

STANTHONY'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

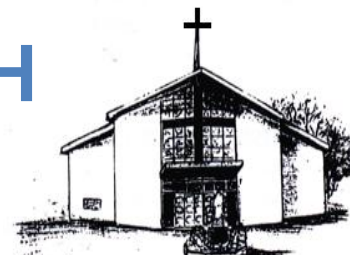
10 & 11 May 2025

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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 Rangjiira

Parish Secretary:

Mrs Noela Nolan

Admin Support Officer:

Gemma Betros

Safeguard Rep:

Mrs Nicole Rangjiira

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading – Acts 13:14, 43-52 (*We are now turning to the gentiles.*)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 99:1-3, 5. *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Second Reading – Revelation 7:9, 14-17 (*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*)

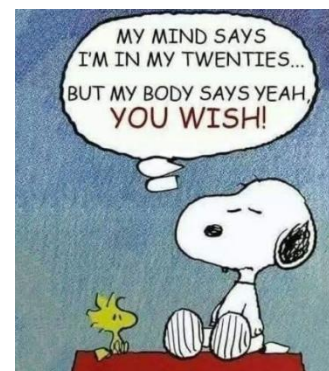
Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! *I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!*

Gospel – John 10:27-30 (*I give my sheep eternal life.*)



Important Dates Coming Up:

Sunday 11 May	Mother's Day World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday 14 May	3.30pm, Confirmation preparation
Saturday 17 May	6pm Feast for Freedom
Wednesday 20 May	10am Friendship Group
17-24 May	Laudato Si' week



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Betty Sheridan, Mary (Doyle) Wagner, Brian Wells, Veronica Littleton OSU, Kevin Norris, Ralph Hickey;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Krystyna Batorowicz, Bryan Rafter, Selim Gaim, Margaret Hanna, Eileen Cartwright, Arthur Schneider, Joe Wagner, Graham Hohn;

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

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, David Toohey (*Vera's husband*), 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*), 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.

Weekend Reflection

Pope St Gregory the Great (AD 540-604) has a lesson for us today, a lesson that the Church incorporates into her divine worship in today's Liturgy of the Hours: *"I am the good shepherd. I know my own – by which I mean, I love them – and my own know me.* In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.* Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father. Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more. Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast."

Parish & Diocesan News



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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.

St Anthony's School 70th anniversary: Celebrations will take place at the school on Sunday, 1 June 2025. Please note morning tea will be available at the school; all are warmly invited to join in festivities at the school.

Sychar, Term Two: Schedule for **22 April-27 June** now available, please see notice in foyer.

Multicultural Mass: St Patrick's Cathedral are having a Multicultural Mass at 9am on 8th June. All welcome.

Horizons: Issue 73 is 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. 🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵

ROSIES TOOWOOMBA NEEDS A NEW BARBIE! Given the rising cost of living more people are turning to Rosies for food assistance alongside a cuppa and a chat. In order to meet the needs of the community the Toowoomba Team have transitioned to provide more food offerings. [To find out more and give, visit the Grill4Good page.](#)

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, Bernice Stevens, Abut Mawien, Mary O'Brien, Kathryn Haynes, Bill Canning, Catherine McAleer, Rebecca More, Brenda Quaife, Louise Pflugst, 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 Rangiira (Chair)	Theo Fernando	Tony Meldon (Chair)	Father Jamie	Tim Fitzgerald
Father Jamie	Shane Hair	Father Jamie	Celia Warr	Lloyd Bailey
Louise Pfingst	Nicole Rangiira	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:

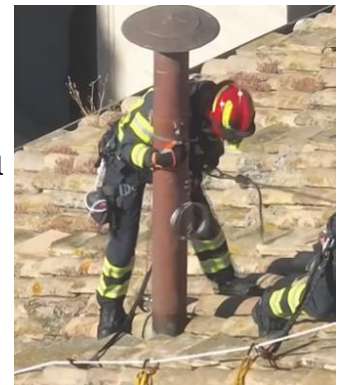
On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us remember Pope Francis with his shepherd's voice calling us to compassion, peace-making and solidarity with all marginalized people. As part of the eulogy at his funeral, we heard again the issues closest to his pastoral heart: concern for refugees and asylum seekers, an end to global conflict, and the urgent need to cherish and nurture our planet. May his papal successor continue Francis' work, and may we consider how we can do our part to give life to his legacy.

Pope Francis and Cardinal Bychok



Prayer for the Cardinals in Conclave

Loving God, eternal Shepherd of your Church,
 You constantly guide your people with wisdom and love.
 We entrust to you the Cardinals who are gathering in conclave.
 Send upon them the Holy Spirit, that they may discern your will
 and choose a Pope who will, with a father's heart,
 lead your Church in truth, mercy, and unity.
 May he be a shepherd after your own heart,
 courageous in mission, faithful in service,
 and filled with compassion for the poor and the wounded.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Turn Debt into Hope Launch - 16 May 12pm

Join the ACBC in this **Year of Jubilee** to launch the **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign. The *Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Justice Ecology and Peace*, and *Caritas Australia* invite you to join us in tackling the global debt crisis. Countries like Samoa and Malawi struggle because their debts are too high. But this isn't just about money—it's about people. Unjust debt crushes hope, steals opportunities, and leaves communities struggling to survive.

Register for the Launch Webinar: On May 16, 2025, at 12:00 PM (AEST), Caritas Australia and the ACBC Office for Justice Ecology and Peace will host a webinar to launch this campaign. Register to learn more about the crisis, why this campaign is crucial during the Jubilee Year, and how you can take action to support global economic justice. To learn more and register for the launch visit:

www.caritas.org.au/debt Flyer in foyer.



Winter Shelter Needs Your Help

As the days shorten and the nights grow chilly, we know that Winter is just around the corner. While some of us welcome the cold, we are reminded of the homeless Toowoomba-ites for whom Winter can be very hard. To support those who are homeless, seven different church communities have committed to providing food and shelter each night from 1st June to 31st August. Our Catholic parishes have undertaken to participate by covering each Friday night.

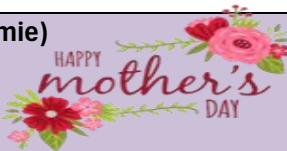
Please consider how you might be able play a part in this **Winter Shelter** project. St Anthony's has promised to provide a meal (pre-dinner nibbles, entrée eg soup, main eg pasta, stew, casserole, and dessert) on two separate occasions: Friday 6 June and Friday 8 August. In coming weeks, we will be calling on your generous support (again!!) to sign up and provide a dish on one of those nights.

Let's all consider how we can reach out a hand in a very practical way to those who will be doing it tough in the cold of Winter. *"I was hungry and you gave me to eat."*



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 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 
Monday 12 May	First Reading – Acts 11:1-18 Gospel – John 10:1-10		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 13 May	First Reading – Acts 11:19-26 Gospel – John 10:27		11am Funeral Liturgy for Betty Sheridan
Wednesday 14 May Saint Matthias	First Reading – Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Gospel – John 15:9-17	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting 1.30pm Circle Dance 3.30pm Confirmation preparation
Thursday 15 May	First Reading – Acts 13:13-25 Gospel – John 13:16-20		
Friday 16 May	First Reading – Acts 13:26-33 Gospel – John 14:1-6	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)
Saturday 17 May	First Reading – Acts 13:44-52 Gospel – John 14:7-14	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie) 6pm Feast for Freedom
Sunday 18 May Fifth Sunday of Easter	First Reading – Acts 14:21-27 Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-5 Gospel – John 13:31-35	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass

MINISTERS FOR MASS – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 17 & 18 May – Week 3

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
Co-ordinators:	Lloyd Bailey and Marg Nolan	Sandra Neale
Welcomers:	Trevor Wyllie and Carol Lovell	Denise and Marie McAleer
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	--
AV Operator:	Ed Briffa	Noela Nolan
Readers:	Regina Ryan and Carol Lovell	Sandra Neale and David Tutty
Prayer of the Faithful:	Terese Hanna	Joan Nugent
Offertory:	Peter and Jan Boyce	Jan Barsby and Joan Nugent
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Catherine Hanna and Lloyd Bailey	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Monica Gundry and Jan Barsby
Music:	Brett Rangira and Men's Choir	Tom Hodgson and Choir
Collectors:	Peter Boyce and Trevor Wyllie	Jim Nolan and Peter Wilkes
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Susan Tek's Team
Money Counters:		Collections, 3 & 4 May:
This Week – 11 May	Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry, and Jan Burchardt	Planned Giving – \$ 445.00 Loose – \$ 747.05
Next Week – 18 May	Kathy Reedy and Tom Kelly	
Ozcare	13 May – Ann Matthew	20 May – Celia Warr

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