

STANTHONY'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

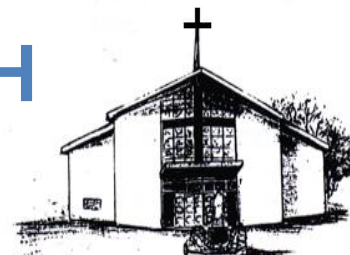
3 & 4 May 2025

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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 Rangiira
 Parish Secretary: Mrs Noela Nolan
 Admin Support Officer: Gemma Betros
 Safeguard Rep: Mrs Nicole Rangiira
 School Principal: Mrs Louise Pflugst

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.

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading – Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 (*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. *I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

Second Reading – Revelation 5:11-14 (*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*)

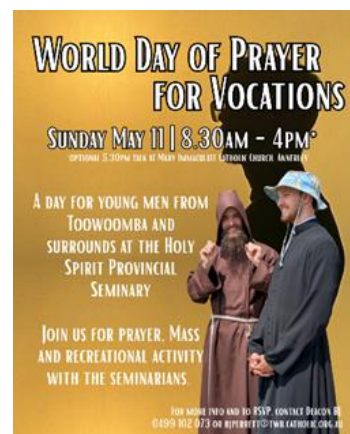
Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! *Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.* Alleluia!

Gospel – John 21:1-19 (*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*)



Important Dates Coming Up:

Wed 7 May	10.30am, Coordinating Team meeting 3:30pm, Confirmation preparation 5.00pm, Social Justice Meeting 5.45pm, Abrahamic Faiths Gathering
Sat 10 May	4.15pm, Reconciliation
Sun 11 May	World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Pope Francis, Stephen Dore, Veronica Littleton OSU;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Reginald Missen, Peter Tek, Selim Gaim, Margaret Hanna, Eileen (Topsy)

Cartwright, Arthur Schneider, Joe Wagner, Graham Hohn;

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Fr William Murphy, Fr Brian Moran, Fr Vincent Maher, Rev Msgr Patrick McMorrow, Fr Thomas Isaac, Fr Garrett Murphy, Fr Michael Herbert, Rev Msgr Thomas Nolan, Rev Msgr Edward Concannon, Fr Francis Hall.

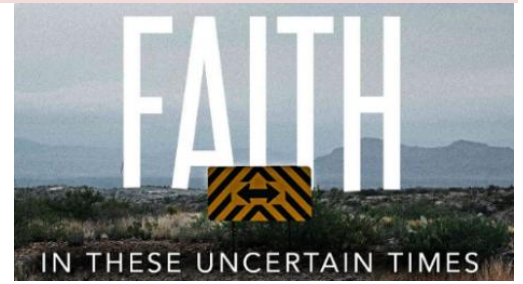
We hold in prayer all those who are sick including the following Parishioners: Narelle Bailey, Daniel Bell, Brian Conrick, Mary Gilligan, Madeline (Sally) Gray, Nancy Hargrave, Neville Harris, Kerrie Hegarty, John Herzig, Rita Irwin, Elsie Kirby, Mal Kirby, Mary Logan, Pat Madden, Gloria McKechnie, Des O'Shea, Margaret Pegler, Trish Ryan, Vonnie Sherman, June Sinton, Pat Sullivan, Lucy Targato, Barry Turner;

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.

Weekend Reflection

IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES

In these times of great uncertainty and change in world and nation and church, it seems providential to be reading from the Apocalypse (or Revelation) this Easter season. Though conveyed in cryptic language and strange symbolism, its truth is plain. Worldly powers are ultimately no match for the sovereignty of Christ.



At the same time, its mixed bag of visions and coded storytelling make it vulnerable to misinterpretation by those who peddle falsehood and conspiracy theories. Fortunately, our lectionary selections are uniformly inspirational, inviting us to 'look for the things that are in heaven,' as Paul advised the Colossians last Sunday. We gaze with patient love at the new and heavenly Jerusalem as we await 'a new heaven and a new earth' (21:1).

With the Federal Election being this weekend, we pray for all our elected officials who have been successful, that they may work together for the betterment of our nation, always striving to work for the Common Good of all in the new Parliament. We also keep in our prayers the voting members of the college of cardinals, currently in Rome preparing for the Conclave, that their consideration of the next Bishop of Rome and Pastor of the global church will be guided truly by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for the Catholic community in Australia, that it will lead the nation in hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Parish & Diocesan News



The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is making available an email address 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.

NEWS *Please note: due to a planned interruption to the electricity, the phone line to the Parish Office may be unavailable on Tuesday 6 May. Apologies for any inconvenience.*****

Abrahamic Faiths Gathering: 5.45pm, **Wednesday 7 May** at St Anthony's Community Centre, followed by a light dinner.

Theatre – 'On the Wallaby': 7pm for a 7.25pm start, Toowoomba Repertory Theatre. Fundraising performance hosted by The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on **Wednesday 7 May**.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Day for young men from Toowoomba and its surrounds at the Holy Spirit Provincial Seminary on **Sunday 11 May, 8:30am-4pm**. Contact Deacon BJ on 0499 102 073 or bjperrett@twb.catholic.org.au

Feast for Freedom: The postponed fundraising pot-luck dinner hosted by The Dignity Project is taking place on **Saturday 17 May**. Please sign up in the foyer or call the Parish office to RSVP.

World Mission Rosary Prayers: Monday-Friday, 1-31 May via Microsoft Teams. Please see flyer in foyer for link.

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/>

Music request: Do you have any sheet music or music books appropriate for Mass that you would be happy to donate? We are looking to expand our collection and would be grateful for any contributions. 🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵

*****Save the date: St Anthony's School 70th Anniversary celebrations, Sunday 1 June 2025. Details to follow.*****

REMINDERS

Adoration: 1st Friday of the month at 9.45am after Mass.

Social Justice Group: 1st Wednesday of the month at 5pm in the Parish Office. All welcome.

Friendship Group: 3rd 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 ***Please update your email address books ***



Birthdays for May: Anna Titlbach, Theo Fernando, John Roache, Lloyd Bailey, Jill Sullivan, Gail Schick, Mark Copland, James Hanna, Jenn Stephens, Betty Sheridan, Bernice Stevens, Abut Mawien, Mary O’Brien, Kathryn Haynes, Bill Canning, Catherine McAleer, Rebecca More, Brenda Quaife, Louise Pfingst, Joyce Bowe (98 years old on 29 May), Peter Wilkes.

Anniversaries: Michael & Helen Sweeney, Peter & Sharon Hanna, Peter & Brenda Quaife.

Parish Pastoral Council Members		Parish Finance Committee Members	Parish Coordinating Team	
Brett Rangira (Chair)	Theo Fernando	Tony Meldon (Chair)	Father Jamie	Tim Fitzgerald
Father Jamie	Shane Hair	Father Jamie	Celia Warr	Lloyd Bailey
Louise Pfingst	Nicole Rangira	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		

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**

When Francis [addressed the United Nations](#), he reminded world leaders that the ecological crisis is also a profound spiritual and ethical crisis. "Any harm done to the environment," he said, "is harm done to humanity." This interconnection is at the heart of what we must now understand if we are to navigate the challenges ahead. We need the moral courage that Francis exemplified — a willingness to

speak truth to power and to call for radical transformation when it is needed. We need his recognition that the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor are one voice, demanding justice and compassion.

In the face of climate despair and ecological grief, Francis offered not blind optimism but grounded hope — hope rooted in the conviction that we can choose a different path. That we can, through collective action and spiritual renewal, heal our relationship with the planet and with each other. This hope is not passive — it is a call to action. It demands that we examine our consumption patterns, our economic systems and our spiritual values. It requires that we recognize our interconnectedness and act accordingly. As we stand at this crossroads, Francis' papacy reminds us that we have a choice. We can continue down the path of extraction, pollution and destruction, or we can choose regeneration, harmony and care.

Prayer of Thanks

Loving God, you have called Pope Francis home. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly exemplified your constant faithfulness, compassion and care for all, especially those in most need of support. In our daily lives, help us to follow his example of welcome, inclusion, and care. We ask this through your Son, Jesus, who insisted there must be “a place at the table for all.” Amen.




The **Feast for Freedom fundraiser**, a pot-luck dinner hosted by **The Dignity Project** will now take place on **Saturday 17 May 2025** 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 sign up in the foyer or call the Parish Office (07 4636 1737) to RSVP.**



EXCITING NEWS: Thank you Thank you Thank you! Pavi has been granted permission to apply for a regular visa and stay in Australia. Your support and care for Pavi and us during this time of advocacy has meant so much to us. It has demonstrated the power of community and compassion. We can only thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Pavi, Phil and Moira.

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

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 4 May Third Sunday of Easter	First Reading – Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Second Reading – Revelation 5:11-14 Gospel – John 21:1-19	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass
Monday 5 May	First Reading – Acts 6:8-15 Gospel – John 6:22-29		OFFICE CLOSED (Labour Day) 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 6 May	First Reading – Acts 7:51 – 8:1 Gospel – John 6:30-35		
Wednesday 7 May	First Reading – Acts 8:1-8 Gospel – John 6:35-40	9.15am	Liturgy of the Word (Deacon BJ) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting 1.30pm Circle Dance 3.30pm Confirmation preparation 5pm Social Justice meeting 5.45pm Abrahamic Faiths Gathering
Thursday 8 May	First Reading – Acts 8:26-40 Gospel – John 6:44-51		
Friday 9 May	First Reading – Acts 9:1-20 Gospel – John 6:52-59	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)
Saturday 10 May	First Reading – Acts 9:31-42 Gospel – John 6:60-69	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie)
Sunday 11 May Fourth Sunday of Easter	First Reading – Acts 13:14, 43-52 Second Reading – Revelation 7:9, 14-17 Gospel – John 10:27-30	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass 

MINISTERS FOR MASS – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 10 & 11 May – Week 2

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
Co-ordinators:	Tim Fitzgerald and Carol Lovell	Jan Barsby
Welcomers:	Celia Warr and Judy Sheehan	David Tutty and Sandra Neale
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	--
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	David Tutty
Readers:	Jenn Stephens and Errol Pingel	Susan Tek and Gail Johnson
Prayer of the Faithful:	Judy Sheehan	Monica Gundry
Offertory:	Denise Hopwood and Carol Lovell	Peter Wilkes and Monica Gundry
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Carol Lovell and Chris Gwydir	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Brenda Thomas and Noela Nolan
Music:	Choir	Sr Maria and Choir
Collectors:	Tom Kelly and Michael O'Brien	Susan Tek and Laurence Kilroy
Parish Morning Tea:	--	PPC Members
Money Counters:		Collections, 26&27 April:
This Week – 4 May	Brenda Thomas and Tony Meldon	Planned Giving – \$ 455.00
Next Week – 11 May	Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry, and Jan Burchardt	Loose – \$ 926.50
		Good Friday Holy Land Collection – \$1250.00
Ozcare	6 May – Tim Fitzgerald	13 May – Ann Matthew

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