# STANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Priest: Chair Parish Council: Ministry Support Worker: Miss Chinwe Uchendu Parish Secretary: Safeguard Rep:

Office Hours -

Tuesday to Friday 8.30am- 2.30pm

**CLOSED Monday** & Weekends

School Principal:

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### NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 Postal Address: PO Box 217, Drayton North, Qld. 4350

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#### **Church Opening Hours**

Tuesday to Friday: 8.30am - 2.30pm Saturday: 5.15pm – 7.15pm Sunday: 8am - 10am **Closed Monday** 

### "A Place at the Table for All"

We acknowledge the living culture of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples in the Wakka Wakka speaking area, the traditional custodians of this land.

St Anthony's Parish is committed to the safety, well-being, and dignity of all, especially children and vulnerable adults.

### The Epiphany of The Lord

First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6 (The glory of the Lord shines upon you.) Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 71 O God, every nation on earth will adore you. **Second Reading** – Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance*, that they are parts of the same body.)

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia! Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12 (We have come from the East to worship the King.)

MARY, EXHAUSTED HAVING JUST GOTTEN JESUS TO SLEEP, IS APPROACHED BY A YOUNG MAN WHO THINKS TO HIMSELF ; WHAT THIS GIRL NEEDS IS A DRUM SOLO

### **Parish Calendar of Events**

January 7-12 - Annual Priest Retreat -

NO Weekday Masses - 10 & 12 Jan

January 16 - Music Planning Meeting

January 22 - SCHOOL TERM BEGINS

Parish Council Meeting

January 23 - Parish Finance Committee Meeting

January 26 - AUSTRALIA DAY -



## **Our Parish Prayer List**

We hold in prayer and remember those who have died recently: Rita Collins (Fr. Jamie's mum), Daryl Fox (Denise Hopwood's brother), Fr. Don Murray, Lynette Althaus

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Russell Cartwright, Shane Woolmer, Glenda Sullivan

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Rev Fr Thomas Concannon, Rev Fr William Hall, Rev Fr William Behm, Rev Fr Howard Crowe

We hold in prayer all those who are sick including the following Parishioners: Reg Ashford, Daniel Bell, Trish Betros, Brian Conrick, Laurie Corcoran, Eileen Garvey, Mary Gilligan, Madeline (Sally) Gray, Neville Harris, Rita Irwin, Elsie Kirby, Malcolm Kirby, Mary Logan, Pat Madden, Trish Morrison, Damian Potter, Val Saccasan, Vonnie Sherman, Rod Sleba, Pat Sullivan

As well as the following friends & family members: Regina Albion, Wendy Bailey (Narelle's mum), Jill Beardsmore, Liz Beduhn, Rachel Bennett, Brian & Hazel Bowtell, baby Tommy Bryant (Great-grandson of Kevin & Trish Harris), Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, Marie Deane and Yvonne Gay, Lil Dolan, (Margaret Dunlop's sisters), Denis Dwan, Pat Fitzgerald (Tim's son), Sr Zoe (Christina) Fitzpatrick (PBVM), Bruce Gardiner (Brisbane), Mary Gleeson, Gabby Hanlon (Marie Heslop's niece), Neville Harris (Kevin's brother), Steven Harris, Ralph Hickey, Jim & Nicholas Horder, Lindsay Jones, Wayne Kirkland, Ann Johnson, Kye Johnson (Chris Gwydir's grandson), Carmelita Kruger, Maisie Lowes (Jenn Stephens' mum), Stephen Mackenzie (Pam Hahn's son), Margaret Macarthur-Onslow, Terry McIvor, Brendan Middleton, Frank Miller, Sir Frank Moore (Carol Ryall's brother), Hanna Muir (Brisbane), Paul Murphy (Pat's son), Peter Nolan (Rockhampton), Paul Park, Jodie Piper, Rissy Rowbotham, Kevin Schick (Val's brother), Sally Sippel, Shane Schick (Gail's son), Silba Serem, Harley Stewart, Neil Syme, Brian Thomson, Denis & Ruth Volter, Kevin Wallace, Jenny & Abbie Walton, Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells, Martin Yong

Please advise the Parish Office if any names listed above in the sick lists can be removed.

## **Parish Milestones**

### Birthdays and Anniversaries for January -

Carol Lovell (75 on 4th), Samela Borboh (10 on 4th), John Herzig, Peter Sheridan, Pat Martin, Peter Quaife, Ray Cullen, Teresa Wells, Terese Hanna, & Helen Wheeler all celebrate their birthdays.

Fr. Jamie celebrates his 25th Ordination Anniversary on 15th.

Bill & Lola Canning (67) celebrate their wedding Anniversary.

Don't forget to let us know the date of your birthday or wedding anniversary or dob-in your spouse.





PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Fr Jamie	Tony Meldon - Chair	Fr Jamie
Louise Pfingst	Fr Jamie	Celia Warr
Nicole Rangiira	Tom Warren	Tim Fitzgerald
Kathy Reedy	Trevor Wyllie	Lloyd Bailey
Bob Frost	Peter Hanna	Chinwe Uchendu
Mary O'Brien	Keith Shepherd	
Colleen Coburn	Trish Zeller	Thank you to all who take
	Regina Ryan	on these roles in the
	Noela Nolan	governance of our parish.



**St Anthony's –** Friday Morning Mass is live-streamed weekly at 9.15am via our web page or Facebook link. **Can be watched again later!** 

<u>The Swag:</u> available in the foyer - \$1

<u>Catholic Leader:</u> Available by subscription only.

<u>Majellan Magazine:</u> Available in the foyer - \$4ea

<u>Adoration:</u> 1st Friday monthly at 9.45am (after Mass)

Social Justice Group: Meet 1st Wednesday monthly at 5pm (except Dec/Jan)

<u>Friendship Group:</u> Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Community Centre (*except Dec/Jan*). **Gospel Discussion Group:** Meet at 10am each **Wednesday** in the Community Centre. All welcome.

<u>Parish Coordinating Team:</u> Meet each Wednesday. <u>Circle Dancing:</u> 1.30pm Wednesday during school term.

Prayer of the Week:



#### **Prayer for New Year**

Lord, as we embark on this new year, we lift up to you, our loved ones, our communities, and the world.

May your peace reign in our hearts and in the hearts of all people.

Bring healing where there is brokenness and reconciliation where there is division, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## **Social Justice News**

### Social Justice Thought for the Week: Our Living Planet

"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect". Laudato si'(42)

### Biodiversity is the foundation for human survival and progress.

Healthy ecosystems regulate the climate, supply clean water, provide medicines, clean up pollution, pollinate our crops, and provide vital natural resources. Countless livelihoods directly depend on the services ecosystems provide. Nature is a priceless source of inspiration for art and learning, as well as for cultural and spiritual experiences. Yet as industry, agriculture and fisheries reach farther into once wild landscapes, such as forests, wetlands and seas, they are destroying the richness of the living world.

### Since 1970, global wildlife populations have declined by two-thirds!

In the same period, plant and animal life in freshwater has fallen by 84 per cent. Bees and other pollinators are in serious decline, directly threatening supplies of important staple foods, fruits and vegetables. Without action on climate and deforestation, the Amazon rainforest could collapse into a dry and scrubby landscape within 50 years. Our soil is also under serious threat: without biodiversity in soils, the ecosystems they support cannot survive. Healthy ecosystems also protect against the impacts of climate change, such as extreme heat and storm surges.

### Let's take action

- What can we do to reverse the destruction of natural ecosystems? How can we influence decision makers to make this a priority?
- Laudato si' (92) reminds us that every act of cruelty towards any creature is contrary to human dignity. Let us resolve to end animal cruelty, especially in the livestock industry.
- Laudato si' challenges us to have a new reverence for all life (207). But our lack of reverence has led to ecological crisis. How can we redeem our relationship with creation?

Next meeting Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm in Parish Office.
All welcome!



# \*\*\*St Vincent de Paul \*\*\*

### St Vincent de Paul Items for sale -

Majellan Magazine - 2024 Columban Calendar -

\$4 ea **\$8 ea** 

Please get in fast to secure a calendar for next year – limited numbers still available! This will also be the last Majellan Magazine available from the church.

## **Parish News**

The Parish Pastoral Council, on behalf of St Anthony's Faith Community, extend their deepest condolences to Fr. Jamie and the Collins family on the passing of his mother, Rita.

# Scripture Readings — The Epiphany of The Lord

### First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of God is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you our God now rises and above you the glory of God appears.

The nations come to your light and rulers to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you,

your children from far away all being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of God.

The Word of God.

### Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 71 O God, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the ruler, to a ruler's heir your justice, that your people may be judged in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R** 

In those days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Your heir shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R

The rulers of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay tribute. Rulers of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

All rulers shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve this heir. R

For That One shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless,

will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R

### Second Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets was unknown to anyone in past generations; it means that gentiles now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

### The Word of God.

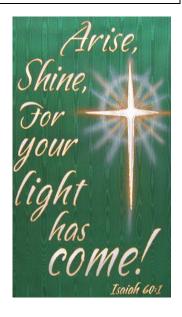
Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' King Herod heard this and was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. Herod called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:



And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately, asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and

sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found this child, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.



The Gospel of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar): <a href="http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.html">http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.html</a>



### A Reflection by Pope Francis

On Christmas Eve we meditated on the hastening of several shepherds of the people of Israel to the grotto of Bethlehem; today, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we remember the arrival of the Magi, who came from the Orient to adore the newborn King of the Jews and Universal Saviour and to offer Him symbolic gifts. With their act of adoration, the Magi bear witness that Jesus has come to earth to save not one people alone but all peoples. Therefore, on today's feast our gaze

broadens to the horizons of the whole world in order to celebrate the "manifestation" of the Lord to all peoples, which is the manifestation of the love and universal salvation of God. He does not reserve his love to the privileged few, but offers it to all.

As the Creator and Father is of all people, so the Savior wants to be for all people. That is why we are called to always nourish great faith and hope for every person and his or her salvation: even those who seem far from the Lord are followed — or better yet "chased" — by his passionate love, by his faithful and also humble love. For God's love is humble, very humble!

The Gospel account of the Magi describes their journey from the East as a journey of the spirit, as a journey toward the encounter with Christ. They are attentive to signs that indicate his presence; they are tireless in facing the trials of the search; they are courageous in deducing the implications for life that derive from encounter with the Lord. This is life: Christian life is a journey, but being attentive, tireless and courageous. A Christian journeys like this. Journey attentively, tirelessly, courageously. The experience of the Magi evokes the journey of every man and woman towards Christ. As for the Magi, so for us, to seek God means to journey — and as I said: attentive, tireless and courageous — focused on the sky and discerning in the visible sign of the star the invisible God who speaks to our hearts. The star that is able to lead every man to Jesus is the Word of God, the Word that is in the Bible, in the Gospels. The Word of God is the light that guides our journey, nourishes our faith and regenerates it. It is the Word of God that continually renews our hearts and our communities. Therefore, let us not forget to read it and meditate upon it every day, so that it may become for each like a flame that we bear inside us to illuminate our steps, as well as those of others who journey beside us, who are perhaps struggling to find the path to Christ. Always with the Word of God! The Word of God carried in your hand: a little Gospel in your pocket, purse, always to be read. Do not forget this: always with me, the Word of God!

## Prayers of the Faithful – The Epiphany of The Lord.

**PRESIDER:** Dear friends, today we give thanks for the revelation of God's saving love for all. Let us pray for the entire world to see the light of Christ.

We pray for all sincere seekers of wisdom and truth. May the Spirit of God guide them in their search and lead them on paths of peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Christian believers. May they never cease to find new depths in the divine mystery into which they have been baptised.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are engaged in inter-faith and ecumenical dialogues. May they grow together in mutual respect and understanding.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the members of the Eastern Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox. May they bless the Churches of the West with their deep faith in the Spirit of God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for prisoners of conscience, gaoled for exposing corruption and injustice. May they not be intimidated into denying the truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for corrupt and tyrannical rulers. May they be held to account for their abuse of power and come to a change of heart.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the frail aged and all who are vulnerable to Covid infection or the extremes of summer heat. May they stay safe and strong.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the recently deceased; **Rita Collins, Daryl Fox, Fr. Don Murray, Lynette Althaus** and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; **Russell Cartwright, Shane Woolmer, Glenda Sullivan**. May they take their place among the saints in heavenly Jerusalem. **Lord, hear our prayer.** 

**PRESIDER:** God of everlasting light, you have revealed the mystery of your love in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Draw us ever more deeply into your work of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# **Diocesan News**

### From Bishop Ken Howell:

The media carried the story from the Vatican during last week that implied that we were able to bless same sex couples. The way the media portrayed it is far from the situation as presented in the letter *Fiducia Supplicans* from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. To assist in helping the faithful understand this, below is a statement from the American Bishop Robert Barron that is concise and explains well the intention of the letter.

"On Monday, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Pope Francis, published a declaration entitles Fiducia Supplicans, which has given rise to a good deal of commentary and controversy. The document allows for the possibility of blessing those in irregular or same-sex relationships. Despite some misleading reporting in the media, Fiducia Supplicans in no way sanctions irregular bonds or changes the church's teaching on marriage and sexuality. It further specifies that no liturgical blessing can be offered to those in such unions, but rather an informal pastoral blessing. This latter benediction is a calling forth of the divine grace to help those who receive it to live more fully in accord with God's will and to enhance whatever is good, true and beautiful in their lives.

I believe that the declaration is very much congruent with the pastoral instincts of Pope Francis, who always wants to remind those who are living the Christian life in a less than perfect way that they are, nevertheless, loved and cherished by God. To all of Jesus' brothers and sisters, the Church should never fail to be a source of welcome, compassion and blessing".

### Mass During Priest Retreat 2024

The Toowoomba Clergy Retreat will be held from Sunday 7/1/24 through to Friday 12/1/24. During this time Toowoomba and surrounding residents may wish to attend Masses at **St Patrick's Cathedral** 

Monday 8th 5.30pm

Tuesday 9th 9.00am

Wednesday 10th 7.00am, Thursday 11th 7.00am, Friday 12th 7.00am

### Abrahamic Faiths Gathering:

Wednesday, **7**<sup>th</sup> **February** commencing 5.45pm followed by light dinner at Garden City Mosque. Speakers – Mohammad Aminul Islam, Ariel Heber & Rev Dr Clive Ayre. For further info call Eric Donges 4637 2009. Flyers in foyer.

### **Catholic Social Services National Conference**

Date: 21-23/2/24 Where: Melbourne Cost: See TryBooking page for cost

Catholic Social Services Australia and Catholic Social Services Victoria are delighted to announce the upcoming national conference under the theme "Commons, Commonality, Common Good," this event aims to bring together social services experts, inspire conversations, unity, and positive action for the common good. All individuals interested in social justice, social change, and best practice service delivery are invited to attend - those working in Catholic health, education, and parishes, also others working in faith and values-based organisations.

Register through TryBooking. Flyer available in foyer.

### **Save The Dates:**

- Fr. Richard Leonard SJ *Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World*. St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane, Wednesday **13**<sup>th</sup> **March 2024**. Flyers in the foyer, more information.
- SVDP Spiritual Retreat Refresh your faith at Crows Nest on 16 & 17 March. Flyers in foyer. More info to follow.

The current issue of <u>Horizons</u> is out now and is available online here <u>www.twb.catholic.org.au/horizons/</u> Hard copies still available in the church foyer.

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM						
Date	Readings	Mass	Parish Life			
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	The Epiphany of the Lord First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12	8.30am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael 9.30am Morning Tea 4pm St Anthony's Sacred Singers			
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	The Baptism of The Lord First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 Gospel: Mark 1:7-11		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting	Annual Priest		
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-20 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28			Retreat – NO Mass Wednesday		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39	<del>9.15am</del>	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordination Team Me	or Friday		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday of the 1st Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 Gospel: Mark 1:40-45			5		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday of the 1st Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	9.15am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie - Live stream 2pm Funeral Mass for Fr Don Murray at St Patrick's Cathedral			
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday of the 1st Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Gospel: Mark 2:13-17	6pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie			
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 Gospel: John 1:35-42	8.30am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie 9.30am Morning Tea			

MINISTERS FOR MASS Saturday/ Sunday, 13th/14th January 2024 – Week 2						
Please remember to advise Parish Office if unable to attend or find a replacement. Thanks for all you do.						
	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass				
Co-ordinator:	Lloyd Bailey, Tim Fitzgerald	Noela Nolan				
Welcomers:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Denis & Marie McAleer				
AV Operator:	Yano	Peter Sheridan				
Parish Morning Tea:		Michael & Mary O'Brien				
Readers:	Leandra Fernando, Yano	Helen Warren, Bob Morris				
Prayer of the Faithful:	Regina Ryan	Joan Nugent				
Offertory:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Monica Gundry, Jan Barsby				
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Celia Warr	Ciborium: David Tutty				
Willister of Communicities.	Chalice: Chris Gwydir, Marg Wyllie	Chalice: Brenda Thomas, Sandra Neale				
Music:	Anne-Maree Spalding & Young People	Sr Maria & singers				
Collectors:	Barry Turner, Tom Kelly	Susan Tek, Jim Nolan				
Money Counters:		Collections – 31st December				
This Week – 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon	Planned Giving - \$ 470.00				
Next Week – 14th January	Kathy Reedy & Tom Kelly	<b>Loose -</b> \$852.40				

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### **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.