

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

Saturday/ Sunday 1st/2nd February

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 Chair Parish Council: Mr Jim Tiernan
 Parish Secretary: Mrs Noela Nolan
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 School Principal: Mrs Louise Pfingst

Office Hours –

Maria – Mon-Wed & Fri 9-4

Noela – Tues-Fri 8.30-2.30

Fr Nandana – Tues-Fri 9-4

Weekends - CLOSED

Church Opening Hours

Monday-Friday 9am – 4pm

Saturday 5.15pm - 7.15pm

Sunday 8am – 10am

“A Place at the Table for All”

We acknowledge the living culture of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, the traditional custodians of this land

The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas – Yr A

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
 The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

Responsorial Psalm:
 Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
 He had to be made like us in all things.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 This is the light of revelation to the nations,
 and the glory of your people, Israel.
 Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
 My eyes have seen your saving power.

Parish Notices

We hold up and remember all those who have died recently: Bega Campbell (*Marg Wyllie's mum*), Ron Stenzell, Guido Mattiazzi, Aunty Joan Hendriks

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Harold Leis

and the Anniversaries of the deceased Priests of the Diocese:
 Rev Msgr Michael Potter, Ven A/Deacon Robert O'Shea, Rev Fr Raymond White, Most Rev James Byrne DD, Rev Msgr John Bergi, Rev Fr Michael Hayes, Rev Fr Michael Cronin, Rev Fr Henry MacFarlane, Rev Fr Brian O'Dwyer, Rev Fr Michael Sheehan.

We hold up in prayer all those who are sick including the following Parishioners:
 Daniel Bell, Brian Conrick, Thora England, Eileen Garvey, Carmel Graham, Neville Harris, Rita Irwin, Pat Kamler, Elsie Kirby, Malcolm Kirby, Aaron Marsh, Margaret Morris, Damian Potter, Joan Potter, Maureen Scheikowski, Gayle Sherman, Vonnie Sherman, Rod Sleba

As well as the following friends & family members: Regina Albion, Alan Benson, Rita Berry, Brian & Hazel Bowtell, Barry Cuthbert (*WA*), Roslyn Day, Maureen Feehelly (*Pat Cullen's sister*), Sr Zoe (*Christina*) Fitzpatrick (PBVM), Yvonne & Bruce Gardiner (*Brisbane*), Gabby Hanlon (*Marie Heslop's niece*), Frank Hickey, Ralph Hickey, Jim Horder, Stephen Mackenzie (*Pam Hahn's son*), Jim & Margaret Macarthur-Onslow, Cheryl McCurran, Mary McCurran, Michael McMahan (*Marg Morris' brother*), Paul Murphy (*Pat's son*), Paul Park, Brian Potter, Kevin Schick (*Val's brother*), Noela Sheriff, Neil Syme, Denis & Ruth Volter, Frank White (*Cairns*), Martin Yong, Jill, Debbie & Paul.

NORMAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES - Refer weekly program for changes

St Anthony's:	Wednesday & Friday Tuesday & Thursday	9.15am 5pm
Our Lady of Lourdes:	Tuesday - Thursday Friday	10.00am 5.30pm
St Thomas More's:	Monday & Friday Tuesday	9.00am 5.30pm
Sacred Heart:	Monday – Friday Tuesday	6.30am 12.10pm
St Patrick's Cathedral:	Tuesday– Saturday	7am
RECONCILIATION		
St Anthony's:	Saturday	5.30pm – 5.45pm
ADORATION		
St Anthony's:	1 st Friday Monthly	8.45am – 9.15am

Parish Calendar of Events

Feb 3rd – Playgroup resumes
 Parish Pastoral Council meeting
 Feb 5th – Social Justice Committee meeting
 Feb 7th – School Mass
 Feb 18th – Friendship Group meeting
 Fr Nandana back from leave
 Feb 22/23 – Project Compassion launch w/e
 Feb 25 – Parish Finance Committee meeting
Feb 26 – ASH WEDNESDAY
 Westhaven Mass

*** Parish Events/ News ***

Birthdays and anniversaries for February –

Michael O'Brien (65 on the 6th), Keith Shepherd (85 on the 25th), Celia Warr, Tom Nolan, Damian Wyllie, Trevor Wyllie, Michael Cooney, Jim Tiernan, Karen Tiernan, Rod Spalding & Jim Lindquist all celebrate their birthdays.
 Pat & Jill Sullivan celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb 1.
 Congratulations & best wishes to everyone.
 Don't forget to let us know when your birthday or wedding anniversary is.



Weekday Mass times during January & February:

There will **ONLY be a Wednesday weekday mass from Jan 15 – Feb 12** whilst Fr Nandana is on leave. The only exception will be **Friday Feb 7** when there will be Adoration (8.45am) followed by mass **at 9.30am**. There will be a Liturgy of The Word each Tuesday & Thursday at 5pm.

Please check the Parish Weekly Program during this time for ALL mass/liturgy times.

Lenten Program 2020:

Lent begins on February 26 so you need to think about which group you would like to join. Books are available now at a cost of \$10 each, please see Noela at the Parish Office. The program being used this year is *'Be Opened' – A journey to new life* from the Brisbane Archdiocese. Last year we ran 3 groups and will do so again, unless someone wants to lead a group at another time. Please place your name on sheet in foyer to indicate your preferences.

Lenten Program Groups –

- Mondays at 11am in the Church
- Tuesdays at 6pm in Parish Office
- Wednesdays at 10.15am in Parish Office
- Books are available in Parish Office for \$10



Planned Giving Program: If you would like to support our Parish financially, this may be done by Direct Debit, or via our weekly envelope system.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

All contributions are gratefully accepted.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM	
Jim Tiernan - Chairperson Kathy Doherty – Secretary Fr Peter Fr Nandana Mick Gorrington Louise Pfingst Ed Briffa Sr Maria Joyner David Tutty Chris Gwydir	Tony Meldon - Chair Tom Warren Greg Bowdler Peter Hanna Keith Shepherd Trish Zeller Fr Peter Noela Nolan	Celia Warr Sr Maria Joyner Tim Fitzgerald Lloyd Bailey Fr Nandana	Baptisms 1st & 3rd Sunday – during 8.30am Mass For more info contact office. Marriages: By appointment, contact office.

Australian Catholics: Available in the foyer.

Horizons: Available in the foyer.

The Swag: Available in foyer - \$1

Majellan Magazine: Available in the foyer - \$4 ea

Catholic Leader: Available online only.

Circle Dancing: Each **Tuesday (Except during School Holidays)** at 2.30pm in the Community Centre. Any enquiries may be directed to Michael 4638 4753.

Friendship Group: Meet 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Community Centre, **(except Dec & Jan)**.

Wednesday Morning Tea & Faith Sharing: Meet at 10am each Wednesday in the Parish Office. All welcome.

Parish Coordinating Team: Meet each Friday.

Sunday Singers: dates to be advised

Social Justice Group: Meet 1st **Wednesday of month** at 5pm in Parish Office **(except Dec & Jan)**.

Prayer of the Week:

Prayer to St Brigid of Ireland

Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen.



Circle Dancing:

Circle Dancing, a blend of folk dance and meditative dance (and beneficial for body, mind, and spirit), is held in the Community Centre from 2.30 to 3.30pm each Tuesday during school term. New dancers, both women and men, with reasonable mobility, are always welcome. No previous dance experience is required, and no partner is needed. Enquiries to Michael 4638 4753.



Saint Brigid of Kildare or Brigid of Ireland (451 – 525) is one of Ireland's patron saints, along with Patrick and Columba. She is also patron saint of dairymaids, cattle, midwives, Irish nuns, and newborn babies. Her feast day is 1 February.

According to tradition, around 480 Brigid founded a monastery at Kildare (*Cill Dara*: "church of the oak"), under a large oak tree.

Brigid, with an initial group of seven companions, is credited with organizing communal consecrated religious life for women in Ireland. She founded two monastic institutions, one for men, and the other for women, and invited Conleth "to govern the church along with herself". For centuries, Kildare was ruled by a double line of abbot-bishops and of abbesses, the Abbess of Kildare being regarded as superior general of the monasteries in Ireland. Her successors have always been accorded episcopal honour and in iconography she is depicted holding a crozier and a lamp. Brigid's oratory at Kildare became a centre of religion and learning, and developed into a cathedral city.

The **St. Brigid's Cross** design (made from woven rushes) is thought to keep evil, fire and hunger from the homes in which it is displayed.



Playgroup:

St Anthony's Playgroup will be resuming this Monday, **February 3rd** from 9am-11am in the Parish Community Centre. The playgroup is affiliated with Playgroup Queensland and will be an informal and relaxed morning for parents, grandparents and carers to bring along their children for a morning of fun, social interaction, learning and new experiences. Tea/coffee/water provided, please bring your own morning tea. Each Monday morning, during school term you are invited to come along. Cost is \$3/child to cover cost of resources. For more info please phone Kate 0407 128 936 or join the Facebook group – St Anthony's Playgroup Toowoomba.



Playgroup Items:

There is a box in the foyer where you can drop off items for the Playgroup to use. Such items required are –

- Cardboard rolls, eg. Toilet, paper towel, etc
- Small boxes, eg. Tissue, shoe, etc
- Wool
- Craft items suitable for toddlers
- Toys suitable for toddlers – MUST be in good condition

Thanks for your assistance.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish: 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 Rangiira 0437 382 408.

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



Sr Josephine Bakhita Feast Day:

Sr Bakhita's Feast Day will be celebrated here on Sunday, **February 9th**. She is the Patron Saint of Sudan and South Sudan. Please come along, learn about her, join in activities and celebrate her life. **Day begins with Mass at 8.30am, followed by morning tea, activities and lunch (all provided).** For more info please contact Malual 0413 523 667 or Susan 0403 733 312.

*** *Social Justice News* ***

Social Justice Thought for the Week:



Pope Francis has chosen as his new private secretary the Rev. Gonzalo Aemilius, a 40-year-old Uruguayan priest who worked with street children and drug addicts.

Padre Gonzalo revealed how Cardinal Bergoglio, as archbishop of Buenos Aires, had such a "decisive" impact on his life: *"He taught me to take the best that is in each individual, however different he or she may be from others, and to put it to good use for the good of all."*

Next meeting Wednesday,
February 5th at 5pm in Parish Office.
New members welcome.

Laurie Reedy Collection: The January collection for the fund, which supports refugees and needy families in our local area, will be held over till February 22/23.

Resource Corner - Living Justly Blog:

The Social Justice Commission have a new post on their blog, *Living Justly*. David Tutty (Executive Officer, Social Justice Commission) has written about what it means to acknowledge Australia's First Peoples when we come together. Read: [What are the Implications of Acknowledgment of Country?](#)

*** *News from outside our Parish* ***

Cent Sale:

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Cent Sale - first fundraiser of the year. It will be held at All Seasons Function Hall, cnr North and Tor Sts on Saturday **February 8**. Doors will open at 12.30pm for a 1.30pm start. Prizes are of a high quality and a Multidraw raffle is also available. Entry fee of \$5 includes a free sheet of tickets, a Lucky Door ticket and a Buffet Afternoon Tea. All proceeds go to Charity. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818.

Official Diocesan Launch Of Project Compassion:

Date: Sunday, February 23

Time: 9:00am Mass

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba

Bishop Robert McGuckin will celebrate Mass for the launch and commission student representatives from the schools around the diocese. All are welcome to attend Mass and a special morning tea.

Call for volunteers for event: Anyone able to volunteer some time to assist the Project Compassion Launch would be appreciated. Catherine is looking for a small team to assist with directing people to morning tea, setting up, serving and cleaning up the morning tea. Please contact Catherine on caritas@twb.catholic.org.au or 4638 7977 if you can assist.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

Weekly Prayer Groups:

Date: Starting from first week in February 2020
Copies of weekly schedule available in Foyer.

Venue: Sychar, 69 Margaret St Toowoomba

Facilitated Group Reflection (*The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr):

Date: 8 sessions between Thursday 27 February and 30 April (includes a two week break)

Time: 9:00am for a 9:30am start - 3:30pm

Venue: Sychar, 69 Margaret St Toowoomba

RSVP: 13/2/20, sychar@twb.catholic.org.au or phone 07 46130933

Come join in a prayerful discussion on a chapter by chapter basis of "The Universal Christ". Flyer available in foyer.

Journal Workshop With Sr Pat Quinn:

Date: Saturday, March 14

Time: 9:00am for a 9:30am start - 3:30pm

Venue: Sychar, 69 Margaret St Toowoomba

Journal writing can help to discover your own inner wisdom. The day will include small group sharing and time for quiet in a peaceful setting. You will be given some guiding questions in reflecting on your spiritual journey. Journal writing does not require literary skills. What you write will not be shown to others – it is for your own reflection. Flyer available in foyer with booking details.

Bus Trips Marian Valley:

Tuesday, **February 11**, feast of OLOL healing mass.

Saturday, **February 15**, Relics St. Terese and parents.

Buses depart both days Neil St. outside St. Patrick's Cathedral at 7:30 am. Cost \$25 per trip.

For bookings contact Theresa on 0434 528 904.

John Wallis Memorial Lecture - Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton:

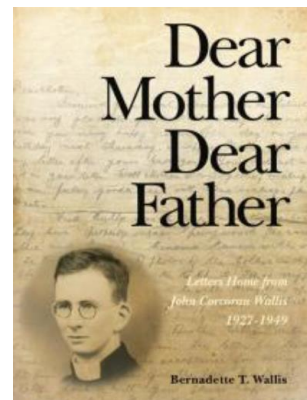
March 8 @ 2:00pm, St Theresa's Parish, Cnr Curzon & Campbell Sts.



Lindy Chamberlain Creighton will be speaking in Toowoomba at the invitation of the Missionary Sisters of Service and their mission organisation Highways and Byways – a Community of Service. She will share her story "A Personal Journey of Faith" at St. Theresa's parish centre. Arrive at 1.30 for a 2pm start. Cost \$25, includes afternoon tea. Pay at the door - cash preferred. The lecture is open to all who are interested.

At this same gathering Bishop Bill Morris will also launch a book of the letters of the founder of the Missionary Sisters of Service, Fr. John Wallis: "Dear Mother, Dear Father".

Flyers in foyer. Bookings required. RSVP before 28 Feb. 4634 9786 or email marycleary5@bigpond.com



St Saviour's College Alumni Evening:

Date: Friday, March 20

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

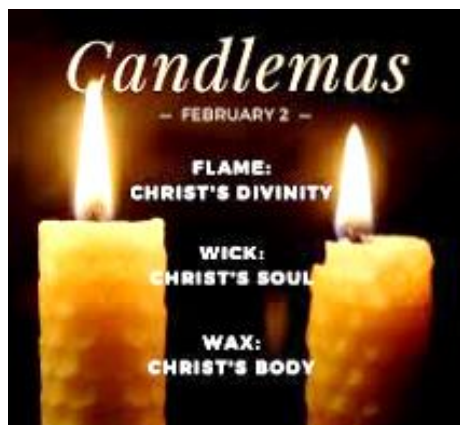
Venue: Callaghan Centre, Cnr Neil & Perth Sts Tmba

An opportunity to reconnect with our College Community. [Tickets can be purchased online at Trybooking](#) by 28/2/20.

SAVE THE DATE –

Women's Retreat **Date:** 2-4/10/20 **Venue:** James Byrne Centre, Highfields

Following the warm reception for the Women's Retreat in 2019, another retreat is tentatively planned for October. Mark the date in your diary! More details about the event will be publicised when available. Further enquiries can be directed to Nicole Rangira, 0437 382 408 twb.catholic.women@gmail.com



PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass	Parish Life
Sunday Feb 2 nd	The Presentation of the Lord – Blessing of Candles First Reading Malachi 3:1-4 Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel Luke 2:22-40	8.30am Mass	Mass led by Fr Michael 9.30am Morning Tea
Monday Feb 3 rd	Monday of the 4 th Week in Ordinary Time First Reading 2 Samuel 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Gospel Mark 5:1-20	<i>No Liturgy or Mass</i>	5pm SVDP meeting 6.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Tuesday Feb 4 th	Tuesday of the 4 th Week in Ordinary Time First Reading 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30; 19:3 Gospel Mark 5:21-43	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	2.30pm Circle Dancing 5pm Liturgy 7pm Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday Feb 5 th	Saint Agatha First Reading 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Gospel Mark 6:1-6	9.15am Mass	Mass led by Fr Michael 10am Morning Tea & Faith Sharing 5pm Social Justice meeting
Thursday Feb 6 th	Saint Paul Miki and Companions First Reading 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Gospel Mark 6:7-13	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	5pm Liturgy
Friday Feb 7 th	Friday of the 4 th Week in Ordinary Time First Reading Ecclesiasticus 47:2-11 Gospel Mark 6:14-29	9.30am Mass	8.45am Adoration Mass led by Fr Peter – school to attend 10.45am Coordinating Team meeting
Saturday Feb 8 th	Saturday of the 4 th Week in Ordinary Time First Reading 1 Kings 3:4-13 Gospel Mark 60:30-34	6pm (Vigil)	5.30pm Reconciliation Youth Mass led by Fr Michael
Sunday Feb 9 th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel Matthew 5:13-16	8.30am Mass	Mass led by Fr Michael 9.30am Morning Tea Sr Bakhita Feast Day celebrations

MINISTERS FOR MASS Saturday/ Sunday 8th/9th February, 2020 – Week 2

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinators:	Lloyd Bailey, Chris Gwydir	Marie McAleer
Welcomers:	Trevor Wyllie, Ann Matthew	Kathryn Haynes, Tony Meldon
AV Operator:	Yano	Peter Sheridan
Children's Liturgy		Jenn Stephens, Britt Hart
Parish Morning Tea:		Susan Tek & African community – Sr Bakhita Feast Day
Readers:	Young People	Mary Wagner, Mick Gorrington
Prayer of the Faithful:	Young People	David Tutty
Presentation of Gifts:	Young People	Denis & Marie McAleer
Ministers of Communion:	Tabernacle: Chris Gwydir Pouring Wine: Marg Wyllie Jan Boyce, Barry Turner, Lloyd Bailey	Tabernacle: Tom Warren Pouring Wine: Helen Warren Kathryn Haynes, Gail Johnson, Marie McAleer
Altar Assistants:	Damian Wyllie, John Roche	Patrick Donohue
Music:	Anne-Maree Spalding & Young People	African Choir – Sr Bakhita Feast Day
Collectors:	Peter Boyce, Nev Dredge	Susan & Martin Tek, Mick Gorrington
Church Environment:		
Money Counters: This Week: 02/02 Next Week: 09/02	Tom Kelly, Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry Brenda Thomas, Tony Meldon	Jan 25/26 Planned Giving - \$559.00 Loose - \$480.90 Bushfire Appeal Collection - \$1,714.60



Always remember to keep your contact details up to date!