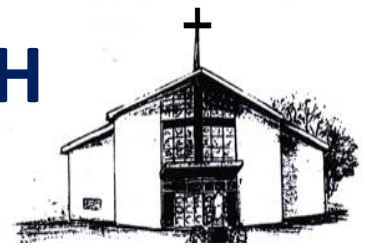


ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



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

5th/6th April 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading – Isaiah 43:16-21 (*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*)

Responsorial Psalm – *Our God has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Second Reading – Philippians 3:8-14 (*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*)

Gospel Acclamation – Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel – John 8:1-11 (*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*)

Important Dates Coming Up

6th Apr – Anderson baptism

13th Apr – Palm Sunday - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

14th Apr - Chrism Mass at St Patrick's

15th Apr – Anointing Mass

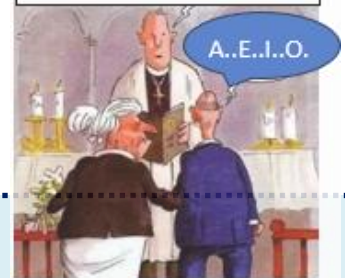
Friendship Group gathering

16th Apr – Reconciliation after weekday mass

I heard the more colourful your salad
is, the better it is for you.
So I swapped my croutons for M&M's!



And now, if you would
like to repeat your vows



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Lois Schild, Merv Otto;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Jean Boshammer, Bevin Barsby, Ted Neale;

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Rev Msg Leslie Schuhkraft, Rev Fr John Michael, Rev Fr Lex Herzig, Rev Fr Anthony O'Keefe, Rev Fr Roderick Lynch, Rev Fr Leo O'Donohue, Rev Fr John Concannon, Rev Fr Reginald Prior;

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 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, Jacob Nolan (*Tom & Marg's grandson*), 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 April: Ronni Adhil, Anne Roache, Veronica Bayoh Hebron, Martin Tek, Kath Donoghue, Margaret Waters, Pat Madden, David Tutty, Nancy Adhil.

Anniversaries: Denis & Trish Morrison, Trevor & Marg Wyllie (45 yrs), Jack & Joan Phelan, Graham & Elizabeth Woods (25 yrs).



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Brett Rangiera – Chair Fr. Jamie Louise Pfingst Kathy Reedy – Secretary Bob Frost Mary O’Brien Marg Nolan Theo Fernando Shane Hair Nicole Rangiera 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>



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**). All welcome.

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

Social Justice News

SOCIAL JUSTICE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Pope Francis' Ash Wednesday Letter to Brazilian Catholics

The letter, addressed to Roman Catholics in Brazil, invited “all Brazilian people to follow, during Lent, a path of conversion based on the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si*”. The Pope stated that he wished to draw the attention of all humanity to the urgent need for a necessary change of attitude in our relations with the environment, recalling that the current “ecological crisis is a call to a profound interior conversion”.

“In this sense, my predecessor of venerable memory, Saint John Paul II, already warned that it was “necessary to encourage and support the ‘ecological conversion’ that has made humanity more sensitive” (Audience, 17 January 2001) to the theme of care for our Common Home,” he added.

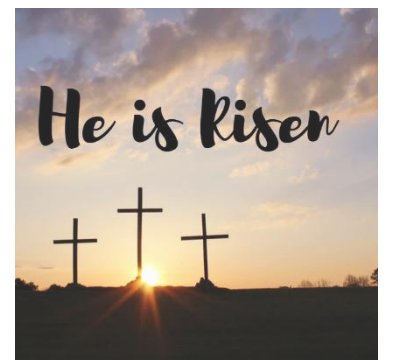
“May we all, with the special help of God’s grace in this jubilee season, change our convictions and practices to allow nature to rest from our greedy exploitation,” said Francis.



Parish & Diocesan News

HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES AT ST ANTHONY’S & OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- April 8 Second Rite of Reconciliation at *Our Lady of Lourdes* 6pm
- April 12 & 13 **Palm Sunday** usual Weekend Mass Times in *both Parishes*
- April 13 Second Rite of Reconciliation at *St. Anthony’s* 7pm
- April 14 **Chrism Mass** at *St. Patrick’s Cathedral* 5.30pm
- April 15 Anointing Mass at *St. Anthony’s* 9.15am (followed by Friendship Group)
- April 16 Weekday Mass at *St. Anthony’s* 9.15am with Reconciliation afterwards
- April 17 **Holy Thursday** Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Combined Liturgy for both Parishes at *St. Anthony’s* 7pm
- April 18 **Good Friday** Stations of the Cross in *both Parishes* 10am
Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion - Combined Liturgy for both Parishes at *Our Lady of Lourdes* 3pm
- April 19 **Easter Vigil** - Combined Liturgy for both Parishes at *St. Anthony’s* 6.30pm
- April 20 **Easter Sunday** usual Sunday Mass Times in *both Parishes*



Easter Rosters – Please place your name on roster in the foyer if you can assist during Easter Liturgies.

WAY OF THE CROSS:

Departing the front steps of St. Patrick’s Cathedral
7.30am Good Friday, arranged by the Diocesan Social Justice Commission.

OFFICE NEWS:

We are pleased to announce that Gemma Betros has joined our Parish Office in the role of Admin Support Officer. Please say hello and introduce yourself when you see her next.

Please also note change of email address for office. Can you update your address book so emails don’t land in your Junk.

ANZAC DAY MASS:

The usual Friday mass will be held on Friday the 25th April at the earlier time of 8.30am.

HOME COMMUNION:

If you are taking communion to someone unable to attend mass, we ask that you give the Parish Office a call so we can update our records for those receiving home communion. Please also let us know if an anointing is required during Lent.

TOWARDS EASTER – A CONCERT OF EASTERTIDE MUSIC:

Worthy is the Lamb by Lloyd Larson will be featured in two concerts this year – 7 pm 11th April at St James Church & 2pm 13th April at St Patrick's Cathedral. Flyers in foyer for more info.

APPEAL:

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

Please donate urgently so Vinnies QLD can be there for everyone needing our help.

[St Vincent de Paul Society QLD 2025 - Cyclone Alfred Appeal](#)



HEADSTONE HEALING PROJECT

In August 2024 143 memorials and monuments at the Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery were damaged by vandals. Many sections within the site were damaged, including graves in the Catholic section. [See the Toowoomba Regional Council website for a full list of damage.](#)

The Headstone Healing Project was created in response to this act of vandalism and is engaging the community to help restore the damage. You can find out more about the project on their [Facebook Page](#) or contact the Toowoomba Regional Council about volunteer opportunities at the Cemetery.

LOST KEY:

If you have lost a key on a SVDP key ring please contact the Parish Office for collection.

A Weekend Reflection

St Athanasius of Alexandria (d.373) reminds us on this last Sunday of Lent that our soon-to-arrive celebration of the Lord's resurrection must be a time of spiritual renewal; renewal in following Christ by our deeds, in sincerity of heart: 'The Word who became all things for us is close to us, our Lord Jesus Christ who promises to remain with us always. He cries out, saying: "See, I am with you all the days of this age." He is himself the shepherd, the high priest, the way and the door, and has become all things at once for us. In the same way, he has come among us as our feast and holy day as well. The blessed Apostle says of him who was awaited: "Christ has been sacrificed as our Passover." It was Christ who shed his light on the psalmist as he prayed: "You are my joy, deliver me from those surrounding me." True joy, genuine festival, means the casting out of wickedness. To achieve this one must live a life of perfect goodness and, in the serenity of the fear of God, practise contemplation in one's heart.

This was the way of the saints, who in their lifetime and at every stage of life rejoiced as at a feast... When we celebrate the feast in our own day, what path are we to take? As we draw near to this feast, who is to be our guide? Beloved, it must be none other than the one whom you will address with me as our Lord Jesus Christ. He says: "I am the way." As blessed John tells us: it is Christ "who takes away the sin of the world." It is he who purifies our souls, as the prophet Jeremiah says: "Stand upon the ways; look and see which is the good path, and you will find in it the way of amendment for your souls." ...If we follow Christ closely we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as it were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem, and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast, like the blessed apostles, who in following the Saviour as their leader, showed, and still show, the way to obtain the same gift from God. They said: "See, we have left all things and followed you." We too follow the Lord, and we keep his feast by deeds rather than by words.'



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

5th & 6th April 2025



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PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 6th April Fifth Sunday of Lent	First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 Gospel: John 8:1-11	8.15am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea Anderson baptism 3.30pm Hymn practice
Monday 7 th April	First Reading: Daniel 13:41-62 Gospel: John 8:1-11		OFFICE CLOSED 10am Lenten Discussion Group 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 8 th April	First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 Gospel: John 8:21-30		
Wednesday 9 th April	First Reading: Daniel 3:14-20, 24-25, 28 Gospel: John 8:31-42	9.15am	Mass (Fr. Jamie) 10am Lenten Discussion Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meet 6.30pm Hymn practice
Thursday 10 th April	First Reading: Genesis 17:3-9 Gospel: John 8:51-59		
Friday 11 th April	First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 Gospel: John 10:31-42	9.15am	Mass (Fr. Jamie) Livestreamed 5.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 12 th April	First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20 Gospel: John 7:40-52	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Michael)
Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday	First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: Luke 23:1-49	8.15am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea 7pm 2 nd Rite of Reconciliation

MINISTERS FOR MASS - Saturday/ Sunday, 12th/13th April – Week 2

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Tim Fitzgerald, Carol Lovell	Noela Nolan
Welcomers:	Celia Warr, Judy Sheehan	Trish Zeller, Jim Nolan
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	Noela Nolan
Parish Morning Tea:		Michael & Mary O'Brien
Readers:	Karen Springolo, Errol Pingel	Jan Barsby, Mary Wagner
Prayer of the Faithful:	Judy Sheehan	Sandra Neale
Offertory:	Denise Hopwood, Carol Lovell	Gail Johnson, Jim Nolan
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Carol Lovell, Chris Gwydir	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: David Tutty, Gail Johnson
Music:	A-M Spalding & Singers	Sr Maria & Singers
Collectors:	Tom Kelly, Michael O'Brien	Laurence Kilroy, Peter Wilkes
Money Counters:		Collections – 30/31 March
This Week – 6th April	Parish Office	Planned Giving – \$520.00
Next Week – 13th April	Brenda Thomas, Tony Meldon	Loose – \$741.85
Ozcare	8th April – Anointing Mass 15th April – Chris Gwydir	

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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.

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

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