

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

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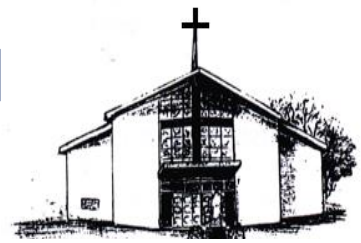
NEWSLETTER

4th/5th January 2025

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Church Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday: 8.30am – 2.30pm

Saturday: 5.15pm – 7.15pm

Sunday: 8am – 10am

Closed Monday

Office Hours –

Tuesday to Friday 8.30am - 2.30pm

CLOSED Monday & Weekends

“A Place at the Table for All”

We acknowledge the living culture of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples in the Wakka Wakka speaking area, the traditional custodians of this land.

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6 The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm – Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

Second Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3 The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East: and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12 We have come from the East to worship the king.



Important Dates Coming Up

6th – 10th Jan – Priest Retreat. No weekday Masses

19th Jan – Sacred Singers 4pm

21st Jan – Music Planning Meeting

28th Jan – Finance Committee Meeting

12th Feb – Sacramental Program Starts

17th Feb – Liturgy Meeting

I think I made too many New Year's resolutions this year. It took me almost a full day to break them all.



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Mabur Mabur, John Buckle, Jill Beardsmore;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Daryl Fox, Rita Collins, Rodney Pingel, Glenda Sullivan, Russell (Tex) Cartwright, Shane Woolmer, Kevin Peirssene, Matt Garvey, Marie Allport, Leo Nolan, Bernie Martin, Peter Martin, Nell Stafford, James Stafford;

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Rev Fr Thomas Concannon, Rev Fr William Hall, Rev Fr William Behm, Rev Fr Howard Crowe;

We hold in prayer all those who are sick including the following Parishioners: Narelle Bailey, Daniel Bell, Brian Conrick, Mary Gilligan, Madeline (Sally) Gray, Nancy Hargrave, Neville Harris, Kerrie Hegarty, John Herzig, Rita Irwin, Elsie Kirby, Malcolm Kirby, Mary Logan, Pat Madden, Gloria McKechnie, Des O'Shea, Margaret Pegler, Trish Ryan, Vonnie Sherman, June Sinton, Rod Sleba, Pat Sullivan, Lucy Targato, Helen Warren;

As well as the following friends & family members: Regina Albion, Robbie Bailey (Narelle's Dad), Wendy Bailey (Narelle's mum), Liz Beduhn, Marilyn Bell (Christine Black's mum), Brian & Hazel Bowtell, baby Tommy Bryant (Great-grandson of Kevin & Trish Harris), Rebecca Clayton, Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, Marie Deane and Yvonne Gay (Margaret Dunlop's sisters), Kevin Collins, Denis Dwan, Sr Zoe (Christina) Fitzpatrick (PBVM), Mary Gleeson, Karen Graham (Geoff's niece), Gabby Hanlon (Marie Heslop's niece), Neville Harris (Kevin's brother), Ralph Hickey, Jim & Nicholas Horder, Lindsay Jones, Wayne Kirkland, Ann Johnson, Kye Johnson (Chris Gwydir's grandson), Stephen Mackenzie (Pam Hahn's son), Roz Martin, Jan Masters, Brendan Middleton, Frank Miller, Hanna Muir, Paul Murphy, Peter Nolan (Rockhampton), Neil O'Connor, Paul Park, Kevin Schick (Val's brother), Sally Sippel, Silba Serem, Harley Stewart, Neil Syme, Brian Thomson, Greg Twidale, Denis & Ruth Volter, Des Waldron, Kevin Wallace, Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells, Martin Yong.

Birthdays for January: Carol Lovell, Samela Borboh, John Herzig, Peter Sheridan, Sr Maria's Profession Day, Pat Martin, Peter Quaife, Teresa Wells, Fr Jamie's Ordination, Ray Cullen, Terese Hanna, Helen Wheeler;

Anniversaries: Bill & Lola Canning



Social Justice News



“May 2025 be a year in which peace flourishes! A true and lasting peace that goes beyond quibbling over the details of agreements and human compromises. May we seek the true peace that is granted by God to hearts disarmed: hearts not set on calculating what is mine and what is yours; hearts that turn selfishness into readiness to reach out to others.”

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



Parish & Diocesan News



St Anthony's – Friday Morning Mass is live-streamed weekly at 9.15am via our web page or Facebook link. **Can be watched again later!**

Adoration: 1st Friday monthly at 9.45am (after Mass) **The Swag:** **New Summer edition** available in the foyer - \$1

Social Justice Group: Next meeting will be held Wednesday 5th February 4.30pm.

Friendship Group: Meet 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Community Centre (**except Dec/Jan**).

Gospel Discussion Group: Meet at 10am each Wednesday in the Parish Office. All welcome.

Parish Coordinating Team: Meet each Wednesday. **Circle Dancing:** 1.30pm Wednesday during school term.



St Vincent de Paul Items for sale –

Get in quick to grab your 2025 Columban Calendar \$10 each



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Calling all children ready to embark on a spiritual journey! St. Anthony's Parish is excited to invite you to our Catholic Sacramental Program, beginning on **February 12th**. Through fun, engaging, and faith-filled weekly sessions, children will prepare to receive the sacraments and grow in their relationship with God. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to nurture your child's faith and connect with our vibrant parish community!

For more information or to enrol, please contact the Parish Office at admin@stanthonysparish.com.au.

We look forward to welcoming your family!

POSITION VACANCY St Anthony's are seeking a friendly and organized individual to join our parish team as Administration Support. This role offers flexibility with up to 20 hours per week, making it ideal for someone looking to balance work with other commitments. For a role description please email admin@stanthonysparish.com.au



Reflection on Scriptures

LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK!

One of Slim Dusty's later recordings before he passed away is one that is familiar to many. "Looking Forward Looking Back". The sentiment behind the song sits neatly with the festivities of recent times.

"We've come a long way down the track, we've got a long way left to go". As the chapter closes on the book that was 2024, we are poised ready to begin the first chapter of the new book of the year that is 2025 arriving as it has, promising hope and opportunity for all.

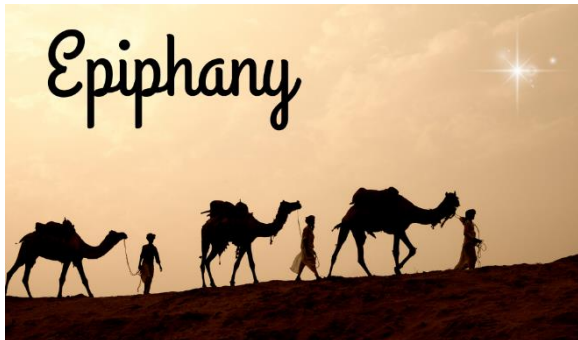
Journeying forward together, and in a spirit of 'unity of faith', we will navigate our way with confidence through all that life presents to us in the year ahead. Let's hope that the learnings of recent years will continue to develop our resilience in the face of any adversity that may arise.

As a strong community of faith here at St. Anthony's we have a solid platform in place, from which we launch ourselves into all the excitement and the anxiety that comes with any New Year. As we always say, may it be a better year ahead than the year we now leave behind.

A big thank you to all who contributed to making our Advent and Christmas liturgies this year so special and so meaningful and such a spirit-filled preparation for the Christmas Season. In a spirit of anticipation, the candles of the wreath reminded us of Love, Peace, Joy, Hope and Faith.

The stars that formed the Southern Cross guided our way to the Christmas Star of Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. The presentation of the nativity and the accompanying music ministry provided a wonderful backdrop to the celebration of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Mass.

Thank you to all who allowed this to happen in our community – the Liturgy Group, musicians and singers and all who shared in the various ministries. Also thank you to everyone who left gifts and cards and messages. Your generosity thoughtfulness and kindness has been very much appreciated.



In the preceding weeks our Anointing Mass and Rite of Reconciliation were spiritual highlights of our Advent journey, as were the social occasions: the Friendship Group and Anointing Mass Lunch, the Parish Ministries Party, and the Children's Party after Sunday Mass. Thank you to all who participated and made it all happen.

Liturgically, we have the remainder of the Christmas Season to look back and reflect upon all that we have been celebrating. Looking forward then to the New Year of 2025, may it be a better year for all and bring to fulfilment all your New Year resolutions.

... as well as the hopes and aspirations of family, friends and community. *Fr. Jamie*



Weekday Masses for the week coming
St Patrick's Cathedral
Sunday 5th: 5.30pm
Monday 6th: 5.30pm
Tuesday 7th 9.00am
Wednesday 8th 7.00am
Thursday 9th 7.00am
Friday 10th 7.00am

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 5 th January The Epiphany of the Lord	First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12	8.30am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Michael) <u>No Morning Tea</u>
Monday 6 th January Monday after the Epiphany	First Reading: 1 John 3:22 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 7 th January Tuesday after the Epiphany	First Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel: Mark 6:34-44		
Wednesday 8 th January Wednesday after the Epiphany	First Reading: 1 John 4:11-18 Gospel: Mark 6:45-52		NO Mass 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team Meet
Thursday 9 th January Thursday after the Epiphany	First Reading: 1 John 4:19 Gospel: Luke 4:14-22		
Friday 10 th January Friday after the Epiphany	First Reading: 1 John 5:5-13 Gospel: Luke 5:12-16		NO Mass
Saturday 11 th January Saturday after the Epiphany	First Reading: 1 John 5:14-21 Gospel: Matthew 4:16	6.00pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 12 th January The Baptism of the Lord	First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5 Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14 Gospel: Luke 3:15-16	8.30am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 11th/12th January – Week 2

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Lloyd Bailey & Tim Fitzgerald	Sandra Neale
Welcomers:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Denis & Marie McAleer
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	Noela Nolan
Parish Morning Tea:		Parish Pastoral Council
Readers:	Leandra Fernando & Regina Ryan	Gail Johnson & David Tutty
Prayer of the Faithful:	Carol Lovell	Monica Gundry
Offertory:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Denis & Marie McAleer
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Celia Warr Chalice: Chris Gwydir & Lloyd Bailey	Ciborium: Bj Perrett Chalice: Jan Barsby & Brenda Thomas
Music:	Carolyn Searle & Singers	Sr Maria & Singers
Collectors:	Barry Turner & Denise Hopwood	Jim Nolan & Peter Wilkes
Money Counters: This Week – 5th Jan Next Week – 12th Jan	Kathy Reedy & Tom Kelly Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry & Jan Burchardt	Christmas Collection \$2421.55 Collections – 28th/29th Dec Planned Giving – \$415.00 Loose – \$510.55
Ozcare	7th January – Ann Matthew 14th January – Judy Sheehan	

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St ANTHONY'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

All children, young persons and vulnerable adults visiting have a right to feel safe and be safe.
If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable ground, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child Safety Officer – Nicole Rangira 0437 382 408.
Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.