

STANTHONY'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

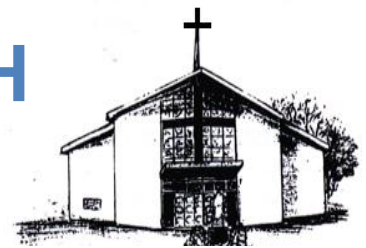
12 & 13 April 2025

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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

Parish Priest: Fr. Jamie Collins
Deacon: BJ Perrett
Chair Parish Council: Mr Brett Rangjiira
Parish Secretary: Mrs Noela Nolan
Admin Support Officer: Gemma Betros
Safeguard Rep: Mrs Nicole Rangjiira
School Principal: Mrs Louise Pfnstg

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 Gialal and Jarowair peoples in the Wakka Wakka speaking area, the traditional custodians of this land.

Palm Sunday

First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-7 (*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

Second Reading – Philippians 2:6-11 (*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*)

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.

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Gospel – Luke 23:1-49 (*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*)



Important Dates Coming Up:

13 Apr – Palm Sunday, 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

14 Apr – Chrism Mass at St Patrick's

15 Apr – Anointing Mass; Friendship Group

16 Apr – Reconciliation after weekday mass

17-20 Apr – Easter Liturgies, see following page

Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Betty Jessop (*Ray Cullen's sister*), Lois Schild, Merv Otto, Beverley Bartlem;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Bevin Barsby, Ted Neale, Dorelle Pinnington;

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, Laurie Atzeni, 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	Tony Meldon - Chair	Fr. Jamie
Fr. Jamie	Fr. Jamie	Celia Warr
Louise Pflingst	Tom Warren	Tim Fitzgerald
Kathy Reedy – Secretary	Trevor Wyllie	Lloyd Bailey
Bob Frost	Keith Shepherd	
Mary O'Brien	Trish Zeller	
Marg Nolan	Regina Ryan	
Theo Fernando	Noela Nolan	
Shane Hair		
Nicole Rangiera		
Chrys Chryshanthan		

Thank you to all who take on these roles in the governance of our parish.



- Friday Morning Mass:** live-streamed weekly at 9.15am via our web page or via Facebook. Can be watched again later!
- Adoration:** 1st Friday monthly at 9.45am after Mass. **The Swag:** available in the foyer - \$1
- Social Justice Group:** meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 5pm. All welcome.
- Friendship Group:** meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Community Centre (except Dec/Jan). All welcome.
- Gospel Discussion Group:** meets each Wednesday at 10am in the Parish Office. All welcome.

Social Justice News

SOCIAL JUSTICE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Called to Bring Hope in the Year of Jubilee ‘As Australians prepare to vote in the federal election, Catholics have a vital role in shaping our nation’s future. Our faith calls us to engage in democracy, to build, in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, “a civilisation of love,” and to contribute “to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom.” This election coincides with the Holy Year of Jubilee, themed ‘Pilgrims of Hope.’ Pope Francis reminds us that “all of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered, and hearts overwhelmed by adversity.” To bring hope, we must first *become* people of hope; as Pope Benedict XVI declared, “the one who has hope lives differently.” The Jubilee reminds us that voting is not just a civic duty but an opportunity to advance the common good and pave the way for hope.



Federal Election 2025 Political discourse in our time has become increasingly polarised. This can, only too easily, foster distrust and erode social cohesion. Unfortunately, in recent months, here in Australia, some have even turned to violence as a means of political expression. We condemn entirely the anti-Semitism that has arisen in our society, as we condemn all forms of hatred or discrimination towards our fellow Australians. Our democracy is defined by our commitment to resolving issues peacefully through dialogue and democratic processes. No politician or political party can ever solve every issue or serve as a perfect representative. Our hearts long for something far greater than this world can offer—something no earthly leader can fully provide. As Catholics, we have an obligation to form our consciences through reason, Sacred Scripture, and Church teachings so that, in the words of St. Paul, we “put on the mind of Christ.” Conscience is our inner guide, enabling us to discern right from wrong and judge what is good and just, and we have a duty to follow it faithfully. This demands careful consideration of the facts and the background to our decisions, and a commitment to prayer to discern God’s will.’



Feast for Freedom fundraiser, a pot-luck dinner hosted by **The Dignity Project** will take place after 5pm Mass on **Saturday 26 April** at the St Anthony’s Community Centre. Please bring a plate to share, BYO cold drinks. Donations to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre can be made online or in cash on the night. Please **RSVP by Saturday 20 April** to the Parish Office (07 4636 1737).



Parish & Diocesan News

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

- 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: Departs from the front steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral at **7.30am Good Friday**, arranged by the Diocesan Social Justice Commission.

OFFICE NEWS: Reminder that the Parish Office will be **closed** on Good Friday (Friday 18 April) and ANZAC Day (Friday 25 April).

HOME COMMUNION: If you are taking communion to someone unable to attend mass, please give the Parish Office a call so we can update our records. Please also let us know if an anointing is required during Lent.

A CONCERT OF EASTERTIDE MUSIC: 'Worthy is the Lamb' by Lloyd Larson will be featured in a concert at St Patrick's Cathedral at 2pm, **Sunday 13 April**. Please see flyer in foyer for more info.

HORIZONS: Issue 73 now available online <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/horizons/>

ANZAC DAY MASS: The usual Friday mass will be held on **Friday 25 April** at the earlier time of **8.30am**.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: With Father Anthony Percy, 6pm **Tuesday 29 April** at Gabbinbar. Please see flyer in foyer.

THEATRE - 'ON THE WALLABY': Toowoomba Hospital Pastoral Care Service Fundraising Event, 7.30pm **Tuesday 29 April** at the Toowoomba Repertory Theatre. Please see flyer in foyer.

WORLD MISSION MAY ROSARY PRAYERS: **Monday-Friday, 1-31 May** via Microsoft Teams. Please see flyer in foyer for link.

ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING: 5.45pm, **Wednesday 7 May** at St Anthony's Community Centre, followed by a light dinner.

SYCHAR, TERM TWO: Schedule for **22 April-27 June** now available, please see notice in foyer.

HEADSTONE HEALING PROJECT: In August 2024, 143 memorials and monuments at the Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery were damaged by vandals, including graves in the Catholic section. [See the Toowoomba Regional Council website for a full list of damage.](#) The Headstone Healing Project, created in response to this act of vandalism, is engaging the community to help restore the damage. Please see the project's [Facebook Page](#) for further information.



A Weekend Reflection



FOR THE PEOPLE

The 'logo' for the Balonne Shire Council that is based around St. George and Dirranbandi carries the simple motto "For the People". The message given to Greater Toowoomba by the Toowoomba Regional Council is "Rich Traditions. Bold Ambitions." This week as we enter Holy Week, the holiest week on the church calendar, we could do well to keep these two mottos close to heart. It was 'for the people' that Jesus both died and rose again. That we, the people, might have life and live it to the full.

Pope Francis has encouraged his priests to be close to the people; as their shepherd, to 'take on the smell of the sheep'. Easter is a special time and one for which we have been preparing since Ash Wednesday, and through the sacred liturgy of the Triduum we unite with Christians everywhere.

Many places around the world are unable to gather in the freedom that we do at Easter. We are so fortunate, to simply be able to come together and to share our faith story. That is where the other local government slogan – of the Toowoomba Regional Council – comes into focus.

Our shared journey of faith can be likened to the familiar slogan of: "Rich Traditions and Bold Ambitions!" We draw upon the richness of our tradition to carry us forward. We boldly move forward in joy-filled hope because of what we celebrate in our Easter Liturgies:

- *the joyful entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday;*
- *A solemn night of remembering and keeping watch on Holy Thursday;*
- *The tragedy and destruction of the cross of death on Good Friday;*
- *The sacred act of 'keeping vigil' on Saturday; that*
- *Brings us to the joyful resurrection of Easter Sunday morning.*

At the culmination of our Lenten journey, followed by the special days of Holy Week, we come to encounter the jubilation of Jesus' triumph over death with the celebration of the resurrection, as recounted in scripture from that first 'Easter Sunday'.

As we conclude our Lenten observances, what special days await us as we walk together – with Jesus – these days of Holy Week. May we do so with a sense of connection to what Jesus encountered 'for the people', upholding the 'rich tradition' of our faith with a 'bold ambition' for the greater good.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**Palm Sunday
12&13 April 2025**



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent. **Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Donations can also be made **online** at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by **calling** 1800 024 413.

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM
(REMINDER: REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES NOW AT 8.15AM)

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 13 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
Monday 14 April Monday of Holy Week	First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7 Gospel: John 12:1-11		OFFICE CLOSED 10am Lenten Discussion Group 12pm Liturgy Team Meeting 4pm SVDP Meeting 5.30pm Chrism Mass at St Pat's
Tuesday 15 April Tuesday of Holy Week	First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6 Gospel: John 13: 21-33, 36-38	9.15am	Anointing Mass 10am Friendship Group
Wednesday 16 April Wednesday of Holy Week	First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25	9.15am	Mass (Fr. Jamie) followed by reconciliation 10am Lenten Discussion Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting
Thursday 17 April Holy Thursday	First Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 Gospel: John 13:1-15	7.00pm	Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Friday 18 April Good Friday	First Reading: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Gospel: John 18:1 – 19:42	3.00pm	7.30am Way of the Cross St Pat's 10.00am Stations of the Cross Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Fr. Jamie) Combined Liturgy at Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 19 April Easter Vigil	First Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2:2 Second Reading: Exodus 14:15 – 15:1 Third Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-28 Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 Gospel: Luke 24:1-12	6.30pm	Easter Vigil (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 20 April Easter Sunday	First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-9	8.15am	Easter Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9.30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 19 & 20 April – Week 3

Co-ordinator:	Special Easter roster to apply (details will be sent via email)	**Don't forget – regular Sunday masses now at 8:15am. not 8:30am**
Welcomers:		
Altar Server:		
AV Operator:		
Parish Morning Tea:		Susan Tek's Team
Money Counters:		Collections, 12/13 April:
This Week – 13 April	Brenda Thomas, Tony Meldon	Planned Giving – \$280.00
Next Week – 20 April	Kathy Reedy, Tom Kelly	Loose – \$979.65
Ozcare	15 April – Chris Gwydir	22 April – Tim Fitzgerald

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ST ANTHONY'S IS A CHILD-SAFE PARISH

All children, young persons, and vulnerable adults visiting the Parish 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 grounds, 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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