

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

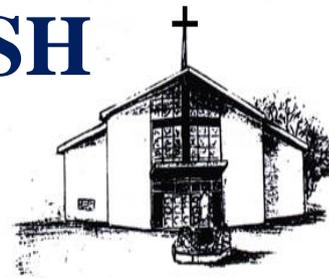
NEWSLETTER

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Office Hours –

Church Opening Hours

Please email or call for an appointment.

“A Place at the Table for All”

CLOSED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter –

First Reading – Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 *(They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.)*

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 65 *(Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.)*

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and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel – John 14:15-21 *(I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.)*

A mask is better than a ventilator , Home is better than ICU. Prevention is better than Cure. It's not CURFEW, it's CARE FOR U.

Churches are not being closed. Buildings are being closed. You are the church! You are to remain open.

Parish Calendar of Events

May 20th – ‘Zoom’ cuppa
May 21st – Gospel & Faith Sharing Group
May 22nd – Live stream mass
May 26th – Parish Finance Committee meeting

Live Stream Mass each Friday at 9.15am – see Facebook page or website.



Parish Notices

We hold up and remember all those who have died recently: Darby McCarthy, Jill Bingham *(Anne Ustmul's sister)*

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Jacqueline d'Aranjo

and the Anniversaries of the deceased Priests of the Diocese:

Rev William Murphy, Rev Fr Brian Moran, Rev Fr Vincent Hamer, Rev Msgr Patrick McMorrow, Rev Fr Thomas Isaac, Rev Fr Garrett Murphy, Rev Fr Michael Herbert, Rev Msgr Thomas Nolan, Rev Msgr Edward Concannon, Rev Fr Francis Hall

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, Marion Herzig, Rita Irwin, Pat Kamler, Elsie Kirby, Malcolm Kirby, Sr Patricia MacGinley, 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, Olivia Brennan *(Trish Buckle's great-granddaughter)*, 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 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.

*** SVDP News ***

Madonna House reopens this Monday and is in desperate need of winter supplies. If you have any extra blankets or winter clothing please drop them into the shop on the corner of Ruthven & Long streets after 8am Mon-Fri.

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Birthdays and anniversaries for May –

Jenn Stephens, Mark Copland, Jill Sullivan, John Roche, Lloyd Bailey, Peter Wilkes, Catherine McAleer, Mary O'Brien, Bec More, Fran Shepherd, Kathryn Haynes, Bernice Stevens, & Louise Pfindst all celebrate their birthdays. Rod & Maria Sleba celebrate their wedding anniversary. 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.



We have had several queries from people wanting to continue supporting the parish financially whilst the church is closed. If anyone wishes to do so you have a few options –

1. Continue placing money in your Planned Giving Envelope and bring with you when church re-opens,
2. You can make a Direct Deposit into the Parish Account using the following details –
 - BSB – 084-961
 - Account No – 50898 7184
 - Account Name – St Anthony's Parish
 - Reference – either your Envelope number (if in planned giving) or "loose" if not **OR**
3. If you wish to make a regular Direct Deposit, please contact Noela for assistance.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Jim Tiernan - Chairperson	Tony Meldon - Chair	Celia Warr
Fr Peter	Tom Warren	Sr Maria Joyner
Mick Goring	Greg Bowdler	Tim Fitzgerald
Louise Pfindst	Peter Hanna	Lloyd Bailey
Ed Briffa	Keith Shepherd	Fr Peter
Sr Maria Joyner	Trish Zeller	
David Tutty	Fr Peter	
Chris Gwydir	Noela Nolan	

The Swag: Available - \$1 - New edition available from office, some very interesting and thought-provoking articles.

Prayer of the Week:



Environmental Prayer

As we breathe the very air which sustains us,
We remember your love, God, which gives us life.

Fill us with your compassion for Creation.

Empty us of apathy, selfishness and fear, of all pessimism and hesitation.

Breathe into us solidarity with all who suffer now
and the future generations who will suffer
because of our environmental irresponsibility.

Move us into action to save our Earth
and to build your sustainable Kingdom. Amen.

Jane Deren, Social Justice News, Diocese of Oakland, Ca.

The Catholic Leader's digital edition will be free while Sunday Mass is suspended in Brisbane archdiocese.
<https://catholicleader.com.au/>

Thank You:

A big thanks to those generous people who continue to drop off food and clothing to be distributed to those in need. It is really appreciated and brings great relief when received. If anyone has any extra food items you are welcome to drop into the office at any time. Thanks also to those who drop off toiletry items for Protea Place.

Social Justice Thought for the Week:

(Fifth anniversary celebration of Laudato Si – 16-24 May)

Pope Francis has spoken about COVID-19, suggesting that the pandemic might be one of nature's responses to the man-made climate crisis. He said the world should take stock of what damage the rate of production and consumption has caused to the natural world. When considering if the global pandemic might lead to ecological conversion, where people lead more environmentally conscious lives with the understanding that the natural world is part of God's creation, Francis said, "We did not respond to the partial catastrophes. Who now speaks of the fires in Australia, or remembers that 18 months ago a boat could cross the North Pole because the glaciers had all melted? Who speaks now of the floods?... I don't know if these are the revenge of nature, but they are certainly nature's responses." He added, "This is the time to take the decisive step, to move from using and misusing nature to contemplating it."



Wattle – Australia's National Flower – Our Story.

Last year in September we celebrated the Season of Creation. One of the activities the Parish Pastoral Council decided to be involved in was the harvest of seeds belonging to Australian native trees to help us be more aware of the beauty of our own Australian flora.

Jim Tiernan co-ordinated this, and gathered the seeds of the Queensland Silver Wattle. These were dried, and prepared for planting by exposing them to heat. (Many of our native flora need the heat of a bush fire to promote germination).

After the morning mass on the first Sunday in Lent Jim organised some of the children to help plant these seeds – the plan being that they would germinate over Lent and little wattle plants could be given out at Easter as a sign of New Life. Unfortunately this was not possible with the strict shut down due to the Corona virus.

This week we celebrate 5 years since Pope Francis sent out his Encyclical letter **Laudate Si' – On Care for our Common Home**. He asks us to reflect deeply on the beauty of the world around us and see it as a *'loving caress of our God'*. Pope Francis calls all of us to live in a way that recognises the interconnectedness of all things and to act positively to ensure the earth is protected for life of future generations.

So this week these **"baby" wattle plants can be collected at the Parish Centre** – first in are the winners. With good nurturing, you and your family will be able to enjoy the beauty of our National Flower in your own garden.

To enjoy a Queensland Silver Wattle plant it in ordinary soil, with full sun, or even a little shade. Enjoy the plant as a shrub or small tree for a number of years, probably 10 or 12. During that time they'll grow about 6 metres high and 6 metres wide which is ideal for a small city garden, or put in large pot for smaller tree.

Live-Stream of Mass from St Anthony's

Commencing **Friday**, May 22 we will be live-streaming a weekday mass each **Friday** at 9.15am. You can access this via our Facebook page or watch it again later if you miss the start. Click either of the following links to join in.



[Facebook](#)



The following web sites provide ready access to view the celebration of Mass.

Toowoomba - Sunday Masses are now live-streaming at 9am – <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-response-resources/> link below

Brisbane - Tune in and enjoy a live web cast of the 10am Sunday Mass, as well as other special events in the life of the church from the Cathedral of St Stephen Brisbane. Parishioners may access live broadcasts at specific times or replays of a Mass on-demand. <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Melbourne - Daily Mass is streamed live at 1pm (Mon - Fri) from St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne and is then available as a recording on demand until one hour prior to the next 1.00pm Mass.
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Sydney - Daily Mass from Our Lady of the Way Parish North Sydney is recorded and available to view anytime on YouTube. <https://www.northsydneycatholics.com/>

Pray at Home – Aust Catholic Bishops - <https://catholic.org.au/prayathome>

The following TV shows are also available –

Songs of Praise – ABC Sunday 11.30am. Mass for You at Home – Channel 10 Sunday 6am or Aurora on Foxtel

Mass is live streamed from

St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba
each Sunday at 9:00am.

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Website](#)



Sharing the Word eLibrary



Sharing the Word eLibrary is an extensive resource compiled and maintained by Catholic Mission (Australia). It gives access to over 12,000 free books, articles, journals, Church documents, theses, podcasts etc. Every item is fully catalogued and can be easily found in multiple ways via subject headings, tags, keywords, contents lists, abstracts, etc. Click on this link to access:

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

First reading -Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. The word of God.

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 65

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.'
Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second reading – 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life. The word of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel – John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another
Advocate to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) head to:

<http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.htm> Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column.

A Reflection By Pope Francis

Today's Gospel, the continuation of that of last Sunday, takes us back to the moving and dramatic moment of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. John the Evangelist gathers from the lips and heart of the Lord His last teachings, before His Passion and death. Jesus promises his friends, at that sad, dark moment, that after him, they will receive "another Paraclete". This word means another "Advocate", another Defender, another Counsellor: "the Spirit of Truth"; and he adds, "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you". These words convey the joy of a new Coming of Christ. He, Risen and glorified, dwells in the Father and at the same time comes to us in the Holy Spirit. And in his new coming, he reveals our union with him and with the Father: "You will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you".

Today, by meditating on these words of Jesus, we perceive with the sense of faith that we are the People of God in communion with the Father and with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The Church finds the inexhaustible source of her very mission, which is achieved through love, in this mystery of communion. Jesus says in today's Gospel: "He who knows my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him". So, love introduces us to the knowledge of Jesus, thanks to the action of this "Advocate" that Jesus sent, that is, the Holy Spirit. Love for God and neighbour is the greatest commandment



of the Gospel. The Lord today calls us to respond generously to the Gospel's call to love, placing God at the centre of our lives and dedicating ourselves to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need of support and consolation.

If ever there is an attitude that is never easy, even for a Christian community, it is precisely how to love oneself, to love after the Lord's example and with his grace. Sometimes disagreements, pride, envy, divisions, leave their mark even on the beautiful face of the Church. A community of Christians should live in the charity of Christ, and instead, it is precisely there that the evil one "sets his foot in" and sometimes we allow ourselves to be deceived. And those who pay the price are those who are spiritually weaker. How many of them — and you know some of them — how many of them have distanced themselves because they did not feel welcomed, did not feel understood, did not feel loved. How many people have distanced themselves, for example, from some parish or community because of the environment of gossip, jealousy, and envy they found there. Even for a Christian, knowing how to love is never a thing acquired once and for all. We must begin anew every day. We must practice it so that our love for the brothers and sisters we encounter may become mature and purified from those limitations or sins that render it incomplete, egotistical, sterile, and unfaithful. We have to learn the art of loving every day. Listen to this: every day we must learn the art of loving; every day we must patiently follow the school of Christ. Every day we must forgive and look to Jesus, and do this with the help of this "Advocate", of this Counsellor whom Jesus has sent to us that is the Holy Spirit.

May the Virgin Mary, the perfect disciple of her Son and Lord, help us to be more and more docile to the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, to learn every day how to love each other as Jesus loved us.

The Universal Prayer- Sixth Sunday of Easter – 17 May 2020

Dear friends, God our Father sent the Paraclete to us as Jesus promised. United in the Spirit of Truth, let us pray for the needs of world and all our sisters and brothers.

We pray for the world-wide church, our local diocese and our parish. May the church at every level be a community of faith attentive to the voice of the Spirit. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders guiding their nations through the coronavirus crisis. May they chart the way forward with wisdom, justice and courage. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the needy and vulnerable in our midst unable to claim government support. May welfare agencies and the whole community come to their aid. **Lord hear our prayer.**

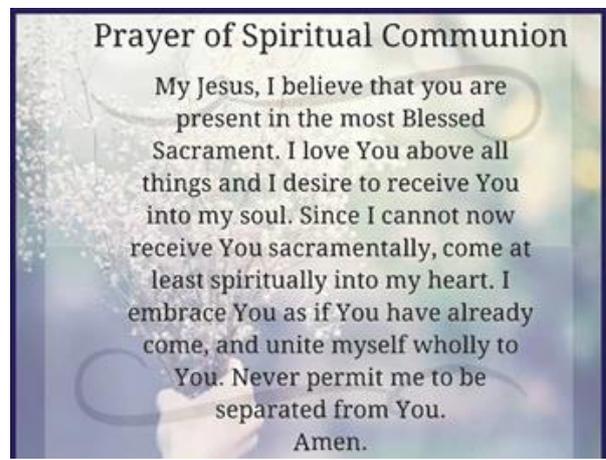
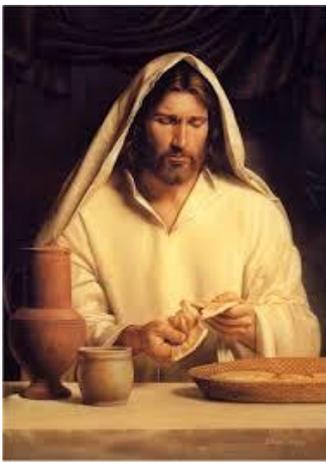
We pray for our families, friends and fellow parishioners. May the experience of the pandemic spur us to work all the more readily for a new world of justice, love and peace. **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for all of us as we celebrate our beautiful world in this Laudate Si week. May we nurture a deep reverence toward creation, so that we might experience everything - soil, water, mountains, and the web of life itself - as a loving caress of our God. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray that the Spirit of God leads us into an 'ecological conversion' and deepens our awareness to care for creation through commitment to global issues, personal and communal life style and daily acts which support our environment for generations to come. **Lord hear our prayer.**

May Christ bring to everlasting life those who have died, especially from the Corona virus and bring consolation to their families. We remember all those we know who have died recently: **Darby McCarthy, Jill Bingham**; Our loved ones whose anniversaries are at this time: The deceased priests of the Dioceseand all those who are sick. (Pause for silent prayer) **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of all goodness, you have made your love known to us in Jesus and still bless us with the Spirit of truth. Keep us on the way that leads to you. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.



(St Alphonsus)

Morning Tea in the Cloud

Would you like to share a morning cuppa with friends around the parish?

Just get onto ZOOM log in using meeting ID **769 539 3930** and join others every **Tuesday 10-11am** or stay longer if you like.

Why drink your cuppa alone when you can chat with others around the parish?

Please call the office if you need help connecting.



To our St Anthony's Parish family,

As we begin the week ahead, we finally see some freeing up of the restrictions that we have been living with for so long. Many of you have spread your wings a little and gone for drives to see the wider world, had simple picnics and even visited friends for a cuppa while still keeping physical distance. Mother's Day provided opportunity to catch up with family - on verandahs, in homes and via Zoom. It is very difficult at these times not to be able to hug those we love and visit in ways we once took for granted. We hope and pray that we all keep being patient until it is safe to embrace one another once more.

"Life unfolds a petal at a time - deeply and slowly. May it come to pass." Macrina Wiederkehr.

*As yet, we have not been given clear indication about when the church will be open for private prayer. However this week for the first time we will be offering **"Live streaming" of mass at 9.15am on Fridays.** Fr Peter will be the celebrant and the mass will be available for viewing on our Facebook page or through the Parish Website.*

*Also this coming week we are inviting those who are able to link into our **Zoom Cuppa Conversation on Tuesday at 10am.** Some of you are already experts at zooming - I still feel very much a novice. There are simple instructions about how to join in (see the attachment on our digital newsletter) - we'd love you to give it a try and share some "face" time together.*

*This week we call to mind and heart the message of Pope Francis in his encyclical letter **'Laudate Si' – On Care for Our Common Home.** The words "Laudate Si" echo the words of St Francis in his Canticle of Creation **"Praise be"** and encourage us to see Nature as a "caress of God".*

*There are many resources available in this week's Newsletter to help us reflect on the way we interact with our world and the environment that hold us all together in the Web of Life. I invite you to engage with Nature in this week and to listen to what the Spirit is saying to us and how we live in awareness of our place on this earth. Perhaps you might **share a photo** with us and share the beauty of Nature in your week.*

Anthony De Mello SJ – tells this story in his book, "Taking Flight".

A woman goes into a store and finds God behind the counter. She asks, "What do you sell here?" God responds, "Everything your heart desires." So she immediately asks for peace, love, freedom from fear and happiness for all of humanity. God smiles and says, "I'm afraid you misunderstood. We don't sell fruits here. Only seeds."

*The story of our **Wattle seeds** in the newsletter this week takes us on a journey from the Season of Creation last September to the germination of our seeds during the pandemic lockdown. We invite you to stop in at the parish office and **collect a small Wattle plant to take home** with you. As it grows and flowers over the years it could be a lasting symbol for us all reminding us of our connectedness and the support we have been for one another during this time of death, fear and isolation – a sign of God's promise of resurrection and new life.*

Something to reflect upon.

How might we plant the seeds for the desires of our hearts to grow in our daily lives?

Do you see any seeds of change in yourself because of your experience in this time of pandemic?

How might this experience change our world for the better?

Noela and I have been encouraged by the short visits to the Parish Office that many of you have made in these weeks and the words of thanks you have expressed for our efforts to keep in touch with you all. We are in awe at the many ways you continue to reach out to one another in love and friendship.

Fr Peter, Noela and I pray that we all keep nurturing the seeds of God's deep desire for us so that we taste the fruits of the Spirit in our lives.

(Sr) Maria

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM			
Date	Readings	Mass	Parish Life
Sunday May 17 th	Sixth Sunday of Easter First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18 Gospel John 14:15-21		
Monday May 18 th	Monday of the 6 th Week of Easter First Reading Acts 16:11-15 Gospel John 15:26; 16:4		
Tuesday May 19 th	Tuesday of the 6 th Week of Easter First Reading Acts 16:22-34 Gospel John 16:5-11		10am 'Zoom' cuppa
Wednesday May 20 th	Saint Christopher Magallanes & companions First Reading Acts 17:15, 22; 18:1 Gospel John 16:12-15		10am Morning Tea and faith sharing
Thursday May 21 st	Thursday of the 6 th Week of Easter First Reading Acts 18:1-8 Gospel John 16:16-20		
Friday May 22 nd	Saint Rita of Cascia First Reading Acts 18:9-18 Gospel/Passion John 16:20-23	9.15am	Live stream on Facebook or website
Saturday May 23 rd	Saturday of the 6 th Week of Easter First Reading Acts 18:23-28 Gospel John 16:23-28		
Sunday May 24 th	The Ascension of the Lord First Reading Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23 Gospel Matthew 28:16-20		

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Wife: I love you!

Husband: I love you, too!

Wife: Prove it, scream it to the world.

Husband: (whispers in her ear) "I love you".

Wife: Why did you whisper it?

Husband: Because you are my world!

Home schooling update:

My child just said, "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year"



The Laugh Club