

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

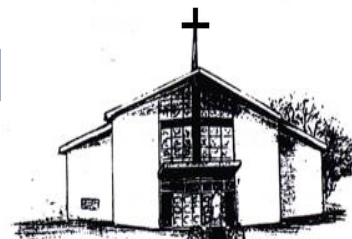
Parish Priest: Fr. Jamie Collins
Deacon: Bj Perrett
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Admin Support Officer: Mrs Nicole Rangiira
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NEWSLETTER

25th/26th 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 Gialal and Jarowair peoples in the Wakka Wakka speaking area, the traditional custodians of this land.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – AUSTRALIA DAY

First Reading – Isaiah 32:15-18 (*The effect justice will be peace.*)

Responsorial Psalm – *Teach me your ways, O God*

Second Reading – Corinthians 12:4-11 (*One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.*)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! *Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Alleluia!*

Gospel – Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*)

So I was in a shoe shop this morning trying on a shoe.

I said to the assistant “It’s too tight”.

She said “Try it with the tongue out:

I said “It’th nho ghooed,

it’th thtill thoo thight”.

Important Dates Coming Up

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

18th Feb – Friendship Group starts back

Congratulations

to all you parents,

sending kids back

to school this week.

You successfully

survived summer

holidays!



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Jackie Fitzgerald, Matthew Iszlaub (*Sr Maria’s cousin*), Rod Sleba, Elaine Duggan, Marj Fitzpatrick, Peter Moloney;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Margaret Morris, Patricia Harvin, David Ryan, Graham Joyner, Norman d’Arango, Fran Shepherd;

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, Fr Jamie’s Ordination, Ray Cullen, Terese Hanna, Helen Wheeler;

Anniversaries: Bill & Lola Canning

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Fr Jamie Louise Pflugst Brett Rangira – Chair Kathy Reedy – Secretary Bob Frost Mary O’Brien Marg Nolan Theo Fernando Shane Hair Nicole Rangira Chrys Chryshanthan	Tony Meldon - Chair Fr Jamie Tom Warren Trevor Wyllie Keith Shepherd Trish Zeller Regina Ryan Noela Nolan	Fr Jamie Celia Warr Tim Fitzgerald Lloyd Bailey <i>Thank you to all who take on these roles in the governance of our parish.</i>



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.

Social Justice News



Social Justice Thought for the Week:

“Today, we celebrate Australia Day. Indeed, we have much to celebrate and to give thanks to God...

Today causes us to reflect on our role in bringing about a more just society, especially for our First Nations people for whom Australia Day is mostly an occasion for grief. Today, therefore, should bring us together in the spirit of humility and reconciliation.

As Christian Australians, we can both celebrate the good things we love about our nation, as well as recognize the wounds that need to be healed in the land and its people.”

(Excerpt from Bishop Vincent Long’s homily, Australia Day, 2022)

Bounteous God,
we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land,
a land of despair and hope,
a land of wealth and abundant harvests,
a land of fire, drought and flood.
We pray that Your Spirit may continue to move in this land
and bring forgiveness, reconciliation and peace,
and an end to all injustice,
through Jesus, the Christ. 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



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. For a role description please contact Parish Office by phone or email admin@stanthonysparish.com.au. Applications close 10th February.

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. Place your name on list in foyer.

Reflection on Scriptures

Today's Gospel:

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,
and went according to his custom
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing".

In the context of the Gospel today – and the Jubilee Year of Hope – the setting is humble: Jesus' home-town synagogue; but the prophetic mission Jesus claims is grand!

It resounds again in this Year of Jubilee, a year of new hope.

'May our hope in God,' Pope Francis wrote last year, 'help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation.'

May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth, where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.'

THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

For the church, that in every land it will proclaim the good news of God's unfailing grace and favour.

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



**Our Lady of Lourdes Mass
times from 15th February**

Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday Mass 9.45am

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 26 th January Australia Day 3 rd Week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21	8.30am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Michael) 9.30am Morning Tea
Monday 27 th January	First Reading: Hebrews 9:15 Gospel: 2 Timothy 1:10		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 28 th January St Thomas Aquinas	First Reading: Hebrews 10:1-10 Gospel: Mark 3:31-35		6pm Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday 29 th January	First Reading: Hebrews 10:11-18 Gospel: Mark 4:1-20	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team Meet
Thursday 30 th January	First Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25 Gospel: Mark 4:21-25		
Friday 31 st January Saint John Bosco	First Reading: Hebrews 10:32-39 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie)
Saturday 1 st February	First Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41	6.00pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 2 nd February The Presentation of the Lord	First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40	8.30am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 1st/2nd February – Week 1 *NEW ROSTER COMMENCES THIS WEEKEND*****

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Chris Gwydir & Celia Warr	School Rep & Sr Maria
Welcomers:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	School
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	
AV Operator:	Ed Briffa	Noela Nolan
Parish Morning Tea:		Michael & Mary O'Brien
Readers:	Celia Warr & Leandra Fernando	Family Sunday
Prayer of the Faithful:	Marg Wyllie	Family Sunday
Offertory:	Trevor Wyllie & Jenn Stephens	Family Sunday
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon Bj Chalice: Marg Nolan & Mary O'Brien	Ciborium: Deacon Bj Chalice: Louise/Aaron & Marie McAleer
Music:	Sr Maria & Singers	Anne-Maree Spalding & School Choir
Collectors:	Michael O'Brien & Denise Hopwood	Jim Nolan & Tony Meldon
Money Counters:		Collections – 18/19th January
This Week – 26th Jan	Irene Chelsom & Tony Meldon	Planned Giving – \$305.00
Next Week – 2nd Feb	Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon	Loose – \$787.50
Ozcare	28th January - Mass 4th February – Chris Gwydir	

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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.

AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT - Picnic Point, 162 Tourist Road, Toowoomba, 8.30-11.30am on Sunday 26th January.

From 8.30am a Call to Order, Welcome to Country; from 9am a flag raising, National Anthem by Toowoomba Choral Society, free sausage sizzle, scones, flag tattoos and Dreamtime Games; from 9.30am an Australia Day Prayer, Mayoral Message, Australia Day affirmation and flag presentation; from 9.45am the William Henry Groom Scholarship winner and Australia Day award presentations; from 10am community entertainment and free ice creams. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available for purchase throughout the morning.