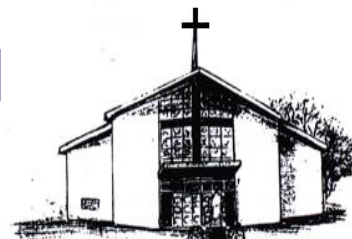


ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



Parish Priest: Fr. Jamie Collins
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NEWSLETTER

11th/12th 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 Baptism of the Lord

First Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

Responsorial Psalm – *Oh, bless God, my soul!*

Second Reading – Titus 2:11-14 He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 3:15-16 When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

Christmas: Over
Bank: Empty
Clothes: Tight
Time: Ordinary

Important Dates Coming Up

19th Jan – Sacred Singers 4pm
21st Jan – Music Planning Meeting
28th Jan – Finance Committee Meeting
5th Feb – Social Justice Meeting 4.30pm
12th Feb – Sacramental Program Starts
17th Feb – Liturav Meeting

One day you're young,
the next you're sitting on the edge of
your bed like this...



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: Pat Ruming, 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, Elaine Duggan, Judith Fitzgerald, Mary Gilligan, Madeline (Sally) Gray, John Hanna, 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;

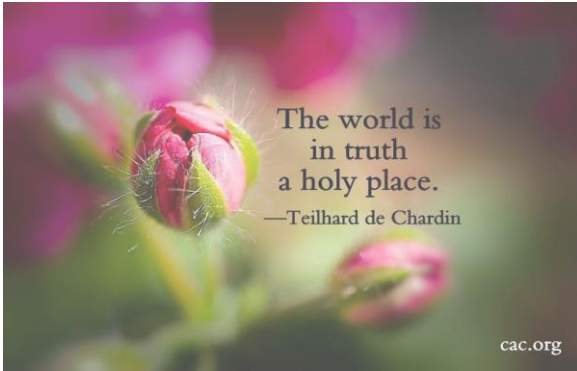
As well as the following friends & family members: Regina Albion, Robbie Bailey (Narelle's Dad), Wendy Bailey (Narelle's mum), Liz Beduhn, Marilyn Bell (Christine Black's mum), Brian & Hazel Bowtell, baby Tommy Bryant (Great-grandson of Kevin & Trish Harris), Rebecca Clayton, Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, 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



‘Ralph Waldo Emerson once asked what we would do if the stars only came out once every thousand years. No one would sleep that night, of course. The world would become religious overnight. We would be ecstatic, delirious, made rapturous by the glory of God. Instead, the stars come out every night, and we watch television.’

(Paul Hawken)

Sacramentality

God of all creation, the heavens tell of your glory
and the earth is full of wonders that sing of your goodness.

Sun, moon, stars and sky, rain, snow, wind and water,
animals, birds, trees and flowers: all are shaped by your loving hand.

Open in us an attentiveness that recognises and welcomes
the holy that enfolds us and calls our name.

Form us to be people who delight in life as your gift
to be revered, savoured and nourished.

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

NEW MINISTRY ROSTERS Are now out. Please check your email or take a hard copy from the foyer. These will come into effect from February 1st.








ST. ANTHONY'S WEEKEND MASS TIMES UPDATE

Please note that our weekend Mass schedule will change starting **February 15th**. Vigil Mass will then be held on Saturday at **5:00 PM**, and Sunday Mass will be at **8:15 AM**. Reconciliation will be from 4.15pm on Saturdays.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to welcoming you at the new times!

ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING Join us on Wednesday, February 5th, at 5:45 PM at the Garden City Mosque for an evening of dialogue and learning. The gathering will feature presentations on "How to Foster Peace and Understanding Between the Religions." Followed by a light dinner. All are welcome!

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES! As we step into this new year, why not make a resolution to get more involved in our vibrant parish community? We have a wide variety of groups and ministries waiting for you to share your time and talents, even if just a little. Whether you feel called to:

-  Join our singing/music ministry
-  Participate in gospel discussions
-  Help with flowers or liturgy
-  Support baptism or funeral ministries
-  Advocate for social justice or assist with Communion at Aged Care Centres
-  Explore circle dancing
-  Volunteer with St Vincent de Paul

There's a place for everyone! Each contribution, big or small, helps us build a stronger, more connected parish. **Interested?** Contact our parish office to find out more about how you can get involved. Let's make this year one of community, faith, and joy!

Reflection on Scriptures

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

- From St Gregory Nazianzen

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
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
Monday 13 th January	First Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6 Gospel: Mark 1:15		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 14 th January	First Reading: Hebrews 2:5-12 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28		
Wednesday 15 th January	First Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team Meet
Thursday 16 th January	First Reading: Hebrews 3:7-14 Gospel: Mark 1:40-45		
Friday 17 th January Saint Anthony	First Reading: Hebrews 4:1-5 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie)
Saturday 18 th January	First Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16 Gospel: Mark 2:13-17	6.00pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 19 th January	First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	8.30am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 18th/19th January – Week 3

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Carol Lovell & Celia Warr	Jan Barsby
Welcomers:	Kathy Reilly & Judy Sheehan	Sandra Neale & Jan Barsby
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	Noela Nolan
Parish Morning Tea:		Susan Tek's Team
Readers:	Marg Wyllie & Judy Sheehan	Susan Tek & Bob Morris
Prayer of the Faithful:	Marg Nolan	Joan Nugent
Offertory:	Denise Hopwood & Kathy Reilly	Susan & Martin Tek
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Catherine Hanna Chalice: Trevor Wyllie & Mary O'Brien	Ciborium: Jan Barsby Chalice: Christine Kose & Monica Gundry
Music:	Brett Rangiira & Singers	Tom Hodgson & Singers
Collectors:	Michael O'Brien & Denise Hopwood	Lawrence Kilroy & Tony Meldon
Money Counters:		
This Week – 12th Jan	Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry & Jan Burchardt	Collections – 4th/5th January
Next Week –	Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon	Planned Giving – \$345.00
		Loose – \$1,030.30
Ozcare	14th January – Judy Sheehan 21st January – Ann Matthew	

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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 Rangiira 0437 382 408.
Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.