

# ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

Saturday/ Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March

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 School Principal: Mrs Louise Pflingst

### 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*

### Third Sunday of Lent – Yr A

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7  
Give us water to drink.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
The love of God has been poured into  
our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has  
been given us.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the  
world;  
give me living water, that I may never  
thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42  
The water that I shall give will turn into  
a spring of eternal life.

### \*Parish Notices\*

**We hold up and remember all those who have died recently:** Fred Schick,  
Archbishop John Bathersby DD AO (*Emeritus Archbishop of Brisbane*)

**For the Anniversaries of our loved ones:** Trevor Skully, Arthur Neale, Katonga Joseph

**and the Anniversaries of the deceased Priests of the Diocese:**

Fr Dominic Burke, Fr Hector Thomas Sheeran, Fr Joseph Skelly, Fr Kevin Ryan, Fr Bernard Kane,  
Fr Derick Furness, Fr Ronald Walton, Fr Patrick Brady

**We hold up in prayer all those who are sick including the following Parishioners:**

Daniel Bell, Brian Conrick, Thora England, Norm Fechner, 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, Vonnice 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*), Patrick  
Fitzgerald (*Tim's son*), 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.

### Parish Calendar of Events

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

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – Liturgy Team meeting

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – Garden City Mosque Open Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation  
Oscar Romero Movie Night

Parish Finance Committee meeting  
Mar 25<sup>th</sup> – **9am** Mass – Feast of Annunciation

Diocesan Inservice  
Mar 26<sup>th</sup> – Tmba Show Holiday

**OFFICE CLOSED**

Mar 30 – Parish Pastoral Council meeting

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Anointing Mass

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Auction of Promises

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

#### Birthdays and anniversaries for March –

Neville Dredge (80 on the 5<sup>th</sup>), Helen & Tom Warren, Laurie Corcoran, Isadore, Bernica Stevens, Michael Rooke, Trish Zeller, Ken Waters, David Waters, Joe Wagner, Fr Nandana, Navan (40 on the 14<sup>th</sup>), Yano and Monica Gundry all celebrate their birthdays.

John & Marion Herzig and Tim & Cushla Randall celebrate their wedding anniversaries.

Fr Hermi celebrated 20 yrs ordained last month. 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 Gorring Louise Pffingst 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.      **Playgroup:** Each Monday during school term from 9-11am in the Community Centre.

**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:**



*Be Opened...to the Living Water*

O God of abundant compassion, our soul thirsts for you,  
 like a dry and waterless land.  
 Flood our hearts with the torrents of your love.  
 Wash us with the joy of your forgiveness.  
 Bathe us in the light of your presence.  
 We open our hearts to you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 who is Living Water for the world. Amen.

**Coronavirus update:**

A letter has been received from Bishop McGuckin advising temporary protocols set by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in light of coronavirus (COVID-19). The following temporary protocols will be in place within the Diocese until further notice –

- Individuals are encouraged to consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration
- Holy Water has been removed from fonts in church. Holy Water is available for those who wish to take home, please provide your own bottle.
- Alcohol-based gels be made available near entrances.
- When greeting each other or exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- Holy Communion from the Chalice will **cease** until further notice. Host will **ONLY** be given in the hand, **NOT** on the tongue.

We regret that these protocols are in place, but the health and safety of our community is paramount and ask that everyone understand.

Daily alerts & information from the Australian Health Department are available via following link –

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

Please refer to our Parish Newsletter for any changes or updates to above protocols.



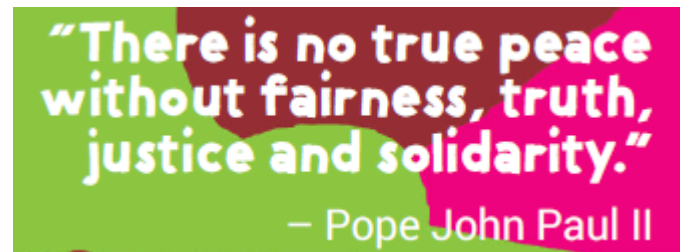
**Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes** and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “Go Further Together”.

Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he’s an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.**

**Let’s Go Further, Together.**

**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.



#### **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.

#### **Auction of Promises:**

St Anthony’s Parish, on behalf of Caritas, is hosting an **Auction of Promises** to raise funds for Project Compassion. Here’s how you can help while being part of a great social event! The auction night is **Saturday 4 April** following the 6pm vigil mass. The promises to be auctioned are pledges from our parishioners – pledges like:

- Offering a home cooked meal – or maybe baking a cake/slice or biscuits
- Garden vegetables
- Ironing or housework e.g. ½ hour, 1 hour, or 1 basket
- Bicycle servicing
- Dog walking e.g. 1 x half hour walk or similar
- Car wash
- Hobby lesson 1 x ½ hour or 1-hour lesson, or similar
- Lawn Mowing e.g. mowing of an average sized yard or similar
- Weeding a garden or similar
- Computer assistance e.g. 1 x ½ hour or 1-hour simple tuition lesson
- General handyman service e.g. 1 x 1/2hour or 1 hour on small and simple repairs

Got another idea for a pledge that isn’t listed? Write it on the Auction of Promises pledge form located in the church foyer and drop it in the box in the church foyer. Pledges and donated items will be auctioned to the highest bidder on the night. BYO drinks and nibbles. Hot finger food will be provided.





### Stations of the Cross:

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

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

### Social Justice Thought for the Week:

(Harmony day – 21 March – *EVERYBODY BELONGS*)



Harmony Day celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and aims to promote a tolerant and culturally diverse society. Initially celebrated in 1999, Harmony Day coincides with the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which was established in 1966 with the aim of eradicating racism and racially-fuelled hate crime. Australia prides itself on being a multi-cultural society. It has a very rich Indigenous history, with more than 70 Indigenous languages now spoken. Apart from the First Peoples, figures show that nearly half of all other Australians were born overseas, with the country seeing a high volume of migration every year. The continuing message of Harmony Day is 'Everybody Belongs' and its annual observance aims to encourage inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

### Meeting Report from St Anthony's Social Justice Group

Thanks to all who came to celebrate with our Muslim neighbours at the pre-Lenten gathering. What better way to promote respect and harmony than to reach across the boundaries of our faiths, sit down, chat, eat and share stories together! Thanks also for your ongoing support of Protea Place where homeless women can come, shower, wash their clothes and receive care and support. It's hard to believe that, in addition to other age groups, **five women over 80 years of age** engage with this service...and we call this "the lucky country"!

A few upcoming events for you to mark in your diaries: Open Day at the Mosque (**22 March**, 11.00am-3.00pm); Oscar Romero movie night in the community centre to mark his feast day and the fortieth anniversary of his assassination (**24 March**, 6.30pm, byo nibbles and drinks); Earth Hour (**28 March**, St James' Church, 7.30pm); and the Good Friday Way of the Cross (**10 April** - details of time and place to come in the near future).

As you can see, our group is busily promoting peace and justice through many and varied activities/events. Why not come and join us? Just to nudge your memory: we meet on the **first Wednesday of each month at 5.00pm** in the community centre. Pop into our next meeting on **1 April**. You will be warmly welcomed!

### 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.

### **Sweet and Bitter Chocolate: The Sweet and often Bitter truth about Easter Chocolate**

One indisputable truth. Chocolate is delicious. We know this because at Easter Australians spend millions of dollars buying hundreds of kilograms of chocolate to eat and give away. Another indisputable truth is that the cost of some chocolate is a child's education, and sometimes his or her freedom. That's because much of our chocolate is made using cocoa beans harvested by children, often in the West African region.

#### **So, as we prepare for Easter here's a snapshot of chocolate**

- Chocolate tastes great. Slavery-free chocolate tastes even better.
- Eat slavery-free chocolate and be assured it has not been produced using the forced labour of children.
- **Slavery-free chocolate is chocolate that is certified. Look for chocolate with one of these three logos on it – Fairtrade, UTZ or Rainforest Alliance.**



#### **Help for the homeless:**

Thanks to all those who have so generously donated items for the homeless women of Protea Place. This is an ongoing issue so donations are always welcome.

#### **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?](#)

Next meeting this Wednesday, **April 1<sup>st</sup>** at 5pm in Parish Office.  
New members welcome.

#### **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 or someone you know are interested in this would you please contact Maria or Noela at the Parish Office.

#### **Downs and Toowoomba Churches Together Abrahamic Faiths Gathering:**

Abrahamic Faiths gathering to promote understanding and acceptance between the Abrahamic Faiths will take place on Wednesday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Community Ctr from 5.45pm-8pm.

The evening will begin with a short presentation by each faith group on "How do we Worship", followed by a question time and then a shared meal. Please see flyers in foyer for more info.

#### **Newsletter:**

If you wish to receive the Newsletter via email please let us know or write your details in the Pink Communications Book in the foyer.

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

#### **Rosary Crusade:**

St. Pat's Cathedral Sunday **29th March** 2 pm. All welcome.



Check what's on at -

<https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/>

#### **Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....**

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](#) will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine.

Look at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



## PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass	Parish Life
Sunday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> First Reading <b>Exodus 17:3-7</b> Second Reading <b>Romans 5:1-2, 5-8</b> Gospel <b>John 4:5-42</b>	<b>8.30am Mass</b>	Mass led by Fr Nandana 9.30am Morning Tea
Monday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent First Reading <b>2 Kings 5:1-15</b> Gospel <b>Luke 4:24-30</b>	<i>No Liturgy or Mass</i>	9am Play Group <b>10am Lenten Group in Parish Office</b> 5pm SVDP meeting 7pm Deanery meeting at Sacred Heart
Tuesday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Patrick</b> First Reading <b>Jeremiah 1:4-9</b> Gospel <b>Luke 10:1-12, 17-20</b>	<b>5pm Mass</b>	<b>10am Friendship Group – wear something Green!</b> 12pm Liturgy Team meeting 2.30pm Circle Dancing 4.15pm Baptism Team meeting Mass led by Fr Nandana
Wednesday March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent First Reading <b>Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9</b> Gospel <b>Matthew 5:17-19</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	Mass led by Fr Nandana <b>10.15am Lenten Group in Parish Office</b> 5.45pm Abrahamitic Faiths gathering
Thursday March 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Joseph</b> First Reading <b>2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16</b> Gospel <b>Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24</b>	<b>5pm Mass</b>	Mass led by Fr Nandana
Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent First Reading <b>Hosea 14:2-10</b> Gospel <b>Mark 12:28-34</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	Mass led by Fr Nandana 10.15am Coordinating Team meeting <b>5pm Stations of the Cross</b> 6.30pm Sri Lankan Mass
Saturday March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent First Reading <b>Hosea 5:15; 6:6</b> Gospel <b>Luke 18:9-14</b>	<b>6pm (Vigil)</b>	5.30pm Reconciliation Mass led by Fr Nandana
Sunday March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> First Reading <b>Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13</b> Second Reading <b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b> Gospel <b>John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38</b>	<b>8.30am Mass</b>	Mass led by Fr Nandana 9.30am Morning Tea  <b>7pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation</b>

### MINISTERS FOR MASS Saturday/ Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 – Week 4

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
<b>Co-ordinators:</b>	Marg Nolan, Chris Gwydir	Noela Nolan & David Tutty
<b>Welcomers:</b>	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Jenn Stephens, Sandra Neale
<b>AV Operator:</b>	Gerald Hicks	Mick Gorring
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Suspended until further notice.</b>
<b>Parish Morning Tea:</b>		PPC Members
<b>Readers:</b>	Chris Gwydir, Michael O'Brien	Kathryn Haynes, Peter Sheridan
<b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b>	Gill Brandt	Susan Tek
<b>Presentation of Gifts:</b>	Norm & Carol Lovell	Susan & Martin Tek
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	<b>Tabernacle:</b> Carol Lovell <b>Pouring Wine:</b>	<b>Tabernacle:</b> Sandra Neale <b>Pouring Wine:</b>
<b>Altar Assistants:</b>	Damian Wyllie, John Roche	Patrick Donohue
<b>Music:</b>	Carolyn Searle & singers	Sr Maria & Singers
<b>Collectors:</b>	Nev Dredge, Tony Allport	Jim Nolan, Tony Meldon
<b>Church Environment:</b>		
<b>Money Counters:</b>		March 7/8
<b>This Week: 15/03</b>	<b>Michael Rooke, Amber Copland, Jim Tiernan</b>	<b>Planned Giving - \$414.00</b>
<b>Next Week: 22/03</b>	<b>Nev Dredge, Tony Meldon</b>	<b>Loose - \$431.75</b>



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