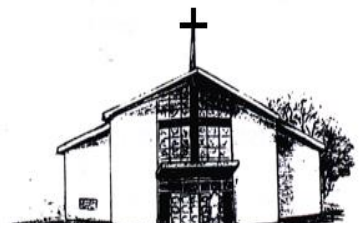


ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



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NEWSLETTER

September 14/15, 2024.

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Tuesday to Friday: 8.30am – 2.30pm
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Sunday: 8am - 10am
Closed Monday

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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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Isaiah 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm – *I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

Second Reading – James 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 8:27-35

Important Dates Coming Up

Tuesday September 17 – Friendship Group 10am
Music Planning Meeting 5.30pm
Monday September 23 – Parish Pastoral Council 5.30pm
Tuesday September 24 – 11am OzCare Mass
6pm Finance Committee Meeting
September 28 & 29 – Refugee & Migrant Sunday



Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes, that would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head, that'll freak you right out.

Our Parish Prayer List

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

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Dawn Cartwright, Gladys Schneider, Steve Sheridan, Ken & 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*), 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, Silba Serem, Harley Stewart, Neil Syme, Brian Thomson, Greg Twidale, Denis & Ruth Volter, Kevin Wallace, Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells, Martin Yong.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for 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.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Fr Jamie Louise Pflugst Nicole Rangira Kathy Reedy-Secretary Bob Frost Mary O'Brien Marg Nolan Theo Fernando Shane Hair Brett Rangira 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 the Environment

(Taken from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* – Part 1 of 3)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Amen

Social Justice News

RECYCLING TIPS 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.

Waste management facilities (formerly 'land fill' or 'dump'): The facility at 270 O'Mara Rd, Wellcamp is now Toowoomba's main waste facility, though there are smaller ones around the region. Many materials can be recycled here, including clean cardboard cartons and polystyrene packing. Items that can be reused are collected at the facility and sold through the Reviva Re-Use Shop onsite (O'Mara's Rd and Kleinton).

Hazardous material: For ways to dispose of materials like paint tins, oil, pesticides and ash, see the relevant page on the Toowoomba Regional Council website. Leftover paint can be deposited at Toowoomba Cleanaway Depot, 27- 35 Wilkinson Street, Toowoomba as part of the paint back program.

Food scraps: According to Planet Ark, food waste makes up over one-third (35%) of household waste. When food ends up in landfill, it becomes compacted and rots in the absence of oxygen, producing methane, a greenhouse gas that is 25 times stronger than carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere. What can you do?

- Start a compost bin or worm farm and provide yourself with fantastic garden fertiliser as well as help save the planet!
- Go to the ShareWaste website and search '4350': here you can link up with Toowoomba people who have compostable waste to share or who can take your compostable waste.

Notes from the September Meeting of the Social Justice Group: Winter shelter went well this year, supplying great hospitality with sufficient helpers. Some 'clients' from 2023 were now in public housing, so a good result. Speakers for Refugee & NAIDOC Weeks spoke very well.

Bishop Ken & Fr Jamie attended Mosque Open Day in June, good speakers & a successful day.

Season of Creation continues throughout Sept until 1st weekend in Oct. Videos to be shown at Masses.

Battle of Meewah on 12th – bring a hat, sunscreen & maybe a folding seat.

World Day of Migrants & Refugees on 29th – Multicultural Choir to perform at both weekend masses.

Committee considering options for a fundraiser on 17 November for World Day of the Poor. Info to follow for that.

Parish & Diocesan News



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

DOING GOOD WORK

Today we read this in the Second Reading: “So also, faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead”. It is a reminder of the two-word motto that has been chosen by the St. Vincent de Paul Society that best describes their mission of working with the poor. It simply says ‘good works’.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is made up of local conferences who work across the world to provide a ‘hand up’ to those who are down. They do this by providing practical help with the day-to-day needs of individuals and families.

Our local conference meets at 4pm Monday afternoons, for about an hour. The meeting is made up of prayer, spiritual reflection and some discussion around the administration of what help that has been given by conference members over the previous seven days.

We are called to support the work of our local conference through the usual appeals that take place during the year. Soon the conference will turn its attention to what is required over this last quarter of the year – including making arrangements for the collection of goods for the Christmas hampers, that are given to needy families.

Already, too they are identifying families that will benefit from the dispersal of funds from a Children’s Education Fund to assist with families back to school expenses. I commend the very good work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to you for your practical and prayerful support.

Now, looking further into this week’s readings: Immersed as we are in Ordinary Time, today’s readings have a strong Lenten flavour. In fact, the song of the suffering servant, allied with Jesus’ tough sayings about the cross, renunciation and dying to self, take us back to the days of Holy Week.

Blunt words from the plain-speaking James only heighten the challenge. The way of discipleship, of course, has no closed season. It’s a daily call to surrender all that’s life-sapping in our habits of thinking, feeling and acting in order to make room for all that is life-giving. Much of Paul’s writing is about exactly this. He’s impelled to share his discovery of the graceful power of God that makes us thoroughly new. It’s a gift to take to heart. *Fr Jamie*

THE WEEK’S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for the everyday saints who lead humble lives of self-sacrificing love, that their earthy goodness will offer many the gift of hope and joy.

GOD’S WORD: 2025 Edition of God’s Word’ – *Daily Reflections* is now available to order. Cost is \$20 each. If you want a copy ordered, please leave money with Parish Office by Friday, 20 September.

MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY: is on the 28th and 29th September. Parishioners are welcome to bring in symbols of their culture of origin. These will be placed on the table in front of the altar before Mass. The multicultural group will be singing and providing morning tea.

REPERTORY THEATRE: The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are hosting the play, "**Rumors**", a comedy at the Repertory Theatre on **Tuesday October 1st**. Doors open at 7.00pm and patrons must be seated by 7.25pm. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by contacting Sisters on 07 4321818 or Helen on 0416055976. All proceeds go to the Missions.

AV OPERATORS NEEDED: If anyone is willing to help with AV on a Saturday night please contact Noela on 46 361 737. Training will be given.



SWAG MAGAZINE – New spring edition now available in the church foyer

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.

Scripture Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 50:5-9 The Lord God has opened my ear; and I was not rebellious. I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?’



The Word of God

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD because he has heard my voice in supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called. **(R)**

The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow, and I called upon the name of the LORD, "O LORD, save my life!" **(R)**

Gracious is the LORD and just; yes, our God is merciful. The LORD keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me. **(R)**

For God has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living. **(R)**

Second Reading – James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat your fill, " and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. **The Word of God**

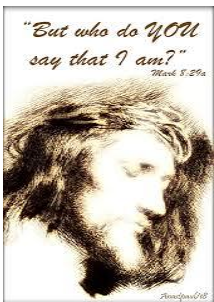
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 8:27-35



Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but humankind.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Twenty- Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

PRESIDER: Dear friends, by way of the cross, Jesus disarmed sin and death and freed us for lives of selfless love. In his name, let us pray for all our sisters and brothers to find the path of life.

1. We pray for Christian communities around the world, that all who have been baptised in Christ will boldly confess their faith in him and follow him with all their hearts. Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for the entire human family, that in every land people will hear and heed the cry of earth and the cry of the poor. Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for peace, that the annual Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel (16-22 September) and the United Nations Day of Peace (21 September) will help break the cycle of violence and hate across the face of the earth. Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for ethnic communities suffering systematic discrimination at the hands of dominant powers, that they will succeed in preserving and handing on their cultural heritage. Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for Indigenous children and youth detained in Australian jails, that they will receive the care that is their human right and not be driven to take their own lives. Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for parents accompanying young adults through their formative years, that with wisdom and love they will guide them into making healthy life choices. Lord, hear us.
7. We pray for our parish community, that the faith we share will bear fruit in good works, and our good works will keep our faith strong. Lord, hear us.
8. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that by the power of the cross they will be raised to eternal life. Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER: Almighty God, you delivered your Son from the snares of death and raised him on high. Give us the courage to take up our cross and trust in your power to save. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Pope Francis – United in Love Papal Visit to Southeast Asia 2024

On 9 September before departing Papua New Guinea—a country where about 60 per cent of population is under the age of 25—Pope Francis returned to Sir John Guise Stadium to meet with an estimated 10,000 young people, addressing some of the challenges they face, including family separation, violence and limited opportunities for growth.

In Papua New Guinea, the term *wantok* means people who share a language and culture, and that is what Christians should be, Pope Francis said, but only in the sense of sharing the language and culture of love.

Observing that words can either divide or unite, the Pope encouraged the young people to ‘learn a common language, the language of love’. He urged them to ‘Break down divisions’, not closing ‘yourselves within your own group’, but instead going out ‘to meet others and form friendships and then dream together, walk together, build together’.

Pope Francis expressed his ‘hope that you learn the language of love and thus transform your country, because love brings about change, makes you grow and opens paths to the future’. He also reminded them of the importance of resilience, saying, ‘What is important is to get back up’ and to help others when they fall.

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
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	Mass (Fr Cooney) 9:30am Morning Tea
Monday 16 th September Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33 Gospel: Luke 7:1-10		OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 17 th September 24 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31 Gospel: Luke 7:11-17		10am – Friendship Group 5.30pm-Music Planning Meeting
Wednesday 18 th September 24 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Gospel: Luke 7:31-35	9.15am	Weekday Mass (Fr. Jamie) 10am Gospel Discussion 10.30am Coordinating Team
Thursday 19 th September 24 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Luke 7:36-50		
Friday 20 th September Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Gospel: Luke 8:1-3	9.15am	Mass (Fr. Jamie) <i>Live-stream</i>
Saturday 21 st September Saint Matthew	First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13		5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 22 nd September 25 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading; Wisdom 2:12,17-20 Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37	8.30am	Mass (Fr. Jamie) 9:30am Morning Tea

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 21/22 September Week 4

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Trish Zeller
Welcomers:	Trevor Wyllie & Chris Gwydir	Irene Chelsolm & Tony Meldon
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	
AV Operator:	Ed Briffa	Bob Morris
Parish Morning Tea:		Nicole Rangira's Team
Readers:	Chris Gwydir & Michael O'Brien	Jan Barsby & Trish Zeller
Prayer of the Faithful:	Terese Hanna	Germaine Tumaine
Offertory:	Jenn Stephens & Catherine Hanna	Betty Isimbi & Sandra Neale
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Mary O'Brien Chalice: Marg Nolan & Celia Warr	Ciborium: Sandra Neale Chalice: Marie McAleer & Monica Gundry
Music:	Brett Rangira	Sr Maria
Collectors:	Trevor Wyllie & Tom Kelly	Jim Nolan & Peter Wilkes
Money Counters:		Irene Chelsolm & Tony Meldon
Ozcare September 17th September 24th	Chris Gwydir Mass	Collections – 8th September Planned Giving – \$ 660.00 Loose – \$ 626.30 Priests Retirement – \$1378.70