

# ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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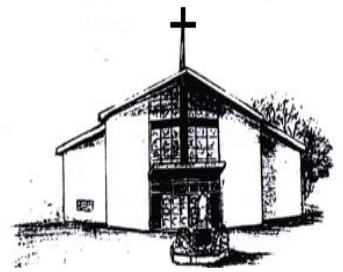
## NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** – Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*)

**Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11 *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

**Second Reading** – 1 Corinthians 10:31;11:1 (*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*)

**Gospel Acclamation** – *Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!*

**Gospel** – Mark 1:40-45 (*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*)

**HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED THAT A WOMAN'S "I'LL BE READY IN 5 MINUTES" AND A MAN'S "I'LL BE HOME IN 5 MINUTES" ARE EXACTLY THE SAME?**

### Parish Calendar of Events

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

March 1 – World Day of Prayer

March 3 – St Anthony's Sacred Singers

**TEENAGERS TIRED OF BEING HARASSED BY YOUR PARENTS? ACT NOW!! MOVE OUT, GET A JOB, PAY YOUR OWN WAY, WHILE YOU STILL KNOW EVERYTHING!!**

## 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:**

**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

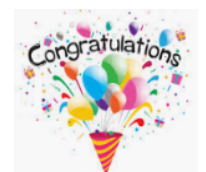
**As well as the following friends & family members:** Regina Albion, Wendy Bailey (*Narelle's mum*), Jill Beardsmore, Liz Beduhn, Rachel Bennett, Brian & Hazel Bowtell, baby Tommy Bryant (*Great-grandson of Kevin & Trish Harris*), Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, Marie Deane and Yvonne Gay, Lil Dolan, (Margaret 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 19<sup>th</sup>), 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 Pfindt 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday monthly at 9.45am (after Mass)

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

**Friendship Group:** 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.

**Parish Coordinating Team:** Meet each Wednesday.

**Circle Dancing:** 1.30pm Wednesday during school term.

**Prayer of the Week:**

### Prayer Before Lent

Heavenly Father,

As we enter the first week of our Lenten journey, guide us to the path that leads to you. Fill our hearts with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, honestly admitting our shortcomings and sins.

As we renew our resolve each day to become better people, let us hear your voice in the deepest reaches of our hearts. Give us rest in you. Help us to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with us through the busy days in this season and remind us that when we need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, we can always turn to you. Help us develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. In your name we pray, **Amen.**



## Social Justice News

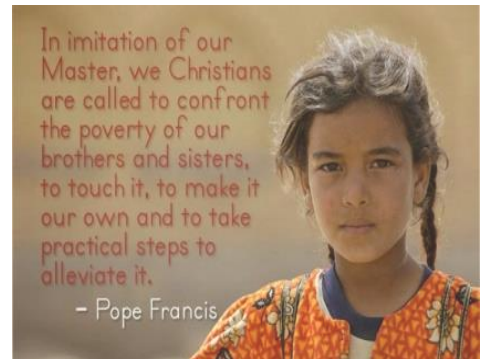
### Social Justice Thought for the Week:

Pope Francis, in Laudato Si', urges us to care for our common home because "this sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her." #2

In our mobile, noisy, technological, urban age that is increasingly disconnected from the natural world, it is becoming more difficult for many of us to appreciate God's gift of place.



As we approach the anniversary of the National Apology this week, we acknowledge that, for our First Nations Peoples, "land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' #146)



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, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm in Parish Office.

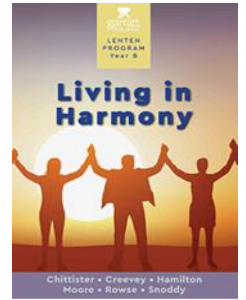
All welcome!

**\*\*\*\*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 **12<sup>th</sup> Feb** or Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> 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.



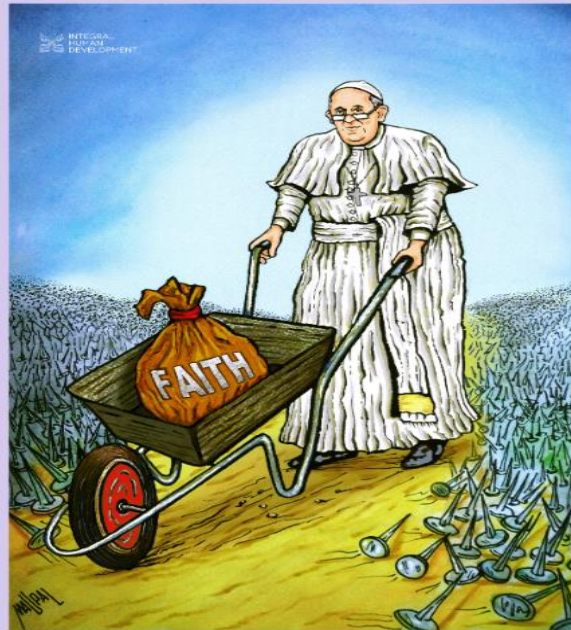
### “Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom”

«I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out  
of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery»  
(Ex 20:2)



#LENT  
2024

DIACASTERY FOR PROMOTING  
INTEGRAL  
HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT



### 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 **28<sup>th</sup> of May**, at 6:00pm, with the First Communion celebrations being held the following weekend on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June**. Preparations will begin with a parent information evening to kick-start the program on Thursday, the **21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

### **NOW IS THE TIME**

This week we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. As we know, Lent is that sacred time of observance and action, based around the Gospel values of prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor. These are the foundational planks upon which our Lenten journey begins.

Now is the acceptable time we are told. Now is the acceptable time to nourish our prayer life, to look within ourselves in order to effect an outward change. Now is the time to bring about conversion in our lives.

Now is the time to turn hearts of stone to flesh. From this inner spiritual nourishment, we are taken to the other levels of action. This includes fasting, giving up something or endeavouring to do something extra for someone else; and giving to the poor.

We are asked to do it with a joyful heart, not in a glum way that draws attention to ourselves. Lent can be seen as a journey through the desert, which is the theme upon which we will reflect during the season. Be Not Afraid – I go before you always! That is our hope as Christian people as we set forth into Lent this year ... a time of observance but also of action. By turning away from sin, by being faithful to the gospel, and by being concerned for the welfare of our neighbour.

It is then that our journey to Easter will truly be an authentic expression of living faith. There is no time like the present to make a start. The journey of a thousand miles starts with the first step, and for us ... now is the acceptable time.

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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: 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

March: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.



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

For further details call 0407 039 290

Gita Sharma

(Vinnies Volunteer)

## Scripture Readings – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading – Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

God spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: When a person has on the skin of the body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns a leprous disease on the skin of the body, that person shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons.

The person is leprous, unclean. The priest shall pronounce the person unclean. The person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and their hair shall be disheveled; and they shall cover their upper lip and cry out, "Unclean, unclean." They shall remain unclean as long as they have the disease. They are unclean. The person shall live alone; their dwelling shall be outside the camp.'

**The Word of God.**



## Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 31

*I turn to you, O God, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Happy those whose offences are forgiven, whose sins are remitted.

O happy those to whom our God imputes no guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile. **R**

By now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said, 'I will confess my offence to our God.'

And you, O God, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R**

Rejoice, rejoice, in our God exult, you Just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R**

## Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offence to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**The Word of God.**

**Gospel Acclamation –** Alleluia, alleluia!

*A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.*

Alleluia!

## Gospel – Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose to. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him Jesus sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

**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 15 February 2015



This Sunday, Mark the Evangelist speaks to us about Jesus' actions against every type of evil, for the benefit of those suffering in body and spirit: the possessed, the sick, sinners.... Jesus presents Himself as the One who fights and conquers evil wherever He encounters it. In today's Gospel (cf. Mk 1:40-45), this struggle of His confronts an emblematic case because the sick man is a leper. Leprosy is a contagious and pitiless disease, which disfigures the person, and it was a symbol of impurity: a leper had to stay outside of inhabited centres and make his presence known

to passersby. He was marginalized by the civil and religious community. He was like a dead man walking.

The episode of the healing of the leper takes place in three brief phases: the sick man's supplication, Jesus' response, and the result of the miraculous healing. The leper beseeches Jesus, "kneeling", and says to Him: "If you will, you can make me clean" (v. 40). Jesus responds to this humble and trusting prayer because his soul is moved to deep pity: compassion. "Compassion" is a most profound word: compassion means "to suffer-with-another". Jesus' heart manifests God's paternal compassion for that man, moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus "stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean" (vv. 41-42). God's mercy overcomes every barrier and Jesus' hand touches the leper. He does not stand at a safe distance and does not act by delegating but places Himself in direct contact with our contagion, and in precisely this way, our ills become the motive for contact: He, Jesus, takes from us our diseased humanity, and we take from Him his sound and healing humanity. This happens each time we receive a Sacrament with faith: the Lord Jesus "touches" us and grants us his grace. In this case, we think especially of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which heals us from the leprosy of sin.

Once again, the Gospel shows us what God does in the face of our ills: God does not come to "give a lesson" on pain; neither does He come to eliminate suffering and death from the world; but rather, He comes to take upon Himself the burden of our human condition and carries it to the end, to free us in a radical and definitive way. This is how Christ fights the world's maladies and suffering: by taking them upon Himself and conquering them with the power of God's mercy.

The Gospel of the Healing of the Leper tells us today that if we want to be true disciples of Jesus, we are called to become, united to Him, instruments of his merciful love, overcoming every kind of marginalization. In order to be "imitators of Christ" (cf. 1 Cor 11:1) in the face of a poor or sick person, we must not be afraid to look him in the eye to draw near with tenderness and compassion and to touch him and embrace him. I have often asked people who help others to do so by looking them in the eye, not to be afraid to touch them; this gesture of help may also be a gesture of communication: we, too, need to be welcomed by them. A gesture of tenderness, a gesture of compassion... Let us ask you: when you help others, do you look them in the eye? Do you embrace them without being afraid to touch them? Do you embrace them with tenderness? Think about this: how do you help? From a distance or with tenderness, with closeness? If evil is contagious, so is goodness.

Therefore, there needs to be ever more abundant goodness in us. Let us be infected by goodness and let us spread goodness!

## Prayers of the Faithful – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PRESIDER:** Dear friends, with compassion and power Jesus healed the leper and ended his isolation. Let us pray for the healing of our wounded and fractured world.

We pray for all who minister to outcasts at the margins of society, that they will give them a true sense of their human dignity and their right to belong. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians in the growing number of nations actively hostile to their faith, that they will draw strength from God's Spirit and our solidarity with them **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Catholic faithful around Australia, that they will have their say in the national consultation for the second session of the Synod on Synodality. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, that today's World Day of the Sick will help renew their courage, hope and patience. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to the bloodshed in Gaza, Ukraine and every place of war, that humanitarian aid be delivered, and recovery begun. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bring joy to our lives and raise our spirits, that their gift of grace will inspire us to love more freely and be united in hope. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Australia's First Nations peoples, that this week's anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations will spur fresh efforts to overcome indigenous disadvantage. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our parish community, that Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent will call us to truly repent and believe in the gospel. **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, that they will be led safely to eternal life by Christ the good Shepherd. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**PRESIDER:** All-loving God, you made us in your image and brought us to new birth in Christ. Send us out in his name to heal the sick. 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).

### Bus Trip Marian Valley:

Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ada.boland@svdpqld.org.au) Flyers in foyer

## Sychar Website:

Term 1 Schedule available now on website - [www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/](http://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 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> First Reading: <b>Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46</b> Second Reading: <b>1 Corinthians 1:31; 11:1</b> Gospel: <b>Mark 1:40-45</b>	8.30am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie 9.30am Morning Tea
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary time First Reading: <b>James 1:1-11</b> Gospel: <b>Mark 8:11-13</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary time First Reading: <b>James 1:12-18</b> Gospel: <b>Mark 8:14-21</b>		
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> First Reading: <b>Joel 2:12-18</b> Second Reading: <b>2 Corinthians 5:20;6:2</b> Gospel: <b>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18</b>	9.15am	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie</b> 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordination Team Meeting
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday after Ash Wednesday First Reading: <b>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</b> Gospel: <b>Luke 9:22-25</b>		
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday after Ash Wednesday First Reading: <b>Isaiah 58:1-9</b> Gospel: <b>Matthew 9:14-15</b>	9.15am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie - <i>Live stream</i>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Saturday after Ash Wednesday First Reading: <b>Isaiah 58:9-14</b> Gospel: <b>Luke 5:27-32</b>	6pm	5.15pm <i>Reconciliation</i> <b>Vigil Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> First Reading: <b>Genesis 9:8-15</b> Second Reading: <b>1 Peter 3:18-22</b> Gospel: <b>Mark 1:12-15</b>	8.30am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie Orange Baptism 9.30am Morning Tea

### MINISTERS FOR MASS

**Saturday/ Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> February 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
<b>Co-ordinator:</b>	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Noela Nolan
<b>Welcomers:</b>	Trevor Wyllie, Jenn Stephens	Sandra Neale, Jim Nolan
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Damian Wyllie	
<b>AV Operator:</b>	Regina Ryan	Mick Goring
<b>Parish Morning Tea:</b>		No Convenor: People encouraged to bring a plate. Volunteers required to serve & clean up
<b>Readers:</b>	Margaret Nolan, Shane Hair	Gail Johnson, Bob Morris
<b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b>	Gillian Brandt	Peter Sheridan
<b>Offertory:</b>	Harlon Fernando, Denise Hopwood	Dennis & Marie McAleer
<b>Minister of Communion:</b>	<b>Ciborium:</b> Lloyd Bailey <b>Chalice:</b> Margaret Wyllie, Carol Lovell	<b>Ciborium:</b> Jan Barsby <b>Chalice:</b> Brenda Thomas, Noela Nolan
<b>Music:</b>	Anne-Maree Spalding & Men's Choir	Tom Hodgson & singers
<b>Collectors:</b>	Trevor Wyllie, Tom Kelly	Jim Nolan, Tony Meldon
<b>Money Counters:</b> This Week – 11 <sup>th</sup> February Next Week – 18 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Peter &amp; Monica, Jan Burchardt</b> Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon	<b>Collections – 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Planned Giving - \$ 441.00</b> <b>Loose - \$ 965.90</b>

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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.