

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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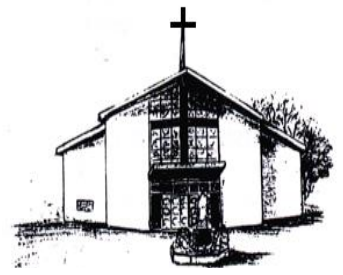
NEWSLETTER

3rd/4th February, 2024

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Church Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday: 8.30am – 2.30pm

Saturday: 5.15pm – 7.15pm

Sunday: 8am - 10am

Closed Monday

Office Hours –

Tuesday to Friday 8.30am- 2.30pm

CLOSED Monday & Weekends

“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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 146 *Praise our God who heals the broken-hearted.*

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 (*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*)

Gospel Acclamation – *Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!*

Gospel – Mark 1:29-39 (*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*)



Parish Calendar of Events

February 4 – Sacred Singers

February 7 – Social Justice meeting

February 14 – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 18 – Orange baptisms

February 20 – Friendship Group meets

Music planning meeting

February 26 – Parish Pastoral Council meeting

February 27 – Finance Committee meeting

IF HE'S OUTGROWN HAPPY MEALS,
WE NOW OFFER SOMETHING
FOR TEENS...



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer and remember those who have died recently: Steven Harris (*nephew of Kevin & Trish*)

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Margaret Thwaite, Lea Rapoport, Norman d'Arango, Marg Morris, Fran Shepherd

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Rev Msgr Michael Potter, Ven A/Deacon Robert O'Shea, Rev Fr Raymond White, Most Rev James Byrne DD, Rev Msgr John Bergin, Rev Fr Michael Hayes, Rev Fr Michael Cronin, Rev Fr Henry MacFarlane, Rev Fr Brian O'Dwyer, Rev Fr Michael Sheehan

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, Damian Potter, Val Saccasan, Vonnie Sherman, Rod Sleba, Pat Sullivan

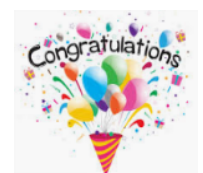
As well as the following friends & family members: Regina Albion, Wendy Bailey (*Narelle's mum*), Jill Beardsmore, Liz Beduhn, Rachel Bennett, Brian & Hazel Bowtell, baby Tommy Bryant (*Great-grandson of Kevin & Trish Harris*), Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, Marie Deane and Yvonne Gay, Lil Dolan, (Margaret Dunlop's sisters), Denis Dwan, Sr Zoe (*Christina*) Fitzpatrick (PBVM), Bruce Gardiner (*Brisbane*), Mary Gleeson, Gabby Hanlon (*Marie Heslop's niece*), Neville Harris (*Kevin's brother*), 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 McIvor, Brendan Middleton, Frank Miller, Sir Frank Moore (*Carol Ryall's brother*), Hanna Muir (*Brisbane*), Paul Murphy (*Pat's son*), Peter Nolan (*Rockhampton*), Neil O'Connor, Paul Park, 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

Parish Milestones

Birthdays and Anniversaries for February –

Carmi Adhil (15 on 19th), Karen Tiernan, Tom Nolan, Celia Warr, Fr Michael Cooney, Michael O'Brien, Lamyaa Al Costo, Damian Wyllie, Trevor Wyllie, Jim Tiernan, Rod Spalding, Carolyn Searle, Jim Lindquist, Roger Britton & Keith Shepherd all celebrate their birthdays.
Pat & Jill Sullivan (64) celebrate their wedding Anniversary.

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



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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Fr Jamie Chris Gwydir Louise Pffingst 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:

Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking

God of hope and peace, touch our hearts and energize our ongoing efforts in abolishing human trafficking, a heinous crime against humanity, so that every victim is freed and every survivor's life renewed. You blessed St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan with compassion for others. May her prayers comfort and strengthen the women, men, and children who are in search of freedom. Amen

Social Justice News

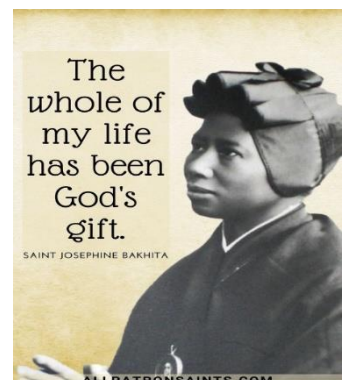
Social Justice Thought for the Week:

St Josephine Bakhita

Patron saint for victims of human trafficking

St Bakhita came from the Daju people in the Darfur region of Sudan, a woman who herself was a victim of trafficking. Her feast day occurs on **8th February**

Catholic social teaching proclaims the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of all human life. However, modern-day slavery—where men, women and children are bought and sold like merchandise—inherently rejects this principle, showing absolute contempt for human beings. Since the beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis has repeatedly urged Catholics and all people of good will to combat this "crime against humanity" which he says is "an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge against the body of Christ."



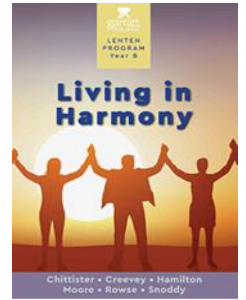
Perhaps you made a New Year's Resolution to be more involved in your faith community in 2024. Maybe the Social Justice Group might be your answer. Why not come and see what we do? Meetings take just one hour, once a month. Next meeting Wednesday, 7th February at 5pm in Parish Office. All welcome!

*******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!!!*******

Parish News

Lenten Program 2024:

The Parish will be using Garratt Publishing's Lenten Program 2024 – *Living in Harmony*. There will be two groups conducted at the Parish, one on Monday in the Church at 10am and the other on Wednesday in the Parish Office at 10am. Program will commence Monday **12th Feb** or Wednesday **14th Feb**, depending on which group you join. Please put your name on the list in the foyer indicating which group you prefer. It is not mandatory to join a group, you might wish to complete the program at home in your time. Cost of books will be \$10ea. Payment may be made at Parish Office, with books now available. Flyers available in foyer.



Sacramental Program:

The Reconciliation Program has been a journey of faith, self-reflection, and spiritual growth for both the children and their families. We extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to everyone who has chosen to walk this journey and who has worked diligently to make this program a meaningful and enriching experience.

We eagerly anticipate the upcoming Sacraments of Confirmation, which has been confirmed for Tuesday, the **28th of May**, at 6:00pm, with the First Communion Celebrations being held the following weekend on the **1st and 2nd of June**. Preparations will begin with a Parent Information evening to kick-start the program on Thursday, the **21st of March**, at 7:30pm in the Community Centre. Let us, therefore, join in prayer and support for these young souls who are taking this important step in their faith journey. Pictures of the children will be put up at the church in due time for your intercessions. Therefore, all parents of enrolled children are encouraged to kindly bring these pictures/photos to the parish office.

Please note that we are still accepting candidates for enrolment in the program until the 21st of March. Kindly use this opportunity to enrol your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then join in for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the parish office if you have any questions.

We look forward to celebrating these sacred moments with you.

Chinwe

RECHARGE – RENEW – REVITALISE

Often, we are told we must change in order to 'keep up and not be left behind'. 'Change is a good thing', we are told, and that 'out of change will come growth'. History and statistics could probably argue something different, when it comes to how we express our faith in the church and world today.



The Second Vatican Council brought great change to the church – as we know – and change back then came too quickly for some people. The church was perhaps trying to maintain relevance in a changing world. The pace of change in the world has only gathered momentum since then.

The end of the Second Vatican Council was nearly 60 years ago. In the time since then, Mass attendance in our parishes has diminished somewhat. With around 25–30% of the population identifying their faith tradition as Catholic only about 10–15% attend Mass regularly.

We have gone the way of cash in a cashless society. Only about 10-15% of the population use cash in transactions these days. But 'cash is always king', people say, and cash will form the basis of business dealings, even if the physical bank notes do not change hands.

Like the message of Jesus will always underpin all that we say and do, even if people are not sitting in the pews each Sunday. Today there is a myriad of ways being taken up by faith-filled people to share their beliefs with others and live the authentic Christian life.

Modern means of communication are being used by fellow Christians to spread the same message given to the fishermen, who were asked to come and follow Jesus and help spread the message of the Good News – and that Good News must have surely 'gone viral' as we are still reflecting on it today.

'Going viral' back in their day did not mean what it does for us today – but the message got out. When Jesus was healing, teaching, preaching and performing miracles, the people were gathering, with all their afflicted, along with those of special need.

Jesus saw his own need to get away to a deserted place to reflect and pray. So must we. When the pace of our ever changing and fast paced world seems to overwhelm us, maybe we should follow Jesus to a quiet place to recharge our batteries, renew our faith, and revitalise our relationships with others.

Fr. Jamie

Position Vacant:

Chinwe Uchendu has resigned from her position as Ministry Support Worker here at the Parish. We thank her immensely for her contribution to the Parish during her time in the office and wish her well in her future endeavours. An ad has been posted on Seek.com seeking applicants for the position of Administration Support Officer for up to 20 hrs/wk. If you wish to apply or know someone who might, please contact the Parish Office for a full Position Description.



St Anthony's Vinnies Sewing Sisters: is back Term 1 !!

- Commences 9th Feb.
- Classes are free! Includes free afternoon tea!
- Garment Construction run by experienced Jolie Katonga, a paid teacher, is full already.
- Learn to Sew for complete beginners has ONLY 4 places left. Please **register** with Gita

Venue: St Anthony's Community Centre

Time: 12.30 to 2.30 (Arrive by 12.15)

Term 1 Dates: February: 9th, 16th, 23rd.

March: 1st, 8th & 15th.



Thanks to St Anthony's PPC and Vinnies for their support.

For further details call 0407 039 290

Gita Sharma

(Vinnies Volunteer)

Scripture Readings – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not a person's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
the time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the worker with no thought but wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of God.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 146 Praise our God who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise our God who is good; sing to our God who is loving: to God our praise is due. **R**

You, O God build up Jerusalem and bring back Israel's exiles; you heal the broken-hearted, you bind up all their wounds.
You fix the number of the stars; you call each one by its name. **R**

Our God is great and almighty; God's wisdom can never be measured.

Our God raises the lowly and humbles the wicked to the dust. **R**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.



So though I am not a slave of anyone I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all people in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of God.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia!

*He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!*

Gospel – Mark 1:29-39

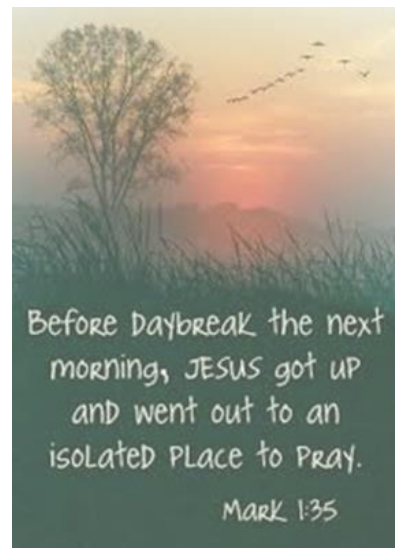
On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told Jesus about her straightaway. Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left and she began to minister to them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to Jesus all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and Jesus cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; Jesus also cast out many devils, but would not allow them to speak, because they knew who Jesus was.

In the morning, long before dawn, Jesus got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and the others set out in search of Jesus, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' Jesus answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And Jesus went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Before Daybreak the next morning, JESUS got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

MARK 1:35



Reflection of Pope Benedict XVI 8 February 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters, The Gospel today (cf. Mk 1: 29-39) in close continuity with last Sunday's presents to us Jesus who, after preaching on the Sabbath in the synagogue of Capernaum, heals many sick people, beginning with Simon's mother-in-law. Upon entering Simon's house, he finds her lying in bed with a fever and, by taking her hand, immediately heals her and has her get up. After sunset, he heals a multitude of people afflicted with ailments of every kind. The experience of healing the sick occupied a large part of Christ's public mission and invites us once again to reflect on the

meaning and value of illness, in every human situation.

Despite the fact that illness is part of human experience, we do not succeed in becoming accustomed to it, not only because it is sometimes truly burdensome and grave, but also essentially because we are made for life, for a full life. Our "internal instinct" rightly makes us think of God as fullness of life indeed, as eternal and perfect Life. When we are tried by evil and our prayers seem to be in vain, then doubt besets us and we ask ourselves in anguish: what is God's will? We find the answer to this very question in the Gospel. For example, in today's passage we read that Jesus "healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons" (Mk 1: 34); in another passage from St Matthew, it says that Jesus "went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people" (Mt 4: 23). Jesus leaves no room for doubt: God whose Face he himself revealed is the God of life, who frees us from every evil. The signs of his power of love are the healings he performed. He thus shows that the Kingdom of God is close at hand by restoring men and women to their full spiritual and physical integrity. I maintain that these cures are signs: they are not complete in themselves but guide us towards Christ's message, they guide us towards God and make us understand that man's truest and deepest illness is the absence of God, who is the source of truth and love. Only reconciliation with God can give us true healing, true life, because a life without love and without truth would not be life. The Kingdom of God is precisely the presence of truth and love and thus is healing in the depths of our being. One therefore understands why his preaching and the cures he works always go together: in fact, they form one message of hope and salvation.

Thanks to the action of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' work is extended in the Church's mission. Through the sacraments it is Christ who communicates his life to multitudes of brothers and sisters, while he heals and comforts innumerable sick people through the many activities of health-care assistance that Christian communities promote with fraternal charity. Thus they reveal the true Face of God, his love. It is true: very many Christians around the world priests, religious and lay people - have lent and continue to lend their hands, eyes and hearts to Christ, true physician of bodies and souls! Let us pray for all sick people, especially those who are most seriously ill, who can in no way provide for themselves but depend entirely on the care of others. May each one of them experience, in the solicitude of those who are beside them, the power and love of God and the richness of his saving grace. Mary, health of the sick, pray for us!

Prayers of the Faithful – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRESIDER: Dear friends, wherever Jesus went, he offered healing and hope to the afflicted. Let us pray for his Spirit to bring new life to the whole human family.

We pray for Pope Francis and all Christian leaders that, like Paul, the apostle, they will proclaim the good news unceasingly and announce God's saving grace to all the world.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of God, that this Word of God Sunday will encourage everyone to read and pray and find life in God's written word.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the whole human family, that all will take to heart the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the many in war-torn places enduring extreme weather, famine and trauma, that they will receive the humanitarian aid they need to survive.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for economic policy makers, that they will have the wisdom and courage to undertake reforms that promote the common good.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for cancer patients, especially children, that today's World Cancer Day will encourage the sharing of research and resources for life-saving treatment.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for food producers and suppliers around the country, that they will care for the land and be paid fairly for the fruits of their labour.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently; **Steven Harris** and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; **Margaret Thwaite, Lea Rapoport, Norman d'Áranjo, Marg Morris, Fran Shepherd**, that they will become a new creation in the glory of Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

PRESIDER: God of mercy and compassion, you showed your love for us in the healing work of Jesus. Set us free from fear and send us out as heralds of hope. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Diocesan News

Summer Tunes is coming to a park or hall near you!

Toowoomba Regional Council's Summer Tunes Program provides free, live music at popular parks across the Toowoomba Region and is a great way to start the 2024 year, relaxing with friends and family. Concerts feature local musicians from a variety of music genres and can be enjoyed during the weekends of Summer (**every Sunday 4 Feb through to Sunday 25 Feb 2024**).

Grab your picnic blanket and a hamper and get ready for a chilled weekend, listening to **Wayward** performing at Kingsthorpe Memorial Hall and **Andrew Kucks Duo**, at Picnic Point, Sunday 4 February 2024, 4pm – 7pm. Kingsthorpe Memorial Hall will have food and drinks available for purchase.

The full program can be found on flyers in the foyer. For more information please visit [Home \(tr.qld.gov.au\)](http://Home.tr.qld.gov.au).

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.

Bus Trip Marian Valley:

Sunday **11th February**. feast of OLOL. Bus departs Neil St. outside Cathedral 7:30, cost \$40. For bookings contact Theresa on 0434 528 904.

Catholic Social Services National Conference

Date: **21-23 February**

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.

World Day of Prayer 2024:

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

The 2024 service for our area will be held at Middle Ridge Uniting Church, 264 Stenner Street, on Friday **1st March** at 10am. This year's theme is *"I Beg You... Bear With One Another In Love"* Ephesians 4:1-3 and the service has been prepared by Christian Women in Palestine.

More information about World Day of Prayer can be found at [Join The Ecumenical Christian Laywomen's Movement For World Day Of Prayer Australia](#) and a flyer is available in the foyer.

International Women's Day High Tea

Date: Friday, 8th March Time: 11:45am-3:30pm Where: Highfields Cultural Centre, Highfields Cost: \$85

[Trybooking to reserve your seat/table](#)

St Mary MacKillop Parish Highfields looks forward to hosting a Highfields Community International Women's Day High Tea event. Enjoy high tea while listening to inspiring local women as we celebrate together. Proceeds will be donated to a local women's centred charity and help support our local parish community. Flyers in foyer

Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out On Mission To The World:

Date: Wednesday, 13th March

Time: 7:00-8:45pm

Where: Hanly Room beside St Stephen's

Cathedral, Brisbane

Cost: \$10 individual or \$8 for group of 5+ [Book tickets here.](#)

Lecture and discussion with **Fr Richard Leonard**, hosted by Liturgy Brisbane. Nourished by word and sacrament at our weekly Eucharist, the gathered community is sent out to live and proclaim our faith, hope and love in Christ. What does the world look like to which we are sent? What liturgy might enable us to reclaim a missionary energy that is hospitable, bold, inclusive and Catholic? Flyers available in the foyer.

Retreat: Refresh Your Faith

Date: 16 & 17 March Saturday & Sunday Where: Crows Nest TBA

All are invited to join a retreat organized by St Vincent de Paul which promises to be challenging, stimulating and contemporary. For more information call 0418 352 969 or email ada.boland@svdpqld.org.au Flyers in foyer

Sychar Website:

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

Flyers also available in foyer.

Podcast: Prayer Is Life

In a year that has been dedicated to prayer by Pope Francis, Majellan Media has launched a new podcast series titled *Prayer is Life* featuring Redemptorist priest Father David Hore CSsR. Topics will include new ways of praying; simplifying prayer; how God presents to us in our daily lives; the challenges of praying; God's need for our love; how do we know if we are praying properly and tips on how families can be more fully engaged in prayer.

The first 15-minute podcast titled, Introduction to Prayer, is now available at <https://majellan.media/prayer-is-life-podcast/> or on [Spotify](#) as well as Apple and other podcast outlets.

Video: Life Essentials

The trailer for a brand-new season of [LIFE ESSENTIALS](#) is live! Launching **February 15** with 8 brand-new episodes, LIFE ESSENTIALS is an easy way for young people to spark a faith conversation with their friends and create opportunities to invite them to Alpha Youth. Filmed and produced in Australia, featuring student perspectives and expert interviews, each episode explores topics of identity, belonging, purpose, and faith. [Life Essentials \(alpha.org.au\)](http://alpha.org.au)



National consultation for next Synod assembly begins 1 February 2024

Catholics around Australia are being asked to contribute to a global discussion on the future of the Church.

Groups of Catholics will gather and reflect on the question of "enhancing the differentiated co-responsibility in the mission of all members" and provide feedback. The discussion will focus on identifying the paths to follow and the tools that could be adopted in different contexts and circumstances to enhance the unique contribution of each baptised person.

The next assembly of the Synod – which was initially held from October 4-29, 2023 – will be staged in October in the Vatican.

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass	Parish Life
Sunday 4 th February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39	8.30am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie 9.30am Morning Tea 4pm Sacred Singers
Monday 5 th February	Saint Agatha First Reading: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Gospel: Mark 6:53-56		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 6 th February	Saint Paul Miki and Companions First Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Gospel: Mark 7:1-13		
Wednesday 7 th February	Wednesday of the 5 th Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Kings 10:1-10 Gospel: Mark 7:14-23	9.15am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordination Team Meeting 5pm Social Justice meeting
Thursday 8 th February	Thursday of the 5 th Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Kings 11:4-13 Gospel: Mark 7:24-30	9.30am	Opening Mass for School Year.
Friday 9 th February	Friday of the 5 th Week in Ordinary time First Reading: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37	9.15am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie - Live stream
Saturday 10 th February	Saint Scholastica First Reading: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Gospel: Mark 8:1-10	6pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie
Sunday 11 th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:31; 11:1 Gospel: Mark 1:40-45	8.30am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie 9.30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 10th/11th February 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, Marg Nolan	Sandra Neale
Welcomers:	Celia Warr, Denise Hopwood	Denis & Marie McAleer
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	
AV Operator:	Yano	Peter Sheridan
Parish Morning Tea:		Michael & Mary O'Brien
Readers:	Regina Ryan, Leandra Fernando	Josephine Astbury, Sandra Neale
Prayer of the Faithful:	Judy Sheehan	Carol Ryall
Offertory:	Peter & Jan Boyce	Tom & Helen Warren
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Trevor Wyllie Chalice: Mary O'Brien, Marg Nolan	Ciborium: David Tutty Chalice: Monica Gundry, Jan Barsby
Music:	Carolyn Searle & Singers	Sr Maria & singers
Collectors:	Denise Hopwood, Peter Boyce	Peter Wilkes, Tony Meldon
Money Counters: This Week – 4th February Next Week – 11th February	Kathy Reedy & Tom Kelly Peter & Monica, Jan Burchardt	Collections – 28th January Planned Giving - \$ 335.00 Loose - \$ 812.75

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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.