domestic violence. We are seeking generous donations of gifts to bring a little joy, comfort & hope to children aged 5 months to 17 years this Christmas. Although our Giving Tree will be displayed in the church in December, we are accepting donations now to help us prepare for this special initiative. Every gift, big or small, can make a meaningful difference to a family in need. Let us come together as a parish community to share the love of Christ and remind these women and children that they are not forgotten. Your kindness can make Christmas brighter for a child in need. Thank you for your generosity and support.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS SPRINGWOOD GIFT SHOP

Our Parish Gift Shop is now open!
Located in the Parish Office building.



Giftshop Hours::
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 Catholic Gift Shop.

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

The season of joy and giving is upon us, and our Parish Gift Shop is brimming with beautiful treasures to help you share the true spirit of Christmas. You'll find something special for every loved one sure to warm hearts and brighten homes.
Visit us and explore our festive displays. Let your Christmas gifts reflect faith, hope, and love.

TUESDAY EVENING ADORATION & MASS:

Please note that Tuesday evening Adoration and Mass will be put on hold until further notice. However, Mass for the Holy Souls will still go ahead on **Wednesday, 25 November**, in the evening at **7pm**.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

Those who have already registered their interest, spoken with Fr Jack, or wish to be baptised, confirmed, or receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, are kindly asked to contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with Fr Jack before the official group meeting on **29th November following the 9:30am Mass.** Thank you & we look forward to accompanying you on your faith journey.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH NIGHT

is on this **Friday 27th November from 6pm to 8pm**. The evening will include celebration of Holy Mass, inspiring talks on the faith, engaging conversations & fun games. Years 7-12 Students all **welcome!** Please note this will be our **last Youth Night for 2026**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in February 2027.

RED NOVEMBER MASS – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral as we pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world.
Wednesday 25 November — 7:30 pm
St Patrick's Cathedral — Celebrant: Bishop Vincent
A collection will be taken up to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Pontifical Foundation supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. **Pray. Support. Stand in Solidarity.**
For more information, please visit: www.rednovember.org

ST THOMAS AQUINAS READING GROUP WITH DR ANGUS BROOK

has concluded for the year. We thank Dr Brooke and all participants for their interest, engagement and participation throughout the year.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2026

This weekend you can leave any donations in the Poor Box at the back of the Church. Last hamper profiles will be available next weekend. Thank you.

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Throughout November, Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed. November Mass offering envelopes will be available at the church entrance. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones clearly. The list of names will be updated weekly. As a parish family, let us remember those who have died and commend them to God's mercy. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them +**