

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

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## NEWSLETTER

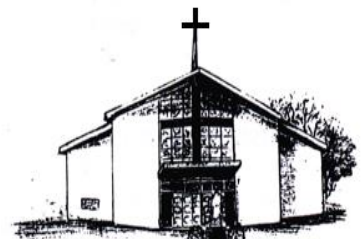
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**"A Place at the Table for All"**



### 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**

### Office Hours –

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

*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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** – Isaiah 53:10-11 *If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.)*

**Responsorial Psalm** – O God, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Second Reading** – Hebrews 4:14-16 *(Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.)*

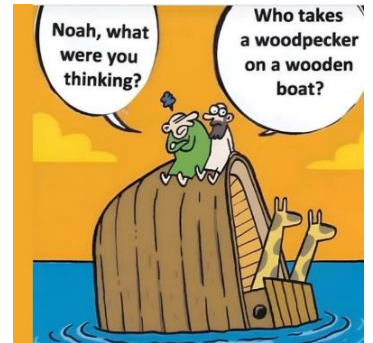
**Gospel Acclamation** – Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

**Gospel** – Mark 10:35-45 *(The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.)*



## Important Dates Coming Up

- 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Oct – World Mission Day Appeal
- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Grandparents Day at School
- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parish Pastoral Council meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parish Finance Committee meeting
  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Melbourne Cup Fundraiser
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friendship Group Christmas Lunch – Put your name on sheet in foyer if coming.



## Our Parish Prayer List

**We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently:** Frank Moore;

**For the Anniversaries of our loved ones:** Norm Lovell, Ellen Nicholson, Selim Gaim, Cliff Schneider, Jack Stacey;  
**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 Steba, 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, 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	Tony Meldon - Chair	Fr Jamie
Louise Pfingst	Fr Jamie	Celia Warr
Brett Rangira – Chair	Tom Warren	Tim Fitzgerald
Kathy Reedy – Secretary	Trevor Wyllie	Lloyd Bailey
Bob Frost	Peter Hanna	<i>Thank you to all who take on these roles in the governance of our parish.</i>
Mary O'Brien	Keith Shepherd	
Marg Nolan	Trish Zeller	
Theo Fernando	Regina Ryan	
Shane Hair	Noela Nolan	
Nicole Rangira		
Chrys Chryshanthan		



**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

**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 Parish Office. All welcome.

**Parish Coordinating Team:** Meet each Wednesday. **Circle Dancing:** 1.30pm Wednesday during school term.

## Social Justice News

### Thought for the Week:

#### What is the poverty line in Australia?

In Australia, the poverty line is generally defined as 50% of median household income. This was \$489 a week for a single adult, \$783 for a sole parent with two children and \$1027 for a couple with two children in 2019-20.

#### How many people are living in poverty in Australia?

The ACOSS/UNSW Poverty in Australia 20232 report found:

- In Australia, there are more than 3.32 million people or 13.4% of the population living below the poverty line. That includes 761,000 children or 1 in 6.
- Many of those affected live in deep poverty – on average the 'poverty gap' (the difference between the incomes of people in poverty in various types of families and the poverty line) was \$304 a week.

#### What has happened to poverty rates over the last 30 years?

Poverty declined in the early 2000s, rose in the boom years up to the GFC in 2008 and declined around 2009, mainly due to a pension increase granted to Age Pensioners in 2009, lifting many older people over the poverty line. Poverty stabilised during the decade prior to the pandemic in 2020. Despite the lockdowns and sharp recession, the increases in income support payments and support to business provided during the pandemic brought nearly 650,000 people out of poverty and protected hundreds of thousands of others from falling into poverty. Unfortunately, these were short lived, as increased payments – especially for JobSeeker and Parenting Payments – were withdrawn and replaced by a small permanent increase.

#### What does living in poverty really mean in Australia?

Poverty is about a lack of money – both income for now and savings or wealth. But it can also be about not having a lot of other things: affordable housing, access to good education or health services. While many Australians juggle payments of bills, people living in poverty have to miss out on essentials. They worry about becoming homeless, skipping meals, not heating or cooling their home and not being able to go to the doctor or afford medications.

**“I have been skipping meals 2-3 times a week which has been happening more in the past 2-3 months... I've cut down a lot on meal sizes and basically live on noodles a lot.” 57 year old female.**

### Report on October Meeting

At this week's meeting of St Anthony's Social Justice Group, we reviewed some recent events as well as making plans for the rest of the year. At Masses in September we reflected on, and gave thanks for God's gracious gift of creation. Inspiring videos, thought-provoking prayer and frequent allusions in the homily ran as a thread from 1 September to 4 October. Then, at the end of September, we celebrated Migrant and Refugee Sunday. We gave thanks through hymns and prayers in diverse languages from people from afar whom we now call friends. Such joyful singing from our multicultural choir!



Looking then to November, our group made detailed plans for 3 November - mark it in your diaries! – an afternoon of entertainment, fun and fellowship in support of the Dignity Project. Of course, it's our Melbourne Cup event. We'll hear more about that in the coming weeks. Finally, we looked forward to 17 November, World Day of the Poor, and how our parish community might support Vinnies as they start to prepare for back-to-school, 2025. Yes, it's not far away, and some families will need help with books, uniforms and other educational requirements. All in all, life never seems to slow down for the Social Justice Group. Maybe you'd like to be part of it? Maybe a New Year Resolution could be to become involved in the struggle for justice in our troubled world. Come and join us.

**Laurie Reedy Collection:** The next collection for the fund, which supports refugees and needy families in our local area, will be held next weekend 26/27 October.

**DATE CLAIMER:** The Annual Dignity Project **Melbourne Cup** Fundraiser will be held Sunday, November 3 from 2pm–4.30pm in the Community Centre. Please note time change from past events. If you can assist in providing raffle items, these can be left at the Parish Office. A letter of Introduction to obtain donations from businesses is also available upon request. Please mark your diaries and put your name on list in the foyer if attending.

## Parish & Diocesan News



### St Vincent de Paul Items for sale –

Christmas Cards (8/pk)      \$4 pack  
**2025 Columban Calendar      \$10 each**



**Suffering Servant, Son of God, Supreme High Priest, Son of Man.** Titles of Jesus are threaded through today's readings. They trip off the tongue with ease yet confound us with the baffling mystery of who Jesus is. His identity as priest is a recurring theme in the letter to the Hebrews. Simply put, Jesus embodies the fullness of the divine and the human and bridges them for us. This is made possible by Jesus' adoption of our weakness, vulnerability, and need to learn from experience. It's astonishing how forcefully the author insists on this. In doing so, he throws down the gauntlet for us to embrace our own humanity in all its shame and glory. It's key to our being a priestly people.

### THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for all who have been ordained to priestly ministry,  
that they will find joy and peace in the service of God's people.

At Friendship Group gathering on Tuesday Fr Jamie recited the following poem as a personal reflection of his 25 years of priestly ministry and it was requested to be printed in newsletter.

### FAITH

I once met a man, a white robed messenger,  
Declaring Peace and Love through all the land and joy.

Another boy, no answers or worth,  
Strung up in death, where is joy?

I once met a woman, tear-filled yet full of grace,  
Birthing Peace and Love in all the land and joy.

Another girl, travelling home,  
Crashing car, crushing death, where is joy?

I once met a boy, vibrant and care-free,  
Seeking Peace and Love across all the land and joy.

Meeting by the water's edge, by the fire and the furnace,  
Seeking shelter against the tide, what is joy?

I once met a girl, inquisitive and eager,  
Living peace and love with all the land and joy.

Man, woman, boy and girl, breaking bread by the gum tree,  
Of God's Cathedral, why is this joy?

Another man, intravenous infused,  
Radiating death, where is joy?

When the drought breaks, and the war is over,  
And wounds of division are healed, joy spreads to all the land.

Another woman, screaming labour,  
Silent death, where is joy?

But this can't be joy, surely, for this is faith.  
What do people do who have none?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind support in recognition of my Silver Jubilee of Ordination. Although the actual date was back on January 15 (the Birthday of Mary MacKillop) it was wonderful to celebrate the occasion with the parish last Sunday afternoon – to coincide with the Diocesan celebrations on Wednesday.

I am indebted to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council for the organisation of the day and for all who contributed to the musical entertainment and poetry. Once again, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity

shown by the parishioners of St. Anthony's. The cards, envelopes, gifts and well wishes have been very much appreciated.

At the diocesan celebrations on Wednesday several parishioners from here contributed to the Cathedral Choir which was an uplifting experience for all who were present. I thank the Bishop for his presiding at the Mass, and ultimately I thank God for the experiences the last 25 years have given me – and I look forward to seeing what the next 25 have in store for us all.

I am away the next two weekends and Fr. Michael and Fr. Peter will be here, so please look after them in my absence. I look forward to returning in early November, the Month of Remembrance.

Best Wishes

Fr. Jamie



**BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE: Date:** Tuesday **October 22, 2024**

**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". The Guest Speaker is Archbishop Mark Coleridge. See flyers in foyer or visit the website.

### **2024 WALK OF HOPE**

**Date:** **Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct** **Time:** 7:45am start walk **Where:** Walk starts at Frogs Hollow, Queens Park to Town Hall  
All are welcome to join this year's Walk for Hope, honouring and remembering everyone touched by breast cancer. Those unable to join the walk are welcome to attend the ceremony at Town Hall at 8:00am. Wear pink. Flyer in foyer with further details.

### **ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING**

**Date:** **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November** **Time:** 5:45pm **Where:** St Anthony's Community Centre, Memory St Tmba  
The evening will begin with a short presentation by each faith group on: "The concept of God". A light dinner will follow the presentation. All welcome to attend. Flyers in foyer.

## **Scripture Readings**

### **First Reading – Isaiah 53:10-11**

It was the will of the Most High God to crush this servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Most High wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** O God, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Creator is faithful and all God's works to be trusted.

The Creator loves justice and right and fills the earth with love. **(R)**

The Creator looks on those who stand in reverence, on those who hope in God's love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.. **(R)**

Our soul is waiting for our God, who is our help and our shield.

May our love be upon us, O God, as we place all our hope in you. **(R)**

### **Second Reading – Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since in Jesus, the Beloved of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all .

Alleluia!

### **Gospel – Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Teacher,' they said 'we want you to do us a favour.' Jesus said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to

them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that among the gentiles their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Human One did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

### **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 – World Mission Sunday**

**PRESIDER:** Dear friends, Jesus' mission among us was one of service and solidarity. In that spirit, let us pray for the whole world to know his saving power.

We pray for the global church, that today's World Mission Sunday will impel the faithful to go out and invite everyone to the banquet of life.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those taking part in the Synod on Synodality, that their final week of discussion and discernment will bear lasting fruit for the life and mission of the church.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the human family, that this week's United Nations Day will kindle fresh hopes for world-wide peace, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for tertiary students undertaking end-of-year exams, especially those born overseas, that they will do justice to their learning and use it well for the common good.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful volunteers who visit people in prisons, hospitals and aged care homes, that their care and compassion will give new heart to those who have lost their independence.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for a spirit of collaboration among all people of the Diocese of Toowoomba as we acknowledge the ministry of our priests who celebrate their jubilees this year.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are engaged in the formation of future priests or religious, that they will guide them wisely along the way of Jesus, servant and shepherd.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the recently deceased Frank Moore; and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, Norm Lovell, Ellen Nicholson, Selim Gaim, Cliff Schneider, Jack Stacey; that they will be led in peace to the heavenly throne of grace and mercy.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

**PRESIDER:** Holy God, for our sake your Son Jesus drank the cup of suffering and underwent the baptism of the cross. Give us the courage to offer our lives in loving service of all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

### **WORLD MISSION MONTH: MISSION SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND**

***Theo Fernando will be  
Guest Speaker  
at the Weekend Masses***



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)



## PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 29 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>World Mission Day Appeal</b> <b>Sunday Mass (Fr. Michael)</b> 9.30am Morning Tea
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	First Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	First Reading: Ephesians 2:12-22 Gospel: Luke 12:35-38		
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	First Reading: Ephesians 3:2-12 Gospel: Luke 12:39-48	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass (Fr. Michael)</b> 10am Gospel Discussion 10.30am Coordinating Team
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	First Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53		<b>Grandparent's Day at School</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel: Luke 12:54-59	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass (Fr. Michael)</b> <i>Live-stream</i>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	First Reading: Ephesians 4:7-16 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9	<b>6.00pm</b>	5.15pm Reconciliation <b>Vigil Mass (Fr. Peter)</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 30 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass (Fr. Michael)</b> 9.30am Morning Tea

### MINISTERS FOR MASS

**Saturday/ Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October – Week 4**

	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass
<b>Co-ordinator:</b>	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Trish Zeller
<b>Welcomers:</b>	Trevor Wyllie, Chris Gwydir	Irene Chelsom, Tony Meldon
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Harlon Fernando	
<b>AV Operator:</b>	Ed Briffa	Bob Morris
<b>Parish Morning Tea:</b>		Nicole Rangiira's team
<b>Readers:</b>	Chris Gwydir, Michael O'Brien	Jan Barsby, Trish Zeller
<b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b>	Terese Hanna	Germaine Tumaine
<b>Offertory:</b>	Jenn Stephens, Catherine Hanna	Betty Isimbi, Sandra Neale
<b>Minister of Communion:</b>	Ciborium: Mary O'Brien Chalice: Marg Nolan, Celia Warr	Ciborium: Sandra Neale Chalice: Marie McAleer, Monica Gundry
<b>Music:</b>	Tom Hodgson & Singers	Anne-Maree Spalding & Singers
<b>Collectors:</b>	Trevor Wyllie, Tom Kelly	Jim Nolan & Peter Wilkes
<b>Money Counters:</b>		Tony Meldon, Irene Chelsom
<b>Ozcare October 22<sup>nd</sup> October 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Tim Fitzgerald <b>Mass</b>	<b>Collections – 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Planned Giving – \$480.00</b> <b>Loose – \$1,189.25</b>

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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.

Catholic Religious Australia will hold an hour of remembrance **this Sunday** as religious communities across Australia unite in prayer for victims and survivors of sexual abuse.

Established in 2018, the **CRA National Day of Sorrow and Promise** acts as a symbol and annual rallying call to religious and their associates to remember the painful lessons of the past and the need to be vigilant about the work required to ensure that the Church is always a safe and lifegiving environment for children and vulnerable adults.