

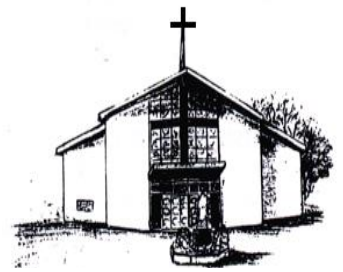
ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Jamie Collins
Chair Parish Council: Ms Chris Gwydir
Ministry Support Worker: Miss Chinwe Uchendu
Parish Secretary: Mrs Noela Nolan
Safeguard Rep: Mrs Nicole Rangira
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NEWSLETTER

13th/14th January, 2024

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Tuesday to Friday: 8.30am – 2.30pm
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Sunday: 8am - 10am
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“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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 (*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 39 *Here am I, O God; I come to do your will.*

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 (*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*)

Gospel Acclamation – *Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah; Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!*

Gospel – John 1:35-42 (*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*)

The cutlery for my new diet has arrived... I am optimistic this one will work.



Parish Calendar of Events

January 16 – Music Planning Meeting
January 20 – Wells baptism
January 22 – **SCHOOL TERM BEGINS**
Parish Council Meeting
January 23 – Parish Finance Committee Meeting
January 26 – **AUSTRALIA DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**



Our Parish Prayer List

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

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: James Byrne

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, Neville Dredge, 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, Vonnice 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, Roz Martin, Terry Mclvor, 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, 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

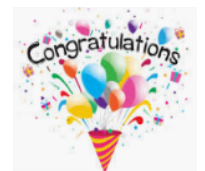
Birthdays and Anniversaries for January –

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 Louise Pflugst Nicole Rangira Kathy Reedy Bob Frost Mary O'Brien Colleen Coburn	Tony Meldon - Chair Fr Jamie Tom Warren Trevor Wyllie Peter Hanna Keith Shepherd Trish Zeller Regina Ryan Noela Nolan	Fr Jamie Celia Warr Tim Fitzgerald Lloyd Bailey Chinwe Uchendu <i>Thank you to all who take on these roles in the governance of our parish.</i>



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!**

The Swag: available in the foyer - \$1

Majellan Magazine: Available in the foyer - \$4ea

Catholic Leader: Available by subscription only.

Adoration: 1st Friday monthly at 9.45am (after Mass)

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

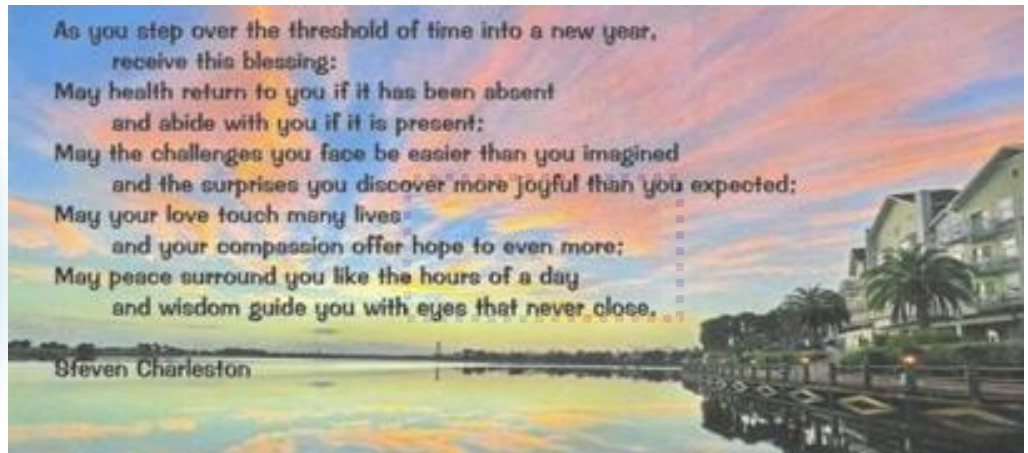
Friendship Group: Meet 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Community Centre (except Dec/Jan).

Gospel Discussion Group: Meet at 10am each Wednesday in the Community Centre. All welcome.

Parish Coordinating Team: Meet each Wednesday.

Circle Dancing: 1.30pm Wednesday during school term.

Prayer of the Week:



Social Justice News

Social Justice Thought for the Week: Our Water

“Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right”. *Laudato si'*(30)

Access to clean water is a growing challenge

More and more people lack clean water for drinking, washing, and irrigating crops. Sometimes this is because there simply isn't enough water, or because it is overused, wasted or polluted. Water use has grown at more than twice the rate of population increase in the last century, and more regions are reaching the point where there won't be enough water for people's future needs. Climate change is also causing shortages and droughts in some areas and flooding in others.

By 2025, two-thirds of the world's people could face water shortages

Around 4 billion people suffer severe water scarcity for at least one month each year – especially in poorer countries and in rural areas. Fast growing cities around the world also face severe water shortages, and often divert freshwater away from rural lands. Water pollution from pesticides and chemical fertilizers is a major problem, while wasteful use of water and global warming also threaten supplies. Currently 3.6 billion people live without safely managed sanitation, and 1.7 billion lack even basic sanitation. This exposes them to cholera and other deadly waterborne diseases.



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

*******PHONE SCAM – Please be wary of text messages purporting to be from a priest, who is in a meeting and wants you to contact them. THIS IS A SCAM AND SHOULD BE DELETED IMMEDIATELY!!!*******



☆☆☆ *St Vincent de Paul* ☆☆☆

St Vincent de Paul Items for sale –

Majellan Magazine -

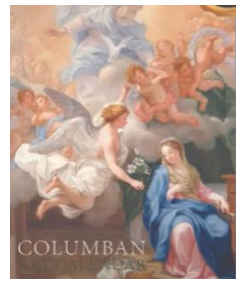
\$4 ea

2024 Columban Calendar -

\$8 ea

Please get in fast to secure a calendar for this 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 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of God, where the ark of God was, when God called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Here I am.' Then Samuel ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So Samuel went and lay down. Once again God called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli replied, 'I did not call you, my child; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of God and the word of God had not yet been revealed to him. Once again God called, the third time. Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was God who was calling the boy, and said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, O God, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down.

God then came and stood by, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, O God, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and God was with him and let no word of Samuel fall to the ground.

The Word of God.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 39 *Here am I, O God; I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for God, who stooped down to me, who heard my cry,
who put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed you know it, O God. **R**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for Christ, and Christ for the body. God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, will by God's power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to Christ is one spirit with Christ.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received the Spirit from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The Word of God.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah; Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!



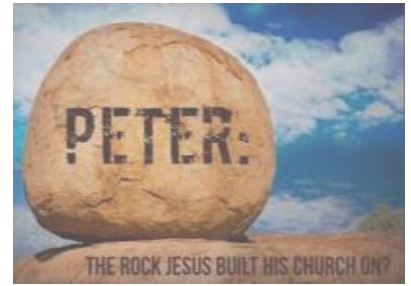
Gospel – John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at Jesus and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' Jesus replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and Andrew took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at Simon Peter and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



A Reflection by Pope Francis

The Gospel for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (cf. Jn 1:35-42) presents the meeting between Jesus and his first disciples. The scene unfolds along the River Jordan the day after Jesus' baptism. It is John the Baptist himself who points out the Messiah to the two of them with these words: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (v. 36). And those two, trusting the Baptist's testimony, follow Jesus. He realizes this and asks: "What do you seek?", and they ask Him: "Rabbi, where

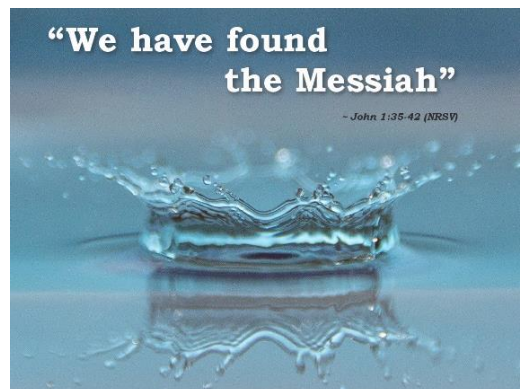


are you staying?" (v. 38).

Jesus does not respond: "I live in Capernaum, or in Nazareth", but says: "Come and see" (v. 39). Not a calling card, but an invitation to an encounter. The two follow him and remain with him that afternoon. It is not difficult to imagine them seated, asking him questions and above all listening to him, feeling their hearts inflamed ever more while the Teacher speaks. They sense the beauty of the words that respond to their greatest hope. And all of a sudden they discover that, as evening was drawing around them, the light that God alone can give was exploding within their hearts. One thing catches our attention: 60 years later, or perhaps more, one of them would write in his Gospel: "it was about four in the afternoon" (cf. Jn 1:39) — he wrote the time. And this is one thing that makes us think: every authentic encounter with Jesus remains alive in memory; it is never forgotten. You forget many encounters, but a true encounter with Jesus remains forever. And many years later, those two even remembered the time. They were unable to forget this encounter that had changed their lives and was so happy and so complete. Then, when they leave from that encounter and return to their brothers, that joy, that light overflows from their hearts like a raging river. One of the two, Andrew, says to his brother, Simon — whom Jesus will call Peter when He meets him — "We have found the Messiah" (v. 41). They left sure that Jesus was the Messiah, certain.

Let us pause for a moment on this experience of the encounter with Christ who calls us to remain with him. Each one of God's calls is an initiative of his love. He is the one who always takes the initiative. He calls you. God calls to life, he calls to faith, and he calls to a particular state in life: "I want you here". God's first call is to life, through which he makes us persons; it is an individual call because God does not make things in series. Then God calls us to faith and to become part of his family as children of God. Lastly, God calls us to a particular state in life: to give of ourselves on the path of matrimony, or that of the priesthood or consecrated life. They are different ways of realizing God's design, the one he has for each of us that is always a design of love. God always calls. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, offering one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

Brothers and sisters, before the Lord's call, which can reach us in a thousand ways — through others, happy or sad events — our attitude at times might be rejection. No... "I am afraid"... Rejection because it seems to be in contrast to our aspirations; and even fear because we believe it is too demanding and uncomfortable: "Oh no, I will never be able to do it, better not to, a calmer life is better... God over there, me here". But God's call is always love: we have to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love. This is the language: the response to a call that comes from love is only love. At the beginning there is an encounter, or rather, there is the encounter with Jesus who speaks to us of his Father, he makes His love known to us. And then the desire to communicate it to the people that we love arises spontaneously in us too: "I met Love", "I met the Messiah", "I met God", "I met Jesus", "I found the meaning of my life". In a word: "I found God". May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfilment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives, in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call. Let us remember that. Let us go back to that moment so that the memory of that moment might always renew that encounter with Jesus for us.



Prayers of the Faithful – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRESIDER: Dear friends, keeping company with Jesus the Christ and the Lamb of God, let us pray for his truth and grace to bless the entire world.

We pray for Pope Francis, bishop of Rome and shepherd of the church. May he always be a sure and faithful apostle of Jesus Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray in thanksgiving for all who have led us to Jesus. May we never cease to encourage each other to seek his face.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church in Nicaragua and every place where hostile regimes oppress church leaders. May faithful believers stay strong and united.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all peace-loving people caught up in wars not of their making, in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan, Myanmar and Yemen. May those who are negotiating for peace hasten an end to their suffering.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the tidal wave of people abandoning their homeland in desperation because of war, poverty, and climate change. May the world community work together to give them shelter and security.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the young adults of Australia. May they be blessed with a healthy appreciation of their sexuality and have the freedom to say no to violence and exploitation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the flood-affected people of Queensland. May they receive the emergency help they need now and long-term support to recover and rebuild.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the recently deceased; **Peter Tutty, Rita Collins, Daryl Fox, Fr. Don Murray, Lynette Althaus** and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; **James Byrne**. May they be raised to eternal glory.
Lord, hear our prayer.

PRESIDER: Gracious God, you have revealed your wisdom and love to us in Jesus your Son. Keep us true to him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Diocesan News

Abrahamic Faiths Gathering:

Wednesday, 7th 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.

Sychar Website:

Term 1 Schedule available now on website - www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/

Flyers also 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 13th March. 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 **Horizons** is out now and is available online here www.twb.catholic.org.au/horizons/
Hard copies still available in the church foyer.

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass	Parish Life
Sunday 14 th 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. Michael 9.30am Morning Tea
Monday 15 th January	Monday of the 2 nd Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:16-23 Gospel: Mark 2:18-22		OFFICE CLOSED Fr. Jamie's 25th Ordination Anniversary! 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 16 th January	Tuesday of the 2 nd Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Gospel: Mark 2:23-28		5pm Music Planning meeting
Wednesday 17 th January	Saint Anthony First Reading: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Gospel: Mark 3:1-6	9.15am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordination Team Meeting
Thursday 18 th January	Thursday of the 2 nd Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Gospel: Mark 3:7-12		
Friday 19 th January	Friday of the 2 nd Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Gospel: Mark 3:13-19	9.15am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie - Live stream
Saturday 20 th January	Saturday of the 2 nd Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27 Gospel: Mark 3:20-21	6pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie Wells baptism
Sunday 21 st January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20	8.30am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie 9.30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 20th/21st January 2024 – Week 3

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:	Chris Gwydir, Celia Warr	Trish Zeller
Welcomers:	Kathy Reilly, Trevor Wyllie	Carol Ryall, Jan Barsby
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	Bob Morris
Parish Morning Tea:		Susan Tek's team
Readers:	Marg Wyllie, Judy Sheehan	David Tutty, Albert Bermingham
Prayer of the Faithful:	Marg Nolan	Monica Grundy
Offertory:	Denise Hopwood, Kathy Reilly	Tom & Helen Warren
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Catherine Hanna Chalice: Trevor Wyllie, Mary O'Brien	Ciborium: Gail Johnson Chalice: Noela Nolan, Jan Barsby
Music:	Anne-Maree Spalding & Men's Choir	Tom Hodgson & singers
Collectors:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Tony Meldon, Jim Nolan
Money Counters: This Week – 14 th January Next Week – 21 st January	Kathy Reedy & Tom Kelly Peter & Monica, Mary O'Brien	Collections – 7th January Planned Giving - \$ 394.30 Loose - \$ 1,762.30

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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.