

# STANTHONY'S PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

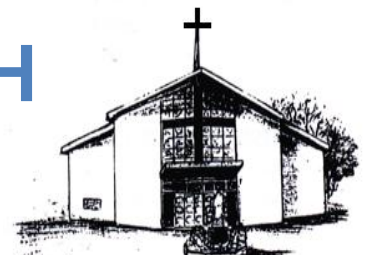
26 & 27 April 2025

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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 Pflingst

### 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 Easter

**First Reading** – Acts 5:12-16 (*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*)

**Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27. *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

**Second Reading** – Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19 (*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*)

**Gospel Acclamation** – Alleluia, alleluia! *You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!*

**Gospel** – John 20:19-31 (*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*)



**Franciscus**  
Jorge Mario Bergoglio  
13.III.2013  
21.IV.2025

### Important Dates Coming Up:

**25 April – 8.30am** ANZAC Day Mass (office closed)

**26/27 April** – Sacramental program enrolment

**26 April** – 6pm Feast for Freedom **postponed** due to the funeral service for Pope Francis. **New date: Saturday 17 May.**

**27 April** – 3.30pm, hymn practice

**28 April** – 10am, Diocesan Requiem Mass for Pope Francis, St Patrick's Cathedral.  
**Mass will be livestreamed.**

**28 April** – 5:30pm PPC meeting

**29 April** – 6pm Finance meeting

**30 April** – 3:30pm, Confirmation preparation (every Wednesday until end of June)



## Our Parish Prayer List

**We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently:** Pope Francis, Mick Barbe, Dulcie White, Stephen Dore;

**For the Anniversaries of our loved ones:** Felicity Blunden, Diana Teagle, Norman d'Aranjo, Mary Lee, Joyce Penhaligon, Pearl Glasheen, Reginald Missen, Peter Tek;

**and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese:** Rev Msgr 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, Brian Wells, Martin Yong.

## NEWS

**ANZAC Day Mass:** The usual Friday mass will be held on **Friday 25 April** at the earlier time of **8.30am**. **Office closed.**

**Feast for Freedom: \*\*POSTPONED\*\*** The fundraising pot-luck dinner hosted by The Dignity Project and scheduled for Saturday 26 April has been postponed due to the funeral service for Pope Francis. **New date: Saturday 17 May.**

**Theology of the Body:** With Father Anthony Percy, 6pm **Tuesday 29 April** at Gabbinbar. Please see flyer in foyer.

**Theatre – ‘On the Wallaby’:** 7pm for a 7.25pm start, Toowoomba Repertory Theatre. Fundraising performances hosted by the Toowoomba Hospital Pastoral Care Service on **Tuesday 29 April** and The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on **Wednesday 7 May.**

**World Mission 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.

**Home communion:** If you are taking home communion to someone, please contact the Office so we can update our records.

**Horizons:** Issue 73 now available in the foyer and online <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/horizons/>

## REMINDERS

**Adoration:** **1<sup>st</sup> Friday** of the month at **9.45am** after Mass.

**The Swag:** available in the foyer, \$1.

**Social Justice Group:** **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of the month at **5pm** in the Parish Office. All welcome.

**Friendship Group:** **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of the month (except Dec/Jan), at **10am** in the Community Centre, \$2 donation. All welcome.

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

**New Parish email address:** [stanthonysparish@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stanthonysparish@twb.catholic.org.au) \*\*\*Please update your email address books \*\*\*

Parish Pastoral Council Members		Parish Finance Committee Members	Parish Coordinating Team	
Brett Rangiiira (Chair)	Theo Fernando	Tony Meldon (Chair)	Father Jamie	Tim Fitzgerald
Father Jamie	Shane Hair	Father Jamie	Celia Warr	Lloyd Bailey
Louise Pflingst	Nicole Rangiiira	Tom Warren	Noela Nolan	Gemma Betros
Kathy Reedy (Secretary)	Chrys Chryshanthan	Trevor Wyllie	<i>Thanks to all who take on these roles in the governance of our Parish.</i>	
Bob Frost		Keith Shepherd		
Mary O’Brien		Trish Zeller		
Marg Nolan		Regina Ryan		
		Noela Nolan		



**Birthdays for April:** Ronni Adhil, Anne Roache, Veronica Bayoh Hebron, Martin Tek, Kath Donoghue (98 on 17 April), Margaret Waters, Pat Madden, David Tutty, Nancy Adhil.

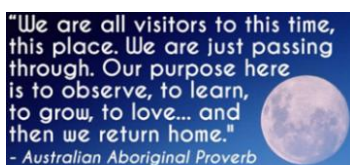
**Anniversaries:** Denis & Trish Morrison, Trevor & Marg Wyllie (45 yrs), Jack & Joan Phelan (69 yrs on 28 April), Graham & Elizabeth Woods (25 yrs).

## Weekend Reflection

### WE ARE BUT TRAVELLERS HERE

‘Christ’s Resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the Resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.

‘Often it seems that God does not exist; all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit . . . However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads.



‘Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history... Such is the power of the Resurrection, and all who evangelise are instruments of that power.’



– Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, #276

### THE WEEK’S PRAYER FOCUS

**We pray for all who long for a better world, that the life and work of Pope Francis will keep inspiring them to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.**



The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is making available an email address [condolencebook@catholic.org.au](mailto:condolencebook@catholic.org.au) for **anyone wishing to write messages of condolence** following the death of Pope Francis. This might be useful to help Catholics express their grief. The ACBC will find an appropriate and respectful way of passing them on to the Nuncio.

## Social Justice News

### SOCIAL JUSTICE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

**‘Pope Francis had the moral courage to stand up for the Earth and its people’ (extract)**  
*by Christiana Figueres*

We find ourselves at a profound juncture in human history, where spiritual leadership intersects with the most pressing ecological challenge of our time. Pope Francis stood as a beacon in this critical moment, embodying the urgent need to transform our relationship with the planet we call home.

The significance of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio's choice of "Francis" as his papal name cannot be overstated. It was a deliberate evocation of St. Francis of Assisi, who saw all of creation as a sacred manifestation of God's love. This choice was no mere symbolic gesture — it was a declaration of intent, signalling the pope's recognition that our relationship with nature is intrinsically connected to our spiritual well-being. In choosing this name, he aligned himself with a tradition that views nature not as a resource to be exploited, but as God's inalienable creation to be cherished and protected.



This understanding crystallised magnificently in his 2015 encyclical "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home," a testament to his deep awareness of the intersection between the sacred, nature and ethical behaviour. The document was revolutionary — not only because it came from the leader of 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide, but because it articulated with moral clarity what science has been telling us for decades: we live in the God-given Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, and we are not taking care of it.

We know our current path is unsustainable. We are engaged in unchecked extractive behaviour that is leading us to consume Mother Earth at a pace increasingly beyond her capacity to regenerate. The greed that has taken root in our minds has led to a polluted environment that is toxic for our lungs, destructive for our economy and society, and — let us not mince words — suicidal for our future.



**\*\*\*POSTPONEMENT\*\*\*** The **Feast for Freedom fundraiser**, a pot-luck dinner hosted by **The Dignity Project** and originally scheduled for 6pm on Saturday, 26 April at the St Anthony's Community Centre has been postponed due to the funeral service for Pope Francis. The dinner is now **rescheduled for Saturday 17 May 2025**, further details to follow.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**THANK YOU!**

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent



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

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
<b>Sunday 27</b> <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	First Reading – Acts 5:12-16 Second Reading – Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19 Gospel – John 20:19-31	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Mass and Sacramental Program enrolment (Fr Jamie)</b> Morning tea after Mass
Monday 28 April <b>St Peter Chanel</b>	First Reading – Acts 4:23-31 Gospel – Colossians 3:1		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>10am, Diocesan Requiem Mass for Pope Francis, St Patrick's</b> (livestreamed) 4pm SVDP Meeting 5.30pm Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 29 April <b>St Catherine of Siena</b>	First Reading – Acts 4:32-37 Gospel – John 3:7-15		6pm Finance Meeting
Wednesday 30 April	First Reading – Acts 5:17-26 Gospel – John 3:16-21	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass (Fr Jamie)</b> 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting 1.30pm Circle Dance 3.30pm Confirmation preparation
Thursday 1 May	First Reading – Acts 5:27-33 Gospel – John 3:31-36		
Friday 2 May <b>St Athanasius</b>	First Reading – Acts 5:34-42 Gospel – John 6:1-15	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)</b> 9.45am Adoration
Saturday 3 May <b>Saints Philip &amp; James</b>	First Reading – 1Corinthians 15:1-8 Gospel – John 14:6-14	<b>5.00pm</b>	4.15pm Reconciliation <b>Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie)</b>
<b>Sunday 4 May</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	First Reading – Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Second Reading – Revelation 5:11-14 Gospel – John 21:1-19	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Mass (Fr Jamie)</b> Morning tea after Mass

**MINISTERS FOR MASS – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 3 & 4 May – Week 1**

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
<b>Co-ordinators:</b>	Chris Gwydir and Celia Warr	School Rep and Sr Maria
<b>Welcomers:</b>	Michael and Mary O'Brien	<b>School</b>
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Damian Wyllie	--
<b>AV Operator:</b>	Ed Briffa	Noela Nolan
<b>Readers:</b>	Celia Warr and Leandra Fernando	<b>School</b>
<b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b>	Marg Wyllie	<b>School</b>
<b>Offertory:</b>	Trevor Wyllie and Jenn Stephens	<b>School</b>
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Marg Nolan and Mary O'Brien	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Louise/Aaron and Marie McAleer
<b>Music:</b>	Tom Hodgson and singers	Anne-Marie Spalding and School Choir
<b>Collectors:</b>	Michael O'Brien and Denise Hopwood	Jim Nolan and Tony Meldon
<b>Parish Morning Tea:</b>	--	Michael and Mary O'Brien
<b>Money Counters:</b> <b>This Week – 27 April</b> <b>Next Week – 4 May</b>	Tony Meldon and Irene Chelsom Brenda Thomas and Tony Meldon	<b>Collections, 19&amp;20 April:</b> Planned Giving – \$ 215.00 Loose – \$ 1314.70 Flood collection – \$ 1985.70
<b>Ozcare</b>	<b>29 April – Celia Warr</b>	<b>6 May – Judy Sheehan</b>

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**\*\*\*Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult.\*\*\***