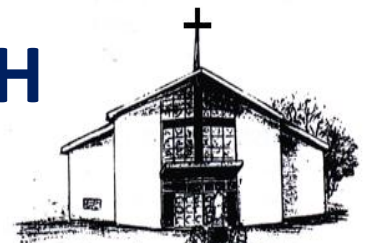


ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



Parish Priest: Fr. Jamie Collins
Deacon: BJ Perrett
Chair Parish Council: Mr Brett Rangjiira
Parish Secretary: Mrs Noela Nolan
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NEWSLETTER

8th/9th March 2025

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Church Opening Hours
Tuesday to Friday: 8.30am – 2.30pm
Saturday: 4.15pm – 6.15pm
Sunday: 7am – 9.30am
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.

First Sunday of Lent

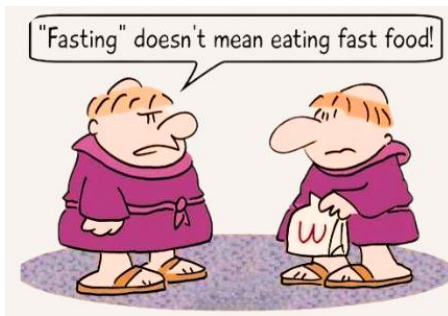
First Reading – Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (*The confession of faith of the elect.*)

Responsorial Psalm – *Be with me, O God, when I am in trouble.*

Second Reading – Romans 10:8-13 (*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*)

Gospel Acclamation – Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel – Luke 4:1-13 (*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*)



Important Dates Coming Up

- 10th Mar** – Parish Pastoral Council meeting
- 18th Mar** – Friendship Group gathering
Music Planning meeting
- 21-23 Mar** – Parish visit from Bishop Ken
- 23rd Mar** – Maronite Mass 11am
- 28th Mar** – Show Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED
- 30th Mar** – Hymn practice for weekend masses

Your Facebook friends are praying for you to give up Facebook for Lent.

Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Coral Kennett (*Pam Hahn's sister-in-law*), Joan McKean (*Kathy Reedy's aunt*), Dericka Elsley, Fay (*Kingston*) Pfingst, Terry O'Mara, Alan Smith;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Trevor Scully, Arthur Neale, Dianne Nolan, Anthony Lee, Jacqueline d'Aranjo, Norbert Gruelich;

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, Mary Gilligan, Madeline (*Sally*) Gray, Nancy Hargrave, Neville Harris, Kerrie Hegarty, John Herzig, Rita Irwin, Elsie Kirby, Mal 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, Arthur & Michelle Baguley, 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, Kevin Collins, Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, Denis Dwan, Marc Fitzgibbon, Sr Zoe (*Christina*) Fitzpatrick (PBVM), Marie Deane and Yvonne Gay (*Margaret Dunlop's sisters*), Mary Gleeson, Karen Graham (*Geoff's niece*), Gabby Hanlon (*Marie Heslop's niece*), Neville Harris (*Kevin's brother*), Ralph Hickey, Cheryl Holmes, Jim & Nicholas Horder, Lindsay Jones, Ann Johnson, Kye Johnson (*Chris Gwydir's grandson*), Wayne Kirkland, 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, Kevin Wallace, Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells, Martin Yong.



Birthdays for March: Bernica Stevens, Tom Warren, Michael Rooke, Fr Jamie, Helen Sweeney, Pat Sullivan, Carmel Wooldridge, Navan, Kathy Reilly, Chinwe Uchendu, Helen Warren, Yano, Joan Hildred, Monica Gundry, Maureen Martin, Trish Morrison, David Waters, Tim Muneer, Isidoro Cannovo

Anniversaries: John & Marion Herzig, Len & Kathleen O'Rourke

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



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:** available in the foyer - \$1

Social Justice Group: Meet 1st Wednesday of each month at 5pm.

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**.

Social Justice News

Social Justice Thought for the Week:

International Women's Day (IWD), celebrated annually on **March 8**, honours the achievements of women across all aspects of life - social, economic, cultural, and political - while also advocating for gender equality.

IWD is a specific day dedicated to the advancement of women worldwide.

Marked by millions of people on March 8, IWD celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a **call to action for accelerating gender equality**.

IWD provides an important platform to engage with communities, reflect on progress, and commit to positive action.

Participation in IWD ensures progress toward equality remains on the global agenda and positive action prevails.

IWD has a long and powerful **history** of collective action, with many groups, countries, and bodies having actively contributed to its evolution. Today, IWD is a highly visible worldwide occurrence with significant mainstream awareness, marked by groups worldwide in a wide variety of ways.

IWD can mean different things to various groups, yet the overarching aims of IWD are to:

- **Celebrate women's achievements** through recognizing and appreciating the contributions of women in various fields, highlighting their influence and successes throughout history and in the present day.
- **Raise awareness** of gender inequality through shining a light on persistent issues like the gender pay gap, lack of representation in leadership roles, gender-based violence, and unequal access to education and opportunities.
- **Mobilize action** for equality through encouraging individuals, communities, and organizations to take steps toward creating a more inclusive and equitable world for women.
- **Donate and fundraise** for women-focused charities, and elevate the visibility of their work.
- **Foster solidarity** among people of all genders in support of women's rights and gender parity worldwide.

Parish & Diocesan News

PASTORAL VISIT BY BISHOP KEN:

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I warmly invite all members of our St Anthony's Parish family to join us for an afternoon tea with Bishop Ken on **Saturday, March 22, at 1:00 PM** in the Parish Community Centre.

This gathering will be a wonderful opportunity to come together in celebration of our parish community, to meet Bishop Ken, and to share our stories of what it means to belong to St Anthony's.

Tea, coffee, and afternoon tea will be provided. However, if you are able to bring a plate to share, your generosity will be most appreciated.

Brett Rangiira, Chair of the Pastoral Council.

EASTER LITURGY TIMES:

Stay tuned for changes to this year's Easter service times.



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.

WESTHAVEN VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

We are looking for a volunteer to run and organise an all-denomination church service once a month for Elderly Residents at Westhaven Aged Care. For more info please contact the parish office.

MOVIES THAT MATTER –

'Shayda' will be screened at 7pm on Thursday 20th March at St James Anglican Parish Hall, Mort & Russell Sts. Light supper afterwards. Flyers in foyer.

Australian drama from 2023 — 118 min

Executive produced by Cate Blanchett, Niasari's movie tells the story of Shayda (Zar AmirEbrahimi), an Iranian immigrant in Melbourne who leaves her abusive husband Hossein. (Osamah Sami) with her daughter Mona (Selina Zahednia) in tow. Shayda finds refuge in a women's shelter where the kindly Joyce (Leah Purcell) protects and guides her through the tough legal process of a custody fight.

It's a tender and revealing film that balances Shayda's discovery of inner strength with the sacrifices she makes for her daughter, as she tries to create a new family for her. It's understated, relatable and drawn from such personal memories that Niasara describes working on it as "long-term exposure therapy".

A Weekend Reflection

DON'T GIVE IN ...

On this First Sunday of Lent, we read of Jesus entering the desert wilderness, where he will be "led by the spirit to be tempted by the devil."

After a period of 40 days of fasting the tempter approaches Jesus with a 'challenge' or a 'dare' – to turn stone to bread. In part, Jesus replies simply, 'One does not live on bread alone.'

The second temptation concerns a test where Jesus would throw himself from the parapet of the temple, knowing that he would be protected by the support of angels. In part, Jesus replies simply, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'

The third encounter involves a promise to Jesus of "all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence", if only he would prostrate and worship the tempter. The response given by Jesus: 'Get away Satan!' For it is written: "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

During our lives, and particularly in the modern world that we live, we are faced with all manner of temptation. The journey of Lent that began this week gives us a resolve and an encouragement not to give in to the various temptations that come our way on a daily basis.

In our struggles we are given reassurance by the determination of Jesus not to give in to the tempter of the Gospel today. Recalling these stories at the start of Lent is a blessing, and they remind us of our profound solidarity, in faith with all believers around the world.

As an extension of last week's reference to the cleansing of our hearts during Lent, Paul in the Second Reading writes of the word of faith being on our lips and in our heart. Lent challenges us to ensure that God's word truly shapes our lives.



THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

For parish communities accompanying aspiring believers on their way to Easter baptism, that they will offer them warm companionship in faith, hope and love.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent
8th and 9th of March 2025



Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world.

We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

Please donate today!

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413



PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 9th March First Sunday of Lent	First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13	8.15am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea
Monday 10 th March The 1st Week of Lent	First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46		OFFICE CLOSED 10am Lenten Discussion Group 4pm SVDP Meeting 5.30pm Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 11 th March	First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15		
Wednesday 12 th March	First Reading: Jonah 3:1-10 Gospel: Luke 11:29-32	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Lenten Discussion Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meet
Thursday 13 th March	First Reading: Esther 4:17 Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12		
Friday 14 th March	First Reading: Ezekiel 18:21-28 Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Livestreamed 5.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 15 th March	First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 16th March Second Sunday of Lent	First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Second Reading: Philippians 3:17; 4:1 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36	8.15am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Michael) 9.30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 15th/16th March – Week 3

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Lloyd Bailey, Marg Nolan	Sandra Neale
Welcomers:	Trevor Wyllie, Carol Lovell	Denis & Marie McAleer
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	
AV Operator:	Ed Briffa	Noela Nolan
Parish Morning Tea:		Susan Tek's team
Readers:	Regina Ryan, Carol Lovell	Sandra Neale, David Tutty
Prayer of the Faithful:	Terese Hanna	Joan Nugent
Offertory:	Peter & Jan Boyce	Joan Nugent, Rita Fechner
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Catherine Hanna, Lloyd Bailey	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Monica Gundry, Jan Barsby
Music:	Brett Rangiira & Singers	Tom Hodgson & Singers
Collectors:	Peter Boyce, Trevor Wyllie	Jim Nolan, Peter Wilkes
Money Counters: This Week – 9th Mar Next Week – 16th Mar	Peter & Monica, Jan Burchardt Kathy Reedy & Tom Kelly	Collections – 1/2 March Planned Giving – \$330.00 Loose – \$571.15 February Direct Debits \$2,181.00
Ozcare	11th March – Tim Fitzgerald 18th March – Celia Warr	

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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.

*****Please note new Parish email address*** - stanthonysparish@twb.catholic.org.au**