

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



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## NEWSLETTER

August 31st & September 1st, 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- 1:30pm  
**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 speeriny ureu,  
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.**

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mary of the Southern Cross Feast Day

First Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7

Responsorial Psalm – *Your words, Lord are spirit and life.*

Second Reading – Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7

**Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is Mary who stood by the cross of her son, believing that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled. Alleluia!**

**Gospel – John 19:25**

### Important Dates Coming Up

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Mary of the Southern Cross

- Father's Day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Social Justice Meeting

5pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Adoration 9.45am

I HATE IT WHEN YOU CAN'T  
FIGURE OUT HOW TO OPERATE  
THE IPAD AND THE RESIDENT  
TECH EXPERT IS ASLEEP.

BECAUSE HE'S 5.

AND IT'S PAST HIS BEDTIME.

Police came round last  
night and told me my  
dogs were chasing  
people on bikes

My dogs don't even  
have bikes.



## Our Parish Prayer List

**We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently:** Donald Brown (Allora)

**For the Anniversaries of our loved ones:** Bernie Boshammer, Patricia Joyner, Pat Waters, Rose Cran, Thomas Nolan Snr, Kenneth Pinnington, Joan Myers, Stan Garrett, Heather Ruming.

**and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese:** Rev Fr Mervyn Ziesing, Most Rev Edward Kelly DD, Rev Fr Sydney Kattie, Rev Fr Myles Patrick Smith, Most Rev William Brennan DD, Rev Fr Lino Valente, Rev Fr Frances Burke, Rev Fr Michael Skehan, Rev Fr Clarence Leahy, Rev Fr Neil O'Donoghue.

**We hold in prayer all those who are sick including the following Parishioners:** Narelle Bailey, Daniel Bell, Brian Conrick, Mary Gilligan, Madeline (Sally) Gray, Nancy Hargrave, Neville Harris, Rita Irwin, Elsie Kirby, Malcolm Kirby, Mary Logan, Pat Madden, Margaret Pegler, Trish Ryan, Val Saccasan, Vonnie Sherman, Rod Sleba, Pat Sullivan, Lucy Targato, Tom & Helen Warren.

**As well as the following friends & family members:** Regina Albion, Robbie Bailey (Narelle's Dad), Wendy Bailey (Narelle's mum), Jill Beardsmore, Liz Beduhn, Rachel Bennett, Brian & Hazel Bowtell, baby Tommy Bryant (Great-grandson of Kevin & Trish Harris), John Buckle, Rebecca Clayton, Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, Marie Deane and Yvonne Gay (Margaret Dunlop's sisters), Lil Dolan, Kevin Collins, Denis Dwan, Sr Zoe (Christina) Fitzpatrick (PBVM), Mary Gleeson, Karen Graham (Geoff's niece), 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), Stephen Mackenzie (Pam Hahn's son), Roz Martin, Jan Masters, 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, Kevin Schick (Val's brother), Sally Sippel, Shane Schick (Gail's son), Silba Serem, Harley Stewart, Neil Syme, Brian Thomson, Greg Twidale, Denis & Ruth Volter, Kevin Wallace, Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells, Martin Yong.

# Our Parish Milestones

**September**—Marie Fitzpatrick, Carol Ryall, Don McKechnie, Ann-Maree Spalding, Geoffrey Wells, Dominique Buckley, Patrick Donohue, Veronica Jais, Adut Mawien, Margaret Pegler, Angela Britton, Cushla Randall. Anniversaries: Greg & Deb Bowdler, Peter & Betty Sheridan.

*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 Pfingst Nicole Rangiira Kathy Reedy-Secretary Bob Frost Mary O'Brien Marg Nolan Theo Fernando Shane Hair Brett Rangiira Chris Chryshanthan	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  <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!**  
**Adoration: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday monthly at 9.45am** (after Mass)

**The Swag:** Available in the foyer - \$1    **Majellan Magazine:** Available in the foyer - \$4ea

**Catholic Leader:** Available by subscription only.

**Social Justice Group:** Meet **1<sup>st</sup> Monday 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.

### Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all, we praise you for your goodness,  
 visible in all the diversity that you have created,  
 making us a cosmic family living in a common home.

Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment,  
 home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator.

Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis,  
 loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.

We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures,  
 and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know  
 the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him.

May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully,  
 so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her,  
 so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans  
 and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus,  
 the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth,  
 and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

# Social Justice News

## Thought for the Week: Season of Creation

Each year from **September 1 to October 4** Catholics join Christians worldwide in celebrating the **Season of Creation**.



The 2024 Season of Creation theme, “To hope and act with Creation,” emphasizes the profound relationship between humanity and the natural world. By capitalizing “Creation,” the theme acknowledges both the physical universe and the ongoing divine act of creation, highlighting our interconnectedness and responsibility towards the environment.

The theme calls for active hope and action. It stresses that hope involves more than passive waiting. It requires courage and effort to address environmental and social issues. The emphasis is on collaboration and respect for Creation as a cosmic family, recognizing our role as family caregivers rather than mere users.

Hope is not naive optimism but a dynamic, active process involving endurance and resilience. This hope drives us to strive for justice and positive change, informed by the example of Christ and an understanding that our actions, though sometimes slow to yield visible results, are meaningful and necessary.

His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, Roman Catholic Church

Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone. [...] I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful.”



## Parish & Diocesan News



### A WORD ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

For six weeks we have journeyed through the sixth chapter of John, challenged by Jesus to welcome in faith the gift of his life-giving word and his flesh and blood. Today, however the Readings for Mary of the Southern Cross take precedence over the usual Sunday Readings.

If we were to hear the usual readings for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, we would read of Jesus' sweeping condemnation of the Pharisees' legalistic hypocrisy. Living within the spirit of the law, not the letter of the law remains a salutary warning for leaders and believers of all generations.

A reading from the apostle James reminds us that in the hearts of believers the saving word of God has been planted. Heard and obeyed, it directs us to care for the weakest, typified in biblical tradition as orphans, widows and strangers. They are still among us. *Fr Jamie*

### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS:

We pray for all who have become disillusioned by the church into which they were baptised, that they will be led by the Spirit to a new faith in Jesus.

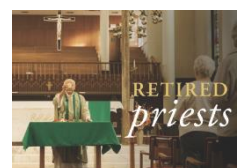


### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A very special Happy Father's Day to all Dad's, Grandads and Pops, Stepfathers and Father Figures on this Father's Day in 2024. We remember too, those fathers who are no longer with us, and pray that they find reward in heaven for all their good works here. May it be a special day for all 'dads' today!

### CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED

Each Father's Day we also have the opportunity to show our gratitude for the priests who have served us so faithfully throughout their 'working' life by contributing to the Annual Appeal for the Priests Retirement Foundation. Our contribution to the appeal will be much appreciated by those supported by the diocese in their retirement.





### **MARY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

Each year on the First of September we honour Mary as Patron of the Diocese of Toowoomba under the title of Our Lady of the Southern Cross. This year marks 25 years since approval was granted by Rome for us to establish this celebration in the Diocese. Prayer cards are available in the Foyer.

### **SEASON OF CREATION**

Today also marks the Season of Creation, an international Ecumenical celebration supported and encouraged by Pope Francis. In the spirit of Laudato Si, and as an Earth Care Parish, we will be marking this annual celebration each weekend during the first month of Spring.



**BATTLE OF MEEWAH COMMEMORATION** The battle of Meewah was part of the frontier wars, the battle for land that took place across our vast continent. It was significant because it demonstrated great courage and valour as well as diplomacy. This annual event commemorate this historically significant story of shared history. It is a story led by a love of land and people whilst also honouring one of the many forgotten or untold stories of valient First Nations resistances. **Date:**12th September **Time:** 12-2pm **Where:** Tobruk Memorial Drive Toowoomba.

**Carnival Of Flowers Presentation :** St Patricks Cathedral are presenting a floral presentation **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 9am-5pm Daily.**

Come along and enjoy the beautiful displays from our local Catholic Schools and Community Organisations.



**If you know of anyone who can be taken from the Parish Prayer List that appears on the front of the Bulletin each week, please notify the Parish Office. Thank you.**

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**ST. ANTHONY’S IS 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.  
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## **Scripture Readings**

### **Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of the Southern Cross**

#### **First Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

#### **The Word of God**

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#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response:** Your words, Lord are spirit and life

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. **(R)**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The statues of the Lord are true, all of them just; more desirable than

gold, than a hoard of purest gold, sweeter also than honey or drippings from the comb. (R)

Let the words of my mouth meet with your favour, keep the thoughts of my heart before you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (R)

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**Second Reading – Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. **This is the Word of the Lord**

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**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed is Mary who stood by the cross of her son, believing that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled. Alleluia!

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**Gospel – John 19-25**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”

And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



## Prayers of the Faithful

### Twenty- Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**PRESIDER: My friends we honour Mary, the first of the disciples, as the patron of our Diocese. Let us ask her intercession as we pray for all who need our prayers.**

We pray for our Church in the Toowoomba Diocese: that under the patronage of Mary of the Southern Cross it may be true to its mission in spreading the Gospel message of justice, love and peace.  
Lord, hear us.

We pray for our Bishop Ken Howell, all priests and religious and for all who minister in the many roles and organizations that continue the mission of church in our diocese. Lord, hear us.

We pray for a spirit of renewal in the diocese leading up to the forthcoming Synod in Rome. Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are sick: those living with serious illness and for all for whom life is difficult and for those who care for them. Lord, hear us.

We remember all those who have died recently and for those who mourn the loss of someone they love. Lord, hear us.

**PRESIDER: God of all the ages, the Southern Cross has hung in our skies since the dawn of time. May we who live beneath its light, also learn to stand with Mary, beneath the Cross of self-giving and service. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.**



• **Caritas Australia: Women For the World**

This annual Caritas Australia appeal focuses on supporting women to build better futures. The Women for the World appeal, which this year affords supporters the chance to give the life-changing, future-shaping gift of vocational training to women. To find out more and support Caritas Australia’s Women for the World appeal, visit <http://www.caritas.org.au/women> or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

## PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September <b>Our Lady of the Southern Cross</b>	First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 Second Reading: Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7 Gospel: John 19:25	<b>8.30am</b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Mass (Fr Jamie)</b> Morning Tea St Anthony's Sacred Singers
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Luke 4:16-30		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Midday Liturgy Meeting 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September <b>Saint Gregory the Great</b>	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 Gospel: Luke 4:31-37		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Gospel: Luke 4:38-44	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Weekday Mass (Fr. Jamie)</b> 10am Gospel Discussion 10.30am Coordinating Team
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11		
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Gospel: Luke 5:33-39	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.45am</b>	<b>Mass (Fr. Jamie)</b> <i>Live-stream</i> Adoration
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Luke 6:1-5	<b>6PM</b>	5.15pm Reconciliation <b>Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 23 <sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7 Second Reading: James 2:1-5 Gospel : Mark 7:31-37	<b>8.30am</b> <b>9:30am</b>	<b>Mass (Fr Jamie)</b> Morning Tea

### MINISTERS FOR MASS

#### Saturday/ Sunday, 7/8 September Week 2

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
<b>Co-ordinator:</b>	Lloyd Bailey & Tim Fitzgerald	Sandra Neale
<b>Welcomers:</b>	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Denis & Marie McAleer
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Harlon Fernando	
<b>AV Operator:</b>	Regina Ryan	Peter Sheridan
<b>Parish Morning Tea:</b>		PPC
<b>Readers:</b>	Leandra Fernando & Regina Ryan	Gail Johnson & David Tutty
<b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b>	Carol Lovell	Monica Gundry
<b>Offertory:</b>	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Denis & Marie McAleer
<b>Minister of Communion:</b>	<b>Ciborium:</b> Celia Warr <b>Chalice:</b> Chris Gwydir & Lloyd Bailey	<b>Ciborium:</b> Noela Nolan <b>Chalice:</b> Jan Barsby & Brenda Thomas
<b>Music:</b>	Carolyn Searle & Young People	Sr Maria & singers
<b>Collectors:</b>	Barry Turner & Denise Hopwood	Jim Nolan & Peter Wilkes
<b>Money Counters:</b>		Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry, Jan Burchardt
<b>Ozcare</b> <b>September 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ann Matthew</b> <b>Judy Sheehan</b>	<b>Collections – 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Planned Giving - \$ 470</b> <b>Loose - \$ 528.90</b> <b>Seminary</b> <b>Appeal - \$949.15</b>

