

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

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NEWSLETTER

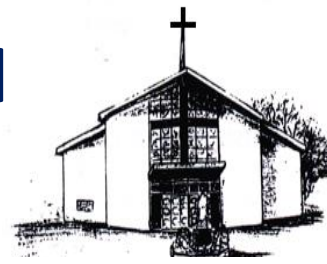
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“A Place at the Table for All”



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

*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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Safeguarding Sunday

First Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm – *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

Second Reading – James 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 7:31-37



Smile!

Important Dates Coming Up

Sunday 8th – Safeguarding Sunday

Friday 13th – School Term Ends

**I dont think
housework will kill
you, but I have decided
not to take the risk!**

Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Simon Doyle, Fay Perkins, Colin Myers (*Tom Nolan's Uncle*), Mary Joseph (*Jais James' Grandmother*), Donald Brown (*Allora*)

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Bernie Boshammer, Patricia Joyner, Pat Waters

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.



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 Pfindst 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: 1st 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 **1st Monday 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 Parish Office. All welcome.

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

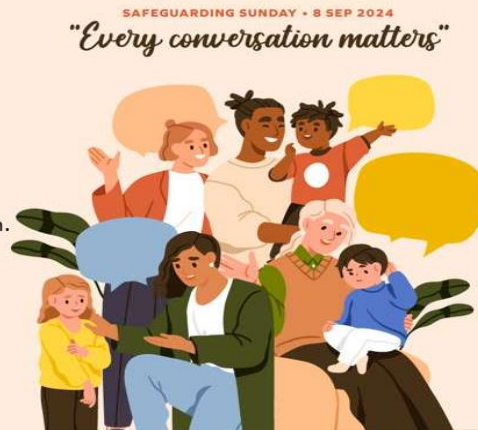
Circle Dancing: 1.30pm Wednesday during school term.

Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk
who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited
and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.



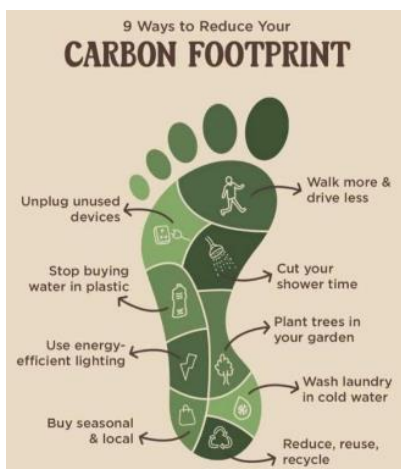
Social Justice News



The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday 2024 on the **8th September**, at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

his year Safeguarding Sunday has adopted the theme of National Child Protection Week - *“Every conversation matters”*. Embracing this theme, we are reminded that every conversation about safeguarding matters. Children and adults at risk are more likely to raise concerns and issues in an organisation that empowers and listens to them, and creating space for children and adults to have a say in decisions that affect them is an integral part of every safe organisation.

Resources, including for liturgical celebrations, have been created to support local recognition of Safeguarding Sunday. They include parish notices, prayers of intercession, prayer slides and social media images. Click the button below to access the resources, available on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website.



Recycling in the Toowoomba Region

There is very little that needs to be thrown in your red-lidded (garbage) bin to end up in land fill. Watch this space over the coming weeks for recycling tips.

Reducing your waste is a much better option than recycling. Buy in bulk, refuse extra packaging – do what you can to reduce the waste stream. Second best is to reuse old containers and packages if you can. If you can't reduce or reuse, then recycling is the way to go.

Your household recycle bin

Many items can be recycled through your yellow-lidded recycle bin. To note, however:

- Glass from broken recyclable bottles or jars **can't** be recycled as it can't be automatically sorted and processed.
- Any recyclables disposed of in plastic bags will be rejected and landfilled.

- Liquids and oils (e.g. cooking, motor vehicle, etc.) will contaminate a load and cause it to be landfilled. (Take these to a local Waste Management site, e.g. at O'Mara's Rd or Kleinton)
- Batteries, particularly lithium ion types, can and do start fires in trucks and facilities.
- Used nappies and disposable wipes are a biological hazard to waste management workers.

Your green waste bin

Garden prunings, lawn clippings and branches up to 15cm diameter and 50cm length are among the items you can place in this bin.

Parish & Diocesan News

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 8 SEP 2024

“Every conversation matters”

OPENING OUR EYES AND EARS TO THE BEAUTY AROUND US

Jesus' healing of the man with a hearing and speech impediment led to the inclusion of a gesture of touching the

ears and mouth of the one who is being baptised within the Baptismal Liturgy.

This ritual reflects actions of Jesus in today's Gospel. At Baptism, the candidate's ears and mouth are touched while the priest prays, 'Ephpheta: that is, be opened, that you may profess the faith you hear, to the praise and glory of God'.

There's a parallel moment during the Eucharist when we the baptised sign our forehead, lips and heart at the start of the Gospel. We're praying in body language for our minds to be enlightened, our words to be inspired, and our hearts to be transformed.

Done thoughtfully, it's a simple but powerful action ... and an appropriate prayer upon which to reflect on this Safeguarding Sunday, falling as it does at the end of Child Protection Week. *Fr Jamie*

THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for the parents, godparents, family and friends of every newly baptised infant, that they will be a community of faith, hope and love in which the child will grow to maturity.



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. Please take along a hat, sunscreen, water and something to sit on.

CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS PRESENTATION : St Patricks Cathedral is presenting a floral presentation :**Friday 13th September – Monday 16th September 9am-5pm Daily.** Come along and enjoy the beautiful displays from our local Catholic Schools and Community Organisations.



PRAYER LIST: 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.

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 Rangira 0437 382 408.** **Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult.** Thank you.

Scripture Readings



First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

So, to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look your God is coming, the retribution of God; God is coming to save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongues of the mute sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Word of God

Responsorial Psalm: Praise our God, my soul!

It is God who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed, It is God who gives bread to the hungry, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**

It is God who gives sight to the blind; who raises up those who are bowed down. It is God who loves the just; who protects the stranger. **(R)**

God upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. Our God will reign forever, Zion’s God, from age to age. **(R)**

Second Reading – St James 2:1-5



My brothers and sisters do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified One, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose someone comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor person comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed one, and say, “Come this way to the best seats;” then you tell the poor one, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot -rest.’

Can’t you see that you have used two different standards in your mind and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear sisters and brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the realm promised to those who love God.

This is the Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

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Gospel – Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle.



Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened, and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful

Twenty- Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

PRESIDER: Dear friends, on this Safeguarding Sunday, Jesus opens our ears to hear his word and our mouths to proclaim it. With faith in his healing power, let us pray for the world to be made whole.

1. For Church leaders, especially Pope Francis, Bishop Ken, Leaders of Religious Congregations, lay leaders of Church organisations and all entrusted with ministry and pastoral care in the Church: that they will continue to help build stronger faith communities where children and adults at risk are empowered and listened to. Lord, hear us.
2. For families: that they may grow stronger and more resilient in their love and care for one another so that children are raised in safe and nurturing environments. Lord, hear us.
3. For children in our parishes: that we may all work collaboratively to ensure the happiness and confidence of every child, support them to raise their voices and be heard, and to foster an environment of safety and protection where children flourish. Lord, hear us.
4. For those whose lives have been traumatised through abuse: that they may find the courage to share their story and to find lasting peace and healing. Lord, hear us.
5. For our community: that we have the strength to stand in solidarity with victims of abuse, the humility to come to terms with the sinful crimes of the past and the patience to stop and listen to children and the vulnerable. Lord, hear us
6. We pray for the millions in Sudan and other places of conflict throughout the world, struggling to survive both war and devastating drought, that the world community will rally to their aid and save them from starvation. Lord, hear us.
7. We pray for the peoples of the Pacific under threat from rising ocean levels, that their plea for urgent and effective climate action will be heard and heeded, especially during this Season of Creation. Lord, hear us.
8. We pray for those who have died recently Simon Doyle and Fay Perkins and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will become a wholly new creation in Christ. Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER: Gracious and loving God, source of all truth, justice and healing, we implore you to hear the prayers we offer and to look favourably on the pleas of your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. All: Amen

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 8 th September 23 rd week in Ordinary Time Safeguarding Sunday	First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7 Second Reading: James 2:1-5 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37	8.30am 9:30am	Mass (Fr. Jamie) Morning Tea
Monday 9 th September 23 rd week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Gospel: Luke 6:6-11		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 10 th September 23 rd week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 Gospel: Luke 6:12-19		
Wednesday 11 th September 23 rd week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Gospel: Luke 6:20-26	9.15am	Weekday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 10am Gospel Discussion 10.30am Coordinating Team
Thursday 12 th September 23 rd week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38		
Friday 13 th September Saint John Chrysostom	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27 Gospel: Luke 6:39-42	9.15am	Mass (Fr. Jamie) <i>Live-stream</i> 9.45am Adoration School Term Ends
Saturday 14 th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 Gospel: John 3:13-17	6PM	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Cooney)
Sunday 15 th September 24 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9 Second Reading: James 2:14-18 Gospel Mark 8:27-35	8.30am 9:30am	Mass (Fr. Cooney) Morning Tea 11am Cleary Baptisms (Fr MacGinley)

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 14/15 September Week 3

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Carol Lovell & Tim Fitzgerald	Jan Barsby
Welcomers:	Kathy Reilly & Judy Sheehan	Jan Barsby & Sandra Neale
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	Mick Gorring
Parish Morning Tea:		Susan Tek's Team
Readers:	Marg Wyllie & Judy Sheehan	Susan Tek & Robert Morris
Prayer of the Faithful:	Marg Nolan	Joan Nugent
Offertory:	Denise Hopwood & Kathy Reilly	Susan & Martin Tek
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Catherine Hanna Chalice: Trevor Wyllie & Mary O'Brien	Ciborium: Jan Barsby Chalice: Noela Nolan & Monica Gundry
Music:	Ann-Marie Spalding & singers	Sr Maria
Collectors:	Michael O'Brien & Denise Hopwood	Lawrence Kilroy & Tony Meldon
Money Counters:		Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon
Ozcare September 10th September 17th	Judy Sheehan Chris Gwydir	Collections – 1st September Planned Giving - \$ 443 Loose - \$ 768.35