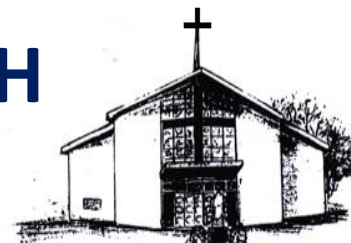


ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



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

15th/16th 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.

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading – Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*)

Responsorial Psalm – *God is my light and my salvation.*

Second Reading – Philippians 3:17; 4:1 (*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*)

Gospel Acclamation – Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel – Luke 9:28-36 (*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*)

We must all do our bit for the planet... I just unplugged a row of electric cars, that no one was using.

Important Dates Coming Up

- 18th Mar** – Friendship Group gathering
Music Planning meeting
- 21-23 Mar** – Parish visit from Bishop Ken
- 22nd Mar** – Afternoon Tea with Bishop Ken
- 23rd Mar** – Maronite Mass 11am
- 28th Mar** – Show Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED
- 30th Mar** – Hymn practice for weekend masses

Paddy says to Mick, "I found this pen, is it yours?" Mick replies, "don't know, give it here." He then tries it and says, "yes it is." Paddy asks, "how do you know?" Mick replies, "that's my handwriting."

Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Michael Clacy, Helen Warren, Coral Kennett (*Pam Hahn's sister-in-law*), Joan McKean (*Kathy Reedy's aunt*);

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Trish Fitzgerald, Trevor Scully, Arthur Neale, Dianne Nolan;
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;

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 Hanton (*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, Joan Nugent, Trish Zeller, Yano, Joan Hildred, Monica Gundry, Maureen Martin, Trish Morrison, David Waters, Tim Muneer, Isidoro Cannovo, David Clacy
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:

Harmony Week - Monday 17 - Sunday 23 March 2025

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. You can wear orange to show your support.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD) - Friday 21 March

While Harmony Week celebrates Australia's rich cultural diversity, it is also important to focus on the urgency of combatting racism wherever and whenever it arises. In the spirit of the 2024 Multicultural Framework Review's findings and recommendations, we encourage everyone to observe and acknowledge IDERD.

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.

MARONITE MASS:

Fr Fadi Salami, the Maronite Priest from Brisbane will be Celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on 23rd March at St Anthony's Church in Memory Street at 11.00am.

Father is offering the Mass for all the members of the Lebanese Community who have died since the beginning of last year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Please bring a plate of finger food to share over lunch and a chat after Mass.

EASTER LITURGY TIMES:

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

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. Australian drama from 2023 — 118 min. Flyers in foyer.

APPEAL:

Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred and floods have devastated families across Qld.

St Vincent de Paul Society QLD (Vinnies QLD) is ready on the ground to help people as they deal with the immediate aftermath of Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred and floods, and we will continue to be there as they rebuild their lives in the long term. Please donate urgently so Vinnies QLD can be there for everyone needing our help. [St Vincent de Paul Society QLD 2025 - Cyclone Alfred Appeal](#)



Learn the truth

A significant portion of chocolate available in Australia is produced using cocoa beans harvested by child labourers, many of whom endure enslavement and exploitative working conditions.

Indulge responsibly, select ethically sourced chocolate, and support companies working towards eliminating slavery from their supply chain this Easter.

Here is how:

1. Join the one billion people who read the Be Slavery Free Chocolate Scorecard (<https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/>) last year to discover their chocolate's true origins and evaluate their favourite brands' ethical practices.
2. Seek out the Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance certifications on chocolate packaging.

Note these certification seals mean the certified ingredient was produced using methods that support social, economic, and environmental sustainability.



A Weekend Reflection

Pope St Leo the Great (c.AD 400-461) reminds us this Sunday that by becoming one with Jesus Christ in Baptism, and by receiving sanctifying grace in the Sacraments, we will come to share his glory: “The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendour that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow... With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift: the members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head....

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfil exactly, through the presence of these five men, the text which says: “Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified.” What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As St John says: “The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” In him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of the prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace... When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: “This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Deacon BJ



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent
15th and 16th of March 2025



Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

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Please donate today.

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PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
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) Morning Tea cancelled today. 11am Funeral for Helen Warren.
Monday 17 th Mar Saint Patrick	First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-9 Second Reading: Act 13:46-49 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20		OFFICE CLOSED 10am Lenten Discussion Group 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 18 th Mar	First Reading: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12		10am Friendship Group gathering 5.30pm Music planning meeting
Wednesday 19 th Mar Saint Joseph	First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Second Reading: Romans 4:13,16-18, 22 Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24	9.15am	Mass (Fr Michael) 10am Lenten Discussion Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meet
Thursday 20 th Mar	First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31		
Friday 21 st Mar	First Reading: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Livestreamed 5.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 22 nd Mar	First Reading: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	5.00pm	1pm Afternoon Tea with Bishop 4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Bishop Ken)
Sunday 23rd March Third Sunday of Lent	First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9	8.15am 11am	Sunday Mass (Bishop Ken) 9.30am Morning Tea Maronite Mass with Fr. Fadi

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 22nd/23rd March – Week 4

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Trish Zeller
Welcomers:	Denise Hopwood, Kathy Reilly	Irene Chelsom, David Tutty
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	
AV Operator:	Kathy Reedy	Noela Nolan
Parish Morning Tea:		Parish Council
Readers:	Cherene Brandt, Michael O'Brien	Trish Zeller, Gail Johnson
Prayer of the Faithful:	Gill Brandt	Susan Tek
Offertory:	Terese Hanna, Catherine Hanna	Susan & Martin Tek
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Fr. Jamie Chalice: Deacon BJ, Marg Wyllie	Ciborium: Fr. Jamie Chalice: Sandra Neale, Deacon BJ
Music:	A-M Spalding & Multicultural Choir	A-M Spalding & Multicultural Choir
Collectors:	Michael O'Brien, Denise Hopwood	Tony Meldon, Peter Wilkes
Money Counters: This Week – 16th Mar Next Week – 23rd Mar	Kathy Reedy & Tom Kelly Tony Meldon & Irene Chelsom	Collections – 1/2 March Planned Giving – \$330.00 Loose – \$571.15 February Direct Debits \$2,181.00
Ozcare	18th March – Celia Warr 25th March – Mass	

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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 Rangira 0437 382 408.

Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.

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