

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

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Deacon: Bj Perrett
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School Principal: Mrs Louise Pfinngst

NEWSLETTER

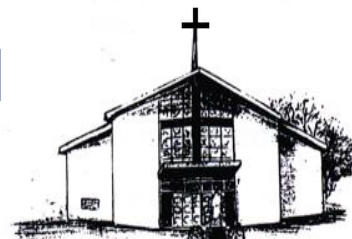
22nd/ 23rd February 2025

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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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

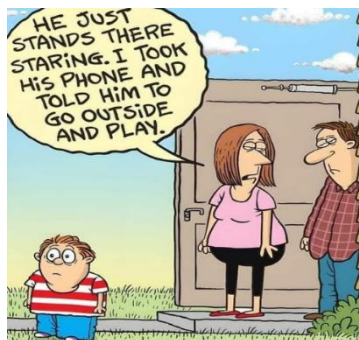
First Reading – Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 (*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*)

Responsorial Psalm – *Our God is kind and merciful.*

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 *Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.)*

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! *I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!*

Gospel – Luke 6:27-38 (*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*)



Important Dates Coming Up

23rd Feb – Hymn practice for Weekend Masses

25th Feb – Finance Committee Meeting

26th Feb – Sacramental Program Week 3 and Rehearsal for First Reconciliation

4th Mar – Reconciliation

5th Mar – Ash Wednesday Mass
Social Justice meeting



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: John Hanna, Joan Henderson (*Warwick*), Dulcie Perry (*Millmerran*), Lois Kirby (*St. George*), Cecelia Ryan, Veronica Higgins;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Margaret Reedy, Peter Tan;

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*), Paddy & Therese Chapman, Jenelle Davies, Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, Marc Fitzgibbon, 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 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**).

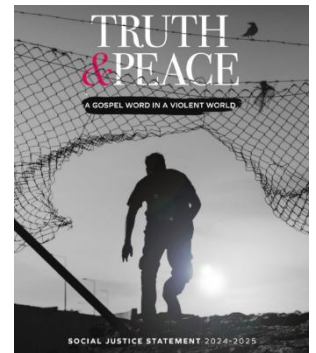
Gospel Discussion Group: Meet at 10am each **Wednesday** in the Parish Office. All welcome.

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

Social Justice News

Social Justice Thought for the Week:

The 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, *Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World*, scrutinizes the signs of our own times in the light of the Gospel, sees the violence and asks why the world is as it is and what is needed for there to be peace. It also asks the question: is peace possible? And in a world where many thin peace is a mirage, the Statement puts its faith in the possibility of peace. In doing so, it looks back to *Pacem in Terris* and looks also to Pope Francis’ Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*.



*O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life,
pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.*

Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community.

*Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being,
recognizing him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world,
and risen in each sister or brother who makes a new start.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important
and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves.*

AMEN.

Laurie Reedy Collection: The next collection for the fund, which supports refugees and needy families in our local area, will be held this weekend.

Parish & Diocesan News

LENTEN GOSPEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS: 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. *‘Many Paths Lead to Easter’* books cost \$10ea. Books now available in Parish Office for payment and collection.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK – LENT 2025: There are limited copies of the Lenten Little Black Book available in the foyer. Please take one and leave \$2 in box provided.



ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE AT CATHEDRAL CENTRE: Come and enjoy a great night out to celebrate the Feast Day of St Patrick! Saturday **15th March** at 6.30pm in the Cathedral Centre, Neil St. Tmba. \$50 ticket includes – meal, live Irish Band and dancing from 7.30pm and Irish Sing-A-Long with local band. Tickets from office 4637 1500 or trybooking. See flyer in foyer for details.

ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY:

28th February from 12-4pm. Flyers in foyer with further info.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

An invitation of all parish music ministers – the Why, What, When, Where & How of Music in the Mass. Presented by Michael Mangan from 9am-12pm on Saturday, **22nd March** at St Mary's Church, Ipswich. \$15 pp. Flyers in foyer.

SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST: ACYF 2025

The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Melbourne and will be held in a central Melbourne location from 30 November – 2 December 2025. You can find out more about the [festival on their website](#).

The Toowoomba Diocese is currently looking at options for attending the festival. If you're interested in receiving updates and travelling as part of a diocesan group, please supply some info below. We'll contact you once plans take shape. You can [register your interest to find out more here](#).



A Weekend Reflection

WHAT IS THE COST?

Among all the hard sayings of Jesus – take up your cross daily, hate your father and mother, give everything away to the poor, to name but a few – the command to love one's enemies is surely one of the most demanding, especially for those who have suffered greatly at the hands of others.

The media confront us constantly with reports of new depravities, new depths of inhumanity. Love and forgiveness appear humanly impossible when evil is SO extreme. The angel's word to Mary – 'nothing is impossible to God' – offers a lifeline.

But that's more likely to help when we've been making forgiveness our daily habit. Every recital of the Lord's Prayer dares us to practise forgiveness for those 'who trespass against us'. Jesus came in order that we be reconciled to the Father and to one another.

In the context of the modern world in which we live, everything seemingly comes with a price tag. A quote that came to us at the time of the death of Queen Elizabeth was 'grief is the price we pay for love'. The cost of following Jesus for some is great.

If we are to accept the mission given us, as followers of Jesus we must accept the real possibility that we are being sent out like 'lambs among wolves'! But we must remain steadfast in faith and joyful in hope – especially in this Jubilee Year ...

... and forgive our enemies, as hard as that may be!



THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

For all whose hearts are poisoned wells of bitterness, that by the grace of God they will be healed of hate and become 'Missioners of Mercy'. Continue too, your prayers for our young people in the Sacramental Program as they journey towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reminder

New Mass Times – St. Anthony's

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5pm & Sunday Mass – 8.15am

Reconciliation – Saturday from 4.15pm

Weekday Mass Times remain unchanged.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Goodwood Street, Newtown

MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass 6.30pm & Sunday Mass 9.45am

Weekdays: Tuesday Liturgy of Word & Holy

Communion 10am

Thursday Mass 10am



PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 23rd February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38	8.15am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea 4pm Sunday: Hymn Practice for Weekend Masses
Monday 24 th February	First Reading: Sirach 1:1-10 Gospel: Mark 9:14-29		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 25 th February	First Reading: Sirach 2:1-11 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37		6pm Parish Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday 26 th February	First Reading: Sirach 4:11-19 Gospel: Mark 9:38-40	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meet 3.30pm Reconciliation Practice
Thursday 27 th February	First Reading: Sirach 5:1-8 Gospel: Mark 9:41-50		
Friday 28 th February	First Reading: Sirach 6:5-17 Gospel: Mark 10:1-12	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie)
Saturday 1 st March	First Reading: Sirach 17:1-15 Gospel: Mark 10:13-16	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 2nd March Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Sirach 27:19-20 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Gospel: Luke 6:39-45	8.15am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea

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MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 1st/2nd March – Week 1

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Chris Gwydir, Celia Warr	Noela & School rep
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	School
Prayer of the Faithful:	Marg Wyllie	School
Offertory:	Trevor Wyllie, Jenn Stephens	School
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon Bj Chalice: Marg Nolan, Mary O'Brien	Ciborium: Deacon Bj Chalice: Louise/Aaron, Marie McAleer
Music:	tba & Singers	tba & School Choir
Collectors:	Michael O'Brien, Denise Hopwood	Tony Meldon, Jim Nolan
Money Counters:		Collections – 15/16 February
This Week – 23rd Feb	Tony Meldon, Irene Chelsom	Planned Giving – \$355.00
Next Week – 1st Mar	Brenda Thomas, Tony Meldon	Loose – \$777.60
Ozcare	25th February – Mass 4th March – 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.