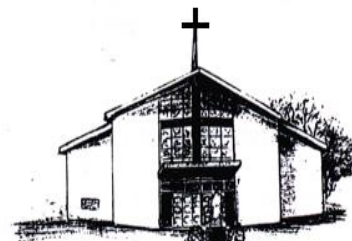


ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



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NEWSLETTER

October 5/6, 2024

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"A Place at the Table for All"

Office Hours –
Tuesday 8.30am – 1.30pm
Wednesday to Friday 8.30am - 2.30pm
CLOSED Monday & Weekends

Church Opening Hours
Tuesday: 8.30am – 1.30pm
Wed to Friday: 8.30am – 2.30pm
Saturday: 5.15pm – 7.15pm
Sunday: 8am - 10am
Closed Monday

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm – May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading – Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 10:2-16

Important Dates Coming Up

October 6 – Children's Liturgy

October 7 – King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Social Justice Meeting 5pm

October 10 – OFFICE CLOSED

October 13 – Afternoon Tea to celebrate Fr. Jamie's
25th Anniversary of Ordination

"They say every piece of
chocolate you eat shortens
your life by two minutes.
I did the math.
Seems I died in 1543."



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Terry Butler, John Forde, Helene Duck & Kevin O'Neil

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Alice Bailey, Claire Drover, Col Murphy, Norm Lovell, Priscilla Neale, Nell Collins, Alan Hahn, Dawn Cartwright, Agnes Hanna.

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Rev Fr Thomas Murphy, Rev Fr Michael Mahon, Rev Fr Roger Burke, Rev Fr Edmund O'Donnell.

We hold in prayer all those who are sick including the following Parishioners: Narelle Bailey, Daniel Bell, Brian Conrick, Pat Cullen, 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, Paul Murphy, 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, Des Waldron, Kevin Wallace, Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells, Martin Yong.



Birthdays for October: Puondak Mawien, Fifi Adhil, Rosie Gampe, Susan Tek, Nicole Rangjiira, Regina Ryan, Judith Fitzgerald, Fr Peter Dorfield, Marg Wyllie, Denis Morrison & Pat Cartwright.

Anniversaries: Tom & Marg Nolan, Herb & Sue Squires, Michael & Mary O'Brien

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Fr Jamie Louise Pflugst Brett Rangiira – Chair Kathy Reedy – Secretary Bob Frost Mary O’Brien Marg Nolan Theo Fernando Shane Hair Nicole Rangiira Chrys 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: New Spring edition available in the foyer - \$1 **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.

A prayer for peace in the Middle East.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



Social Justice News

Pope appeals for immediate ceasefire in Lebanon, Gaza, Palestine, Israel -Pope Francis expresses great concern for “the escalation and intensification” of the conflict in the Middle East and appeals for an immediate ceasefire. By Linda Bordoni.

Speaking after Holy Mass in Brussels’ *King Baudouin Stadium* at the conclusion of his apostolic visit to Belgium, Pope Francis appealed to all parties involved in the ongoing war in the Middle East “to cease fire immediately in Lebanon, in Gaza, in the rest of Palestine, and in Israel.”

“I ask all parties to cease fire immediately in Lebanon, in Gaza, in the rest of Palestine, and in Israel.”

“Hostages must be released, and humanitarian aid must be allowed,” he said.

The Pope launched his appeal after saying he continues “to follow with pain and great concern the escalation and intensification of the conflict in Lebanon.”

“Lebanon is a message,” he said, addressing the over 30,000 people present at the Mass, “but at this moment, it is a message that is being torn apart.”

The Pope’s reiterated appeal came as Israel’s military said it struck more Hezbollah targets in Lebanon on Sunday, killing another top Hezbollah leader, a day after the militant group confirmed the death of Hassan Nasrallah, deepening fears of a wider war. Hundreds of people have been killed in the strikes and thousands injured. Israel, which has devastated Gaza in 11 months of relentless bombardment, launched an offensive in Lebanon on Monday after months of deadly border exchanges following the Hamas attack on Israel on 7 October 2023.

“This war, Pope Francis continued, “has devastating effects on the population: Many, too many people continue to die day after day in the Middle East.”

And asking for prayers for the victims and for their families and reminding all men and women of goodwill not to forget the suffering Ukraine, he said: “Let us pray for peace.”

Parish & Diocesan News

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

On a weekend when Marriage is spoken about in the Scripture Readings, I am off to celebrate the marriage of two couples who have found love and wish to see it celebrated within a sacrament of the church.

Please welcome Fr. Michael Cooney in my absence.

Here is an excerpt from 'Australian Catholics':

Marriage and divorce have received ample attention over the years, and the treatment of children in more recent times, so let's turn our attention to the letter to the Hebrews.

Sadly, we never hear its majestic opening verses, except in the rare event of their use in the Day Mass for Christmas. The whole letter is a literary and theological masterpiece in the form of a homily, but it demands familiarity with both Jewish scripture and Greek philosophy.

Today's text from chapter two, the first of seven, introduces some of the letter's major themes: Jesus' unique identity as a mortal human being yet gloriously divine, his saving suffering once and for all, and our solidarity with him on our journey to the Promised Land. *Fr Jamie*



THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for all whose hopes for a life-long partnership of love have not been realised, that they will not harbour blame or shame but find their way to a new and fruitful life.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Australian Catholic Bishops' have called for a day of prayer for Peace in the Middle East to be held on Monday 7 October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Bishop Ken Howell has asked that we unite in prayer for peace at this time and will lead us in prayer with Mass at **5.30pm Monday 7 October at St Patrick's Cathedral** followed by Holy Hour until 7.00pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: St Vincent's Care Services (Lourdes Home), 227 Spring Street, Toowoomba, is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas: **Communion Ministry** Tuesday mornings (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)- **Rosary Groups** Tues, Wed & Thu (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604) – **Assist residents** to play Bingo on a Thursday morning (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900) -**1-on-1 Social visits** Monday to Friday (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900). If anyone has a couple of hours to spare, it would be greatly appreciated.



PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY: **Date:** Saturday 12 October **Time:** 2pm – 4pm **Place:** Queen's Park, Toowoomba cnr Margaret & Lindsay Streets in the shade of the trees (please bring a hat/umbrella & a chair or cushion if needed) If it is raining we will meet at St Patrick's Cathedral.

PARISH MORNING TEA: On Sunday 13th October there will be **NO Morning Tea following Mass** as we will be celebrating Fr Jamie's 25 years of Ordination with an **Afternoon Tea** at 2pm on that day. Please bring a plate to share.



JUBILEE OF ORDINATION MASS: **Date:** Wednesday October 16, 2024 **Time:** 11:00am **Where:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

Bishop Ken Howell warmly invites all parishioners to celebrate milestone Jubilees of Ordination for some of our priests at a special Mass. Fr. Kerry Costigan will mark 60 years of Ordination. Fathers Jim Cronin and John Maher will mark 50 years of Ordination. Fathers Jamie Collins and Michael O'Brien will mark 25 years.

Due to the Jubilee Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral there will be **no Mass here on that day**. The Gospel Discussion Group and Co-ordinating Team Meeting will also be cancelled as the office will be closed so Parish Staff can attend the Mass. Office to re-open at 1pm.

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORY LECTURE: **Date:** 22/10/24 Tuesday **Time:** 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Where: Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane

Cost: \$10 in person, \$5 live stream This year's lecture is titled "You are My Flesh and Blood: The Ecology of God" at the guest speaker is Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Visit : tinyurl.com/BMPLecture24 See flyers in foyer for more info.

DATE CLAIMER:

The annual Dignity Project Melbourne Cup Fundraiser will be held Sunday, **3rd November from 2-4.30pm** in the Community Centre. Please note time change from usual event. If anyone can assist in providing raffle items you can leave these at the Parish Office. A letter of Introduction to obtain donations from businesses is also available upon request. Please mark your diaries and look out for further information next week.



In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.

This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



Scripture Readings

First Reading – Genesis 2:18-24

The Most High God said, 'It is not good that a human being should be alone. I will make a helper.' So, from the soil God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These God brought to the human to see what name would be given them. Each one was to bear the name the human would give it. All the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts were named. But no helper suitable for the male human was found. So, God made him fall into a deep sleep, then took a rib and enclosed it in flesh. This rib God built into woman and brought her to man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes joined to woman, and they become one body. **The Word of God**

Responsorial Psalm: May our God bless us all the days of our lives

O blessed are those who fear you, O God, and walk in your ways! By the labour of their hands, they shall eat. They will be happy and prosper. **(R)**

Their wives will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of their house,
their children like shoots of the olive, around their table. **(R)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the one who fears God. May God bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **(R)**

Second Reading – Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour having submitted to death; by God's grace Jesus had to experience death for all.

It was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, and whose purpose it was to bring a great many into glory, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them sisters and brothers. **The Word of God**



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel –Mark 10:2-16:

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body.



They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayers of the Faithful

Twenty- Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Presider: Dear friends, Jesus presents us with God's age-old ideal of lifelong fidelity in marriage. With trust in God's pledge of love for us, let us pray for the world to be graced with mercy, healing and kindness.

We pray for all taking part in the Synod on Synodality, that Friday's anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council will be a source of inspiration for them. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for married couples and all in committed relationships, that they will be blessed with the gift of faithful love and wherever necessary with the balm of forgiveness. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for a humble and honest church, that it will repent of its abuse of children and do all in its power to make amends. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all guardians of nature, that the recent Season of Creation and this weekend's World Habitat Day will help them bring an end to land clearing that deprives creatures of their natural home. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the multitude of people caught up in wars to which the world pays no attention, that their plight will not be ignored and their need for relief be met. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all nations to abolish the death penalty, that those guilty of serious crime may have the opportunity to repent and the innocent be saved from unjust execution. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the scavengers who eke out a living from the rubbish tips of the world, that they will find their way to work that is healthy and justly paid. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the recently deceased **John Forde, Helene Duck and Kevin O'Neil**, and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time **Alice Bailey, Claire Drover, Col Murphy, Norm Lovell, Priscilla Neale, Nell Collins, Alan Hahn, Dawn Cartwright, Agnes Hanna**, that they will be crowned with the glory and splendour of Christ. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PRESIDER: Faithful God, you made us in your own image and re-made us in Christ. Help us to be true to you and to one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 6 th October 27 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24 Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16	8.30am	Mass (Fr. Michael) 9:30am Morning Tea 4pm Sacred Singers - Cancelled
Monday 7 th October Our Lady of the Rosary	First Reading: Galatians 1:6-12 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37		OFFICE CLOSED Public Holiday – King’s Birthday 4pm SVDP Meeting 5pm Social Justice Meeting
Tuesday 8 th October 27 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Galatians 1:13-24 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42		
Wednesday 9 th October The Holy Guardian Angels	First Reading: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 Gospel: Luke 11:1-4	9.15am	Mass (Fr. Jamie) 10am Gospel Discussion 10.30am Coordinating Team
Thursday 10 th October 27 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Galatians 3:1-5 Gospel: Luke 11:5-13		Office Closed - Personal Development day for staff
Friday 11 th October 27 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Galatians 3:7-14 Gospel: Luke 11:15-26	9.15am	Mass (Fr. Jamie) <i>Live-stream</i> 9.45am Adoration
Saturday 12 th October 27 th week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Galatians 3:22-29 Gospel: Luke 11:27-28	6.00pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)
Sunday 13 th October 28 th week in ordinary time	First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16	8.30am	Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie) No morning tea 2pm Afternoon tea celebrating Fr. Jamie’s 25 years of Ordination

MINISTERS FOR MASS

Saturday/ Sunday, 12 & 13 October - Week 2

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
Co-ordinator:	Lloyd Bailey & Tim Fitzgerald	Sandra Neale
Welcomers:	Michael & Mary O’Brien	Denis & Marie McAleer
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	Peter Sheridan
Parish Morning Tea:		PPC
Readers:	Leandra Fernando & Regina Ryan	Gail Johnson & David Tutty
Prayer of the Faithful:	Carol Lovell	Monica Gundry
Offertory:	Michael & Mary O’Brien	Denis & Marie McAleer
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Celia Warr Chalice: Chris Gwydir & Lloyd Bailey	Ciborium: Jan Barsby Chalice: Noela Nolan & Monica Gundry
Music:	Anne-Maree Spalding & Singers	Anne-Maree Spalding & Singers
Collectors:	Barry Turner & Denise Hopwood	Jim Nolan & Peter Wilkes
Money Counters:		Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry & Jan Burchardt
Ozcare October 8th October 15th	Ann Matthew Judy Sheehan	Collections – 29th September Planned Giving – \$160.00 Loose – \$566.15

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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.