

# ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

Saturday/ Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> February

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### Office Hours –

Maria – Mon-Wed & Fri 9-4

Noela – Tues-Fri 8.30-2.30

Fr Nandana – Tues-Fri 9-4

Weekends - CLOSED

*“A Place at the Table for All”*

### Church Opening Hours

Monday-Friday 9am – 4pm

Saturday 5.15pm - 7.15pm

Sunday 8am – 10am

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

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr A

**First Reading:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
 You must love your neighbour as yourself.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
 All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
 grows perfect in the love of God.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48  
 Love your enemies.



### \*Parish Notices\*

**We hold up and remember all those who have died recently:** Peter Kallinicos, Killian Scherger

**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, Paul Murphy (Pat's son), Paul Park, Brian Potter, Kevin Schick (Val's brother), Harley Stewart, Noela Sheriff, Neil Syme, Denis & Ruth Volter, Frank White (Cairns), Martin Yong, Jill, Debbie & Paul.

### NORMAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES - Refer weekly program for changes

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

### Parish Calendar of Events

Feb 22/23 – Project Compassion launch w/e  
 Sacramental Program meetings

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pre Lenten gathering

Feb 25 – Parish visit to Sychar

Parish Finance Committee meeting

**Feb 26 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parish Pastoral Council meeting

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mthly Liturgy of the Word

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> - Social Justice meeting

Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – World Day of Prayer

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner**

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – Garden City Mosque Open Day

### \*\*\* Parish Events/ News \*\*\*

#### Birthdays and anniversaries for February –

Michael O'Brien (65 on the 6<sup>th</sup>), Keith Shepherd (85 on the 25<sup>th</sup>), Celia Warr, Tom Nolan, Damian Wyllie, Trevor Wyllie, Michael Cooney, Jim Tiernan, Karen Tiernan, Rod Spalding, Judith Fitzgerald, Carmi Adhil & Jim Lindquist all celebrate their birthdays. Pat & Jill Sullivan celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Feb 7. Congratulations & best wishes to everyone. Don't forget to let us know when your birthday or wedding anniversary is.



**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 Fr Peter Fr Nandana Mick Goring Louise Pflugst 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	<b>Baptisms</b> 1st & 3rd Sunday – during 8.30am Mass For more info contact office.  <b>Marriages:</b> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> **Wednesday of month** at 5pm in Parish Office **(except Dec & Jan)**.

**Prayer of the Week:**



### Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered. Amen.



### **Newsletter via email:**

Each Friday the newsletter and various other attachments (*that are too much for the printed newsletter*) is sent out via email. Some of these attachments are the School Newsletter, Parish Calendar and flyers for upcoming events both within and outside the parish. If you would like to be added to the email list please see Maria or Noela, or write your name & email address in the Pink Correspondence book in the foyer.

### **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.



### **Playgroup Items needed:**

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.

## 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 – Starts this week**

- Mondays at **10am in Parish Office** – **note changes**
- Tuesdays at 6pm in Parish Office
- Wednesdays at 10am in Unit 39, Drayton Villas
- Wednesdays at 10.15am in Parish Office
- Books are available in Parish Office for \$10



### **Stations of the Cross:**

Each Friday at 5pm during Lent you are invited to attend Stations of the Cross in the Church.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Project Compassion Sunday  
23<sup>rd</sup> February**

 **Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes** and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Go Further Together”**.

As Teresa of Calcutta said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love.”

You will be helping empower our world’s most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

**You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, available in the foyer** or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## Lenten Practices

The church asks us to adopt the following Lenten practices:

**FASTING:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, for those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid food between meals is to be avoided.

**ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The church does not prescribe Lenten practices in detail. The more fundamental obligation is to make Lent a penitential season choosing practices that are adapted to one’s own circumstances. On all Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the common practice of penance is shown by performing any one of the following:

- (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
- (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one’s own country or through Project compassion.
- (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Lent (40 days) lasts from Ash Wednesday (February 26<sup>th</sup>) to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper (April 9<sup>th</sup>) exclusive. On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed.

Sundays are always days of rejoicing and are not included in the 40 days of Lent.

### 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 Rangjiira 0437 382 408.

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

#### Parish Name Badges:

If you would like a name badge please place your name on the list in the foyer, or email the office, by Wednesday **Feb 26**. I hope to place a bulk order then. Cost is \$8ea.

### \*\*\* *Social Justice News* \*\*\*

#### Social Justice Thought for the Week:

(13 February – Anniversary of the 2008 **National Apology to the Stolen Generations**)



Without the change of heart and attitudes enacted in the Apology, Indigenous Australians will continue to be the victims of policy decisions made about them without their participation, and of administrative actions taken by people prejudiced against them.

The Apology, however, is not simply a marker of failure. It also points to small but precious signs of respect in the Australian community. The courage of young Indigenous Australians calling out discrimination and racial abuse, and the increased credence given them, for example. Also the significant number of Indigenous Australians who are entering the professions, the arts, and being

employed in managerial positions is another candle in the darkness....

These things do not make up for the institutional disrespect suffered by Indigenous Australians. They are candles in the dark, offering us hope, that the spirit of the Apology may engender respect in the relationship between the first and the later Australians.

(Andrew Hamilton, *Eureka Street*, 12 February, 2020)

**Laurie Reedy Collection:** The next collection for the fund, which supports refugees and needy families in our local area, will be held **this weekend**.

Next meeting Wednesday, **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm in Parish Office.  
New members welcome.

#### Pre-Lenten Celebration

To celebrate the commencement of Lent we are having a Muslim/Catholic gathering this **Sunday, 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.

#### Meeting Report from the Social Justice Group

As last week's meeting was our first gathering for 2020, we spent much of the time discussing where we would focus our energy this year. We dealt in detail with the parish celebration of St Bakhita so joyously organised and led by the wider African community (many thanks, Susan and Malual). We then moved on to the pre-Lenten gathering with our Muslim neighbours, support for Protea Place, anti-trafficking advocacy, Migrant and Refugee Sunday, NAIDOC Week, the Commemoration of the Battle of One Tree Hill, Celebrating Creation in September, the release of the 2020 Social Justice Statement, October's Walk Together and the pre-Melbourne Cup festivity, right through to World Day of the Poor in November. As you can see, 2020 promises to be a busy year for us. As always, we will try to keep everyone informed. Many thanks in advance for the ready support and generosity with which you engage in and support so many of our parish social justice activities.

A gentle reminder: we meet on the **first Wednesday of each month** at **5.00pm** in the Parish Office. We'd love to hear your ideas, so come and join in our next meeting on **4 March. ALL WELCOME!**

## Toowoomba Food Festival and Mosque Open Day 2020:

The 7th Annual International Food Festival and Mosque Open day from 11:00am-3:00pm on Sunday, **March 22** at the Garden City Mosque on 217 West St..

Please join the event with your family for food, fun, friendship and faith.

### Help for the homeless:

There are approx 500 homeless people in Toowoomba and another 1,000 at risk of becoming homeless. We are not sure how many are women, but **Protea Place** offers showers, lunch, clean clothes, washing and drying facilities and counsellors and other such services to women. They are open from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They would really appreciate donations of **white** towels and bath mats and the following toiletries. The women can take them with them and as they don't have anywhere to store things, the items need to be small. Not the hotel size, but more the travel size. Below are listed examples and typical costs:

Shampoo and Conditioner <b>100ml</b>	\$3.70 each
Deodorant roll-on or small spray	\$1.75
Toothbrush	\$3.50
Toothpaste 115 gr	\$2.75
Hairbrush	\$6.00



### 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* \*\*\*

### Secondary Enrolments:

St Ursula's College enrolments now open for girls in Year 7 2021 & 2022.

Contact Lisa McKellar, College Registrar on 4632 7611 or by email [enrolment@st-ursula.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@st-ursula.qld.edu.au)



### 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.

### 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) this **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. **You can meet at Parish Office by 9.15 for car-pooling if you wish.**

### 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:** 4pm-5.30pm **Venue:** Sychar, 69 Margaret St Toowoomba

**RSVP:** 13/2/20, [sychar@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:sychar@twb.catholic.org.au) or phone 07 46130933

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

### Mass At USQ:

**Date:** Wednesday March 4

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Venue:** Multi-Faith Prayer Room, University of Southern QLD Tmba

Fr Tom Duncan will be celebrating the first Mass of the year at **USQ for students**. See flyer on Bulletin Board.

### Young Catholics Toowoomba - Lenten Adoration:

**Date:** Friday March 6

**Time:** 6:00pm - 9:00pm

**Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba

Young people are invited to join Fr Tom Duncan for an evening of food, fellowship and Eucharistic adoration. See flyer on Bulletin Board for details.

## PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass	Parish Life
Sunday Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> First Reading <b>Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18</b> Second Reading <b>1 Corinthians 3:16-23</b> Gospel <b>Matthew 5:38-48</b>	<b>8.30am Mass</b>	Mass led by Fr Nandana 9.30am Morning Tea 9.45am Sacramental Program meeting <b>4.30-6.30 Pre-Lenten Gathering</b>
Monday Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time First Reading <b>James 3:13-18</b> Gospel <b>Mark 9:14-29</b>	<i>No Liturgy or Mass</i>	9am Play Group <b>10am Lenten Group in Parish Office</b> 12pm Liturgy Team working bee 5pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time First Reading <b>James 4:1-10</b> Gospel <b>Mark 9:30-37</b>	<b>5pm Mass</b>	2.30pm Circle Dancing Mass led by Fr Nandana <b>6pm Lenten Group in Parish Office</b> 7pm Parish Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> First Reading <b>Joel 2:12-18</b> Second Reading <b>2 Corinthians 5:20; 6:2</b> Gospel <b>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Mass led by Fr Nandana <b>10.15am Lenten Group in Parish Office</b> 10.30am Westhaven Mass
Thursday Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday after Ash Wednesday First Reading <b>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</b> Gospel <b>Luke 9:22-25</b>	<b>5pm Mass</b>	Mass led by Fr Nandana
Friday Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday after Ash Wednesday First Reading <b>Isaiah 58:1-9</b> Gospel <b>Matthew 9:14-15</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	Mass led by Fr Nandana 10.15am Coordinating Team meeting <b>5pm Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday Feb 29 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday after Ash Wednesday First Reading <b>Isaiah 85:1-6</b> Gospel <b>Luke 5:27-32</b>	<b>6pm (Vigil)</b>	5.30pm Reconciliation Mass led by Fr Nandana
Sunday March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> First Reading <b>Genesis 3:1-7</b> Second Reading <b>Romans 5:12-19</b> Gospel <b>Matthew 4:1-11</b>	<b>8.30am Mass</b>	Family Mass led by Fr Nandana 9.30am Morning Tea

### MINISTERS FOR MASS Saturday/ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> February/ 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 – Week 1

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
<b>Co-ordinators:</b>	Marg Nolan, Tim Fitzgerald	Sr Maria, School Rep
<b>Welcomers:</b>	John & Marion Herzig	<b>Family Sunday</b>
<b>AV Operator:</b>	Michael Rooke	David Tutty
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Family Sunday</b>
<b>Parish Morning Tea:</b>		Michael & Mary O'Brien
<b>Readers:</b>	Cherene Brandt, Marg Wyllie	<b>Family Sunday</b>
<b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b>	Carol Lovell	<b>Family Sunday</b>
<b>Presentation of Gifts:</b>	tba	<b>Family Sunday</b>
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	<b>Tabernacle:</b> Marg Nolan <b>Pouring Wine:</b> Trevor Wyllie Celia Warr, Lloyd Bailey, Greg Gabbett	<b>Tabernacle:</b> tba <b>Pouring Wine:</b> Louise Pflugst Katie Hauser, Noela Nolan, School rep
<b>Altar Assistants:</b>	Damian Wyllie	Patrick Donohue
<b>Music:</b>	Carolyn Searle & singers	Sr Maria & School Choir
<b>Collectors:</b>	John Herzig, Greg Gabbett	Jim Nolan, Tony Meldon
<b>Church Environment:</b>	Sue Squires, Gail Schick	
<b>Money Counters:</b>		Feb 15/16
<b>This Week: 23/02</b>	<b>Nev Dredge, Tony Meldon</b>	<b>Planned Giving - \$427.00</b>
<b>Next Week: 01/03</b>	Tom Kelly, Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry	<b>Loose - \$476.30</b>

**Always remember to keep your contact details up to date!**

