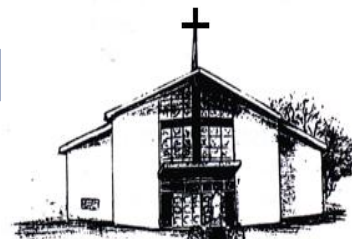


ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



Parish Priest: Fr. Jamie Collins
Deacon: Bj Perrett
Chair Parish Council: Mr Brett Rangjiira
Parish Secretary: Mrs Noela Nolan
Admin Support Officer: Mrs Nicole Rangjiira
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NEWSLETTER

1st/2nd February 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 Presentation of The Lord

First Reading – Malachi 3:1-4 (*The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*)

Responsorial Psalm – *Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!*

Second Reading – Hebrews 2:14-18 (*He had to be made like us in all things.*)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! *This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!*

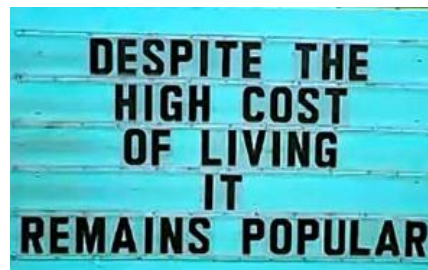
Gospel – Luke 2:22-40 (*My eyes have seen your saving power.*)

Being full and being too full for dessert,

....are two very different things.

Important Dates Coming Up

- 4th Feb – Parish Council Meeting
- 5th Feb – Social Justice Meeting **4.30pm**
- 12th Feb – Sacramental Program Starts
- 15th Feb – **NEW MASS TIMES START!!!**
- 17th Feb – Liturgy Team Meeting
- 18th Feb – Friendship Group gathering



Our Parish Prayer List

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

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Patricia Hanvin, David Ryan, Graham Joyner, Norman d'Arango, Fran Shepherd, Margaret Thwaite;

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Rev Msgr Michael Potter, Ven A/Deacon Robert O'Shea, Rev Fr Raymond White, Most Rev James Byrne DD, Rev Msgr John Bergin, Rev Fr Michael Hayes, Rev Fr Michael Cronin, Rev Fr Henry MacFarlane, Rev Fr Brian O'Dwyer, Rev Fr Michael Sheehan;

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 February: Karen Tiernan, Tom Nolan, Celia Warr, Fr Michael Cooney, Michael O'Brien, Lamyaa Al Costo, Damian Wyllie, Trevor Wyllie, Jim Tiernan, Rod Spalding, Carolyn Searle, Jim Lindquist, Julieanne Dickinson, Carmi Adhil, Roger Britton & Keith Shepherd;

Anniversaries: Pat & Jill Sullivan (65 yrs on 7th)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Fr Jamie Louise Pfindst 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



"I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."
(Elie Wiesel - Jewish survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps).

Loving God,
May Your Spirit help us
To speak up with courage,
to share what we have and what we are,
to challenge injustice wherever we find it,
and to offer a message of liberation and life.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus
whose message was one of justice, peace and love. Amen.

Is it time to follow through on that New Year's resolution to become more involved in our parish community? Why not come along to the first meeting in 2025 of our parish Social Justice group? When? – Wednesday, 5 February. Time? – 4.30pm. Where? – the Parish Centre. You'd be most welcome.

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@stanthonyparish.com.au. Applications close **10th February**.

VACANCY - College Chaplain. St Saviour's College, Toowoomba | 7-12

- Term time (40 weeks per year) | 25 hours per week
- Fixed term | Immediate start (negotiable) to 18 January 2026
- School Officer Level 5 | \$38.29 – \$40.15 per hour plus super

For further info, contact Breanna.Hickling@twb.catholic.edu.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

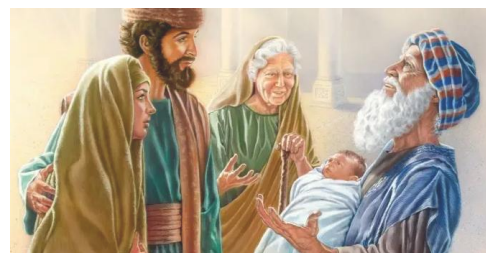
As the season of Lent approaches, we are reminded of the opportunity to reflect, grow, and draw closer to God. We are excited to invite you to join either of our two weekly groups, a special time of fellowship, prayer, and scripture study. These groups will meet throughout Lent on Mondays and Wednesdays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

Reflection on Scriptures

UNDAUNTED HOPE

It's a blessing, early in this Jubilee Year, to be drawn again into Simeon and Anna's undaunted hope.

Their devout longing to see God's age-old promise of salvation fulfilled finally bears fruit. The times were not at all auspicious, the circumstances unremarkable.



A routine religious obligation is met by a poor out-of-town couple, witnessed by two people of no official consequence. Not quite the fiery whirlwind manifestation imagined by the prophet Malachi.

Yet the hearts of Simeon and Anna, fine-tuned to the mysterious movement of divine love, thrill with joy at what is being revealed to them.

They invite us to trust, to pray, to observe, and to delight in the surprise of grace. And to be clear-eyed about what it asks of us.

THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for all engaged in negotiations to bring murderous wars to an end, that they will never cease pursuing peace, no matter how unpromising the prospects, or how fragile the ceasefire may be.




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 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
Monday 3 rd February 4 th Wk in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Hebrews 11:32-40 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 4 th February St Thomas Aquinas	First Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43		5.30pm Parish Council meeting 5.30-7pm School Welcome BBQ
Wednesday 5 th February St Agatha	First Reading: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meet 1.30pm Circle Dancing 4.30pm Social Justice Team meet
Thursday 6 th February Saint Paul Miki and Companions	First Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13		
Friday 7 th February	First Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie)
Saturday 8 th February	First Reading: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34	6.00pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 9 th February 5 th Wk in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11	8.30am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 8th/9th February – Week 2

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Tim Fitzgerald, Carol Lovell	Jan Barsby
Welcomers:	Celia Warr, Judy Sheehan	David Tutty, Sandra Neale
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	David Tutty
Parish Morning Tea:		PPC members
Readers:	Karen Springolo, Errol Pingel	Susan Tek, Gail Johnson
Prayer of the Faithful:	Judy Sheehan	Monica Gundry
Offertory:	Denise Hopwood, Carol Lovell	Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon Bj Chalice: Carol Lovell, Chris Gwydir	Ciborium: Deacon Bj Chalice: Brenda Thomas, Jan Barsby
Music:	Carolyn Searle & Singers	Sr Maria & Singers
Collectors:	Tom Kelly, Barry Turner	Susan Tek, Laurence Kilroy
Money Counters:		Collections – 25th/26th January
This Week – 2nd Feb	Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon	Planned Giving – \$410.00
Next Week – 9th Feb	Peter & Monica, Jan Burchardt	Loose – \$531.55
Ozcare	4th February – Chris Gwydir 11th February – Tim Fitzgerald	

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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.