

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

Saturday/ Sunday 8th/9th 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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr A

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
Your light will shine like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm:
A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the
light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16
You are the light of the world.

Parish Notices

We hold up and remember all those who have died recently: Noela Cribb, Karl Rangiira (*Brett's dad*), Bega Campbell (*Marg Wyllie's mum*), Guido Mattiazzi, Aunty Joan Hendriks

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones:

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 McMahon (*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 11th – Liturgy Team meeting
 Feb 15th – Plenary gathering
 Feb 16th – Plenary gathering
 Feb 18th – Friendship Group meeting
 Fr Nandana back from leave
 Feb 19th – Plenary gathering
 Feb 22/23 – Project Compassion launch w/e
 Sacramental Program meetings
 Feb 23rd – Pre Lenten gathering
 Feb 25 – Parish visit to Sychar
 Parish Finance Committee meeting

Feb 26 – ASH WEDNESDAY

*** 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 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb 7.

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. 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 Gorring 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 Josephine Bakhita

St Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering.

Once liberated from your physical enslavement you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

St Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery;

Intercede with God on their behalf

so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.

For all those enslaved, including those who are victims of forced labour,

Human trafficking and the survivors,

give us the courage and strength to reach out and provide a voice and comfort.

Help all survivors find healing from their wounds.

May they see you St Bakhita as an example of hope and faith.

Amen.

Transport to Mass:

The Parish is eager to assist those elderly people, living within the parish, without transport of their own to attend weekend mass. If you are interested in this would you please contact Maria or Noela at the Parish Office.

Playgroup:

St Anthony's Playgroup each Monday, 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.

Sr Josephine Bakhita Feast Day:

Sr Bakhita's Feast Day will be celebrated here this 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.



A **Plenary Council** is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The Plenary Council will be held in two sessions. The first will be held on October 4th to 11th, 2020, in Adelaide, and the second session will be held in mid-2021 (possibly in May).

The **first stage** of preparation for the Plenary Council was listening and dialogue. **The second stage is listening and discernment.** Looking at the National Themes for Discernment, for the second stage of the Plenary Council journey all Australians Catholics are encouraged to communally discern how God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is: Missionary and evangelising; Inclusive, Participatory and synodal; Prayerful and Eucharistic; Humble, Healing and merciful; A joyful, hope-filled and servant community and Open to conversion, renewal and reform.

We will be having discernment sessions for this **second stage** on **Saturday 15th after the 6pm mass, Sunday 16th after the 8.30am mass, and Wednesday 19th at 7pm.**

Actions discerned from these discussions will be submitted to the Discernment writing groups and will help form agenda items for the Plenary Council.

Please be supportive of the process of being open to the Spirit in our local and national church through **prayer and participation** in one of these gatherings.

More information can be found on the Website<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

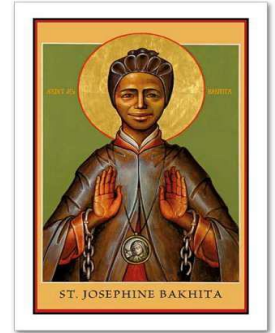
*** Social Justice News ***

(8 February - International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking)

St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery. At age 27, having been sold multiple times, St. Josephine was awarded her freedom in an Italian court and became a Canossian Daughter of Charity.

'Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity'. (Pope Francis, 10 April, 2014)

'Give every human being every right that you claim for yourself' Robert Ingersoll

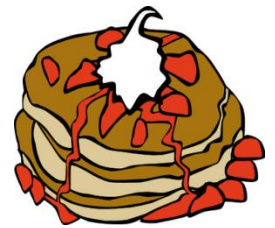


Next meeting Wednesday,
March 4th at 5pm in Parish Office.
New members welcome.

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.

Pre-Lenten Celebration

Our season of Lent has many similarities to the Muslim celebration of Ramadan, so for the past few years our parish has taken the opportunity to share Shrove Tuesday (or pancake Tuesday) with our Muslim friends from the neighbouring mosque. Because Tuesday, being part of the working week, is not convenient for many folk, this year, as our pre-Lenten celebration, we are having a Muslim/Catholic gathering on **Sunday Feb 23rd, 4.30pm-6.30pm**, at St Anthony's Community Centre. We would love as many parishioners as possible to come and participate.



Please bring a plate to share – pikelets/pancakes/fruit/nuts etc. Just a gentle reminder: if you are making pancakes or buying cream, please consider the dietary requirements observed by the Muslim community. Some vanilla extract/essence contains alcohol and gelatine often contains a pork extract, so neither is certified as halal. It is good to check the labels of these products for halal certification or simply google "halal vanilla", etc to run a check.

Please come along, bring your friends and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea and good company before we move into the more reflective and sombre season of Lent.

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 ***

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

Venue: Sychar, 69 Margaret St Toowoomba

Copies of weekly schedule available in Foyer.

SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ST ANTHONY'S -

I would like to invite the parishioners of St. Anthony's to visit Sychar (House of Prayer and Spirituality) on **Tuesday February 25** at 9.30 am. It will be an opportunity to explore what is available, to chat to the librarians who will be present and to share morning tea together in a relaxed atmosphere. If there is anyone who would like to visit but whose work commitments make it impossible to come at this time, just let me know and I will be happy to arrange a time that suits. Elaine Morzone

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.



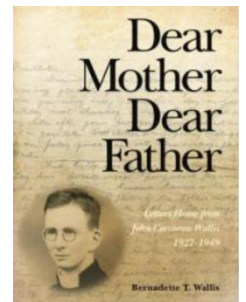
John Wallis Memorial Lecture - Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton:

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



Australia Day Bushfire Appeal:

Special collections at Masses across the country on the Australia Day weekend have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support people and communities affected by the devastating bushfires. This is one part of a multi-dimensional response of the Catholic community across the nation to the drama of the situation we face.


Catholic Emergency Relief Australia (CERA) is a new collaboration of national Catholic organisations that will help coordinate the Church's ongoing response to the bushfire crisis and future domestic natural disasters. Thanks to all those who contributed.

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 Rangira 0437 382 408.

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

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass	Parish Life
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
Monday Feb 10 th	Monday of the 5 th Week in Ordinary Time First Reading 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Gospel Mark 6:53-56	<i>No Liturgy or Mass</i>	5pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday Feb 11 th	Our Lady of Lourdes First Reading 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Gospel Mark 7:1-13	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	WORLD DAY OF SICK 10.30am Funeral Mass for Noela Cribb 5pm Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday Feb 12 th	Wednesday of the 5 th Week in Ordinary Time First Reading 1 Kings 10:1-10 Gospel Mark 7:14-23	9.15am Mass	Mass led by Fr Michael 10am Morning Tea & Faith Sharing
Thursday Feb 13 th	Thursday of the 5 th Week in Ordinary Time First Reading 1 Kings 11:4-13 Gospel Mark 7:24-30	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	5pm Liturgy
Friday Feb 14 th	Saints Cyril & Methodius – Valentines Day  First Reading 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Gospel Mark 7:31-37	<i>No Liturgy or Mass</i>	10.15am Coordinating Team meeting
Saturday Feb 15 th	Saturday of the 5 th Week in Ordinary Time First Reading 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Gospel Mark 8:1-10	6pm (Vigil)	5.30pm Reconciliation Mass led by Fr Michael 7pm Plenary Council Gathering
Sunday Feb 16 th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34	8.30am Mass	Mass led by Fr Michael 9.30am Morning Tea 10am Plenary Council Gathering Fr Nandana back next week!

MINISTERS FOR MASS Saturday/ Sunday 15th/16th February, 2020 – Week 3

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinators:	Marg Wyllie, Celia Warr	Sandra Neale, Trish Zeller
Welcomers:	Norm & Carol Lovell	Brendan & Gail Johnson
AV Operator:	Gerald Hicks	Peter Sheridan
Children's Liturgy		Mary Neilan, Vanessa Quinlan
Parish Morning Tea:		Sue & Lari O'Neill
Readers:	Ray Cullen, Carmel Graham	Helen Warren, Sandra Neale
Prayer of the Faithful:	Terese Hanna	Gail Johnson
Presentation of Gifts:	Michael Rooke, Michael O'Brien	Sandra Neale, Brenda Thomas
Ministers of Communion:	Tabernacle: Greg Gabbett Pouring Wine: Ann Matthew Trevor Wyllie, Sr Maria, Carol Lovell	Tabernacle: David Tutty Pouring Wine: Brenda Thomas Mick Goring, Marie Fitzpatrick, Val Schick
Altar Assistants:	Damian Wyllie, John Roche	Patrick Donohue
Music:	Anne-Maree Spalding & Men's Choir	Sr Maria/ Debbie Sheehan & singers
Collectors:	Barry Turner, Michael O'Brien	Tom & Helen Warren
Church Environment:		
Money Counters:		Feb 1/2
This Week: 09/02	Brenda Thomas, Tony Meldon	Planned Giving - \$668.00
Next Week: 16/02	Michael Rooke, Amber Copland, Jim Tiernan	Loose - \$530.60



Always remember to keep your contact details up to date!