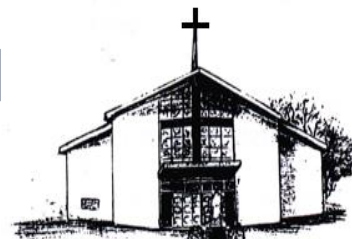


ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



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NEWSLETTER

18th/19th 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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Isaiah 62:1-5 As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm – *Proclaim God's marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel – John 2:1-11 The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

Remember before we had the internet and people thought the cause of stupidity was due to lack of information? Yeah, it wasn't that.

Important Dates Coming Up

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

If you're ever feeling useless remember they put nutritional information on bags of ice



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Rod Sleba, Anne Degnian, Bev Brown, Elaine Duggan, Marj Fitzpatrick, Peter Moloney, Mabur Mabur;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Margaret Morris, Pat Ruming, Daryl Fox, Rita Collins, Rodney Pingel, Glenda Sullivan;

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, Judith Fitzgerald, 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, 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, Ray Cullen, Fr Jamie's Ordination, Terese Hanna, Helen Wheeler;

Anniversaries: Bill & Lola Canning

Social Justice News



Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolution.

(Kahlil Gibran)

Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.

(Scott Adams)

Loving God,

 bless our eyes, that we may recognise You in others;

 bless our ears, that we may hear the plea of the "outsider";

 bless our mouths, that we may speak words of welcome to newcomers;

 bless our hands, that we may reach out in kindness to those who suffer;

 bless our hearts, that we may embody your love and compassion for all.

We ask this prayer through your Son who gave us the great commandment:

 "Love one another as I have loved you." Amen.

Laurie Reedy Collection: The next collection for the fund, which supports refugees and needy families in our local area, will be held the weekend of February 22nd/23rd.

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.



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. Applications close February 10th. For a role description please email admin@stanthonysparish.com.au

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!

LENT GOSPEL GROUP As the season of Lent approaches, we are reminded of the opportunity to reflect, grow, and draw closer to God. We are excited to invite you to join either of our two weekly groups, a special time of fellowship, prayer, and scripture study. These groups will meet throughout Lent on Mondays and Wednesdays to journey through the Gospel, share insights, and support one another in our faith. More information coming next week.

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

It is right for you to give glory in every way to Jesus Christ who has given glory to you; you must be made holy in all things by being united in perfect obedience, in submission to the bishop and the presbyters.

I am not giving you orders as if I were a person of importance. Even if I am a prisoner for the name of Christ, I am not yet made perfect in Jesus Christ. I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow-disciples. It is you who should be strengthening me by your faith, your encouragement, your patience, your serenity. But since love will not allow me to be silent about you, I am taking the opportunity to urge you to be united in conformity with the mind of God. For Jesus Christ, our life, without whom we cannot live, is the mind of the Father, just as the bishops, appointed over the whole earth, are in conformity with the mind of Jesus Christ.

It is fitting, therefore, that you should be in agreement with the mind of the bishop as in fact you are. Your excellent presbyters, who are a credit to God, are as suited to the bishop as strings to a harp. So in your harmony of mind and heart the song you sing is Jesus Christ. Every one of you should form a choir, so that, in harmony of sound through harmony of hearts, and in unity taking the note from God, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. If you do this, he will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. It is then an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God.

If in a short space of time I have become so close a friend of your bishop – in a friendship not based on nature but on spiritual grounds – how much more blessed do I judge you to be, for you are as united with him as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ to the Father, so that all things are in harmony through unity. Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God's bread. For if the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more has the prayer of the bishop and the whole Church.

- St Ignatius of Antioch's *Letter to the Ephesians*

Reminder

New Mass times



Mass schedule for St Anthony's Parish will be changing as of the weekend of February 15th.

Saturday Reconciliation 4.15pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 8.15am

DON'T BE LATE

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
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
Monday 20 th January	First Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10 Gospel: Mark 2:18-22		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 21 st January Saint Agnes	First Reading: Hebrews 6:10-20 Gospel: Ephesians 1:17-18	11am	Requiem Mass for Marj Fitzpatrick 2pm Funeral Liturgy for Peter Moloney
Wednesday 22 nd January	First Reading: Hebrews 7:1-3 Gospel: Mark 3:1-6	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team Meet
Thursday 23 rd January	First Reading: Hebrews 7:25 Gospel: Mark 3:7-12		
Friday 24 th January Saint Francis de Sales	First Reading: Hebrews 8:6-13 Gospel: Mark 3:13-19	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie)
Saturday 25 th January The Conversion of Saint Paul	First Reading: Acts 22:3-16 Gospel: Mark 16:15-18	6.00pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 26 th January	First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4	8.30am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 25th/26th January – Week 4

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Trish Zeller
Welcomers:	Trevor Wyllie & Chris Gwydir	Irene Chelsom & Tony Meldon
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	
AV Operator:	Ed Briffa	Bob Morris
Parish Morning Tea:		Nicole Rangira's Team
Readers:	Chris Gwydir & Michael O'Brien	Jan Barsby & Trish Zeller
Prayer of the Faithful:	Terese Hanna	Germaine Tumaine
Offertory:	Jenn Stephens & Catherine Hanna	Betty Isimbi & Sandra Neale
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Mary O'Brien Chalice: Marg Nolan & Celia Warr	Ciborium: Sandra Neale Chalice: Marie McAleer & Monica Gundry
Music:	Sr Maria & Singers	Brett Rangira & Singers
Collectors:	Trevor Wyllie & Tom Kelly	Jim Nolan & Peter Wilkes
Money Counters:		Collections – 11th/12th January
This Week – 12th Jan	Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon	Planned Giving – \$440.00
Next Week – 19th Jan	Irene Chelsom & Tony Meldon	Loose – \$769.30
Ozcare	21st January – Ann Matthew 28th January - Mass	

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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.