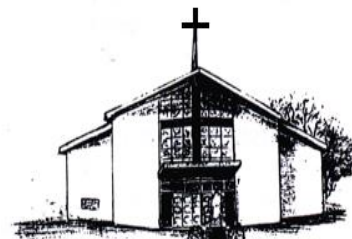


# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH



Parish Priest: Fr. Jamie Collins  
Chair Parish Council: Mr Brett Rangiiira  
Parish Secretary: Mrs Noela Nolan  
Admin Support Officer: Mrs Jessica Tierney  
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School Principal: Mrs Louise Pflingst

## NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024

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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 - 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.**

### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

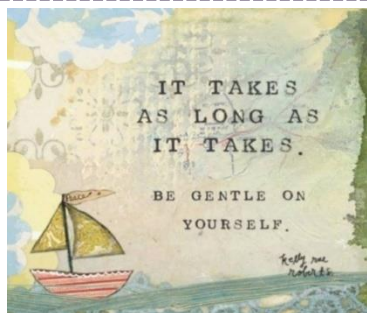
**First Reading** – Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

**Responsorial Psalm** – I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading** – Hebrews 7:23-28 This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

**Gospel Acclamation** – Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel** – Mark 12:28-34 This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.



### Important Dates Coming Up

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Sunday Sacred Singers – 5pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Social Justice meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friendship Group Christmas Lunch – Put your name on sheet in foyer if coming.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Presentation Day Mass
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – SPRED Mass

**Don't be worried about your smartphone and TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been gathering dirt on you for years.**

### Our Parish Prayer List

**We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently:** Val Saccasan, Pat Cullen, Ellen Nilon and Gay Barrett

**For the Anniversaries of our loved ones:** Norm Lovell, Ellen Nicholson, Selim Gaim, Cliff Schneider, Jack Stacey, Silvano De Mattia, Robert Jennings, Tony & Josephine Sleba, Cecil Pauli, Rose-Mary (Jill) Ryan, George Maher; **and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese:** Rev Fr William McGovern, Rev Fr Cornelius Chalane, Rev Fr Charles Daly, Ven A/Deacon Leo Hayes, Rev Fr Francis Leonard, rev Fr Peter Murphy, Rev Fr John Dowd, Rev Fr William McCormack.

**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, John Herzig, Rita Irwin, Elsie Kirby, Malcolm Kirby, Mary Logan, Pat Madden, Gloria McKechnie, Des O'Shea, Margaret Pegler, Trish Ryan, Vonnie Sherman, Rod Sleba, Pat Sullivan, Lucy Targato, 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

**Birthdays for October:** Mary Wagner, Ariana Lugg, Chris Gwydir, Bernard Stevens, Jim Maher, Dan Cantwell, Rita Irwin, Jack Phelan, Marion Herzig, Nancy Hargrave, Daphne Fernando & Irene Chelsom.

**Anniversaries:** Barry & Jan Turner, Brad & Josephine Astbury, Lloyd & Chris Bailey.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Fr Jamie Louise Pflugst Brett Rangira – Chair Kathy Reedy – Secretary Bob Frost Mary O’Brien Marg Nolan Theo Fernando Shane Hair Nicole Rangira Chrys Chryshanthan	Tony Meldon - Chair Fr Jamie Tom Warren Trevor Wyllie 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

**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:



Pope Francis says that “Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet’s resources.” However, in Australia, those who have fled from violence and destruction, hoping to find protection in our nation, can be met by imprisonment in detention centres and the denial of basic human rights.

We may be appalled and heart-broken by the brutality and suffering we see daily on our screens in refugee camps and overseas areas of conflict, and we often feel powerless to help. But we can at least do something locally in Toowoomba where the Dignity Project aims to restore the dignity which has been stripped from asylum seekers and refugees.

### *A Prayer for Refugees and Asylum Seekers*

Loving God, you made us in your image.  
 Forgive us when we fail to see your image  
 in newcomers seeking a home in our land;  
 when we give in to greed, selfishness and indifference;  
 when we are silent about national policies that are life-denying.  
 As we are made in your image, let us live in your image  
 and be Christ-like in welcome, service and love. Amen

## Parish & Diocesan News



### **St Vincent de Paul Items for sale –**

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

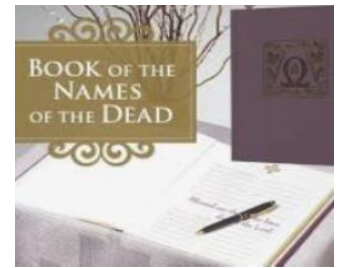


### **DATE CLAIMER:**

Friendship Group Christmas Lunch is set for 11.30am Tuesday, **19<sup>th</sup> November**. Cost is \$20pp. Please advise office if you are coming or put your name on list in the foyer. Money can be left at office.

## Remembrance Book:

The Remembrance Book will be displayed in the church throughout November for names of deceased loved ones to be added.



## ADVENT REFLECTIONS:

The Parish currently have 15 copies of **'HOPE Reigns – Group & Individual Reflections for Advent'**. These are available for purchase at a cost of \$5 each. One copy is available in foyer for you to look at. Please ask co-ordinator to put your name down for a copy or call in at the office to collect one.

## ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING

Date: **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November** Time: 5:45pm  
Where: St Anthony's Community Centre

## DANCING WITH LIFE

Date: **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December** Time: 10:00am  
Where: Sychar House of Prayer and Spirituality, 69 Margaret St

Feel the freedom to express yourself through music and movement, increase your vitality, connect more deeply with yourself and others, and feel rejuvenated while having fun in a group environment. No steps to copy or perfect. No right or wrong, No expectations! Flyers in foyer.

Register by 28/11/24 by email [sycharhouse@outlook.com](mailto:sycharhouse@outlook.com).


## PRAY AND PAINT

Date: **23/11/24 Saturday & 7/12/24 Saturday**  
Time: 10:00am – Lunch Where: **St Patrick's Cathedral Tmba** Cost: \$25pp Register via [TryBooking](#)  
Led by Meryl Tracey and Sr Di Phillips, Pray and Paint is a wonderful opportunity to bring together visual art and a reflective heart. Tea/Coffee etc will be available throughout. Art supplies are included. BYO Lunch and please wear or bring appropriate clothing to change into or bring an apron.

## BJ PERRETT DIACONATE ORDINATION LIVESTREAM

Date: **15/11/24 Friday** Time: 10:00am Where: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/deaconate2024/>

Our diocesan family is invited to celebrate the ordination to the diaconate of BJ Perrett via live stream. Please pray for BJ in the lead-up to this special occasion.



## Abrahamic Faiths Gathering

Date: Wednesday, 6th November 2024  
Time: 5.45pm, followed by a light dinner  
Venue: St Anthony's Community Centre,  
3 Memory Street, Harristown Qld 4350

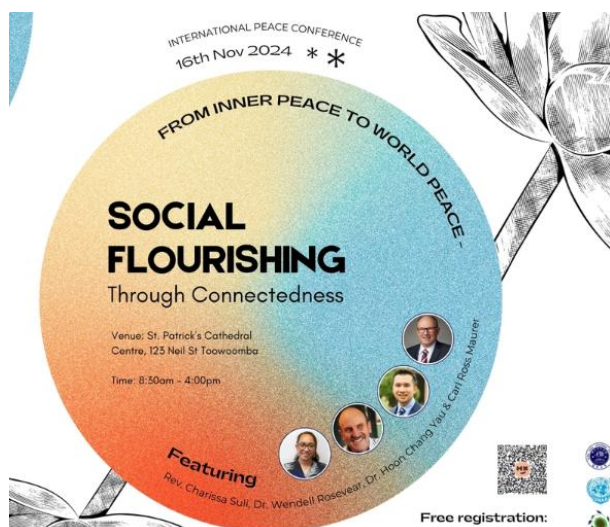
The evening will begin with a short presentation by each faith group on: "The concept of God"

- Mohammad Aminul Islam, Imam of Garden City Mosque.
- Ariel Heber, President and Community Liaison, Queensland Jewish Community Services Inc.
- Fr Jamie Collins, Parish Priest at St Anthony's Catholic Church.

For further information please contact,

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## MULTIFAITH MULTICULTURAL CENTRE TOOWOOMBA – International Peace Conference 2024

From Inner Peace to World Peace, Social Flourishing through Connectedness - International Peace Conference 2024

**Sat, 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 8:30am - 4:30pm**  
St Patrick's Cathedral Centre

Free Registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/from-inner-peace-to-world...> For more information contact [events.mfmcc@gmail.com](mailto:events.mfmcc@gmail.com)



## A WORD ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

**What matters, Jesus tells the thoughtful scribe, is to love God and neighbour with every fibre of our being.** We might well feel that Jesus has burdened us with an impossible ideal.

Two reflections give the lie to this. First, in calling us to love, Jesus frees us from the deadly dynamic of anxious observance of divine law. Instead, he appeals to what make us truly human, the desire to love and be loved. It's a call to flourish as persons rather than wither.

Second, Jesus' testimony is that there are no bounds to divine mercy for human-kind. As we heard two weeks ago, "we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help" (Heb 4:16).

Fr Jamie

### THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for the unsung saints who care for neighbours and strangers alike with whole-hearted love, that their humble goodness will further the reign of God.

## Scripture Readings

### First Reading – Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

#### The Word of God

**Responsorial Psalm:** I love you, O God, my strength.

I love you, O God, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

God is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R)**

Long life to God, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me.

You have given great victories to your ruler and shown your love for your anointed. **(R)**

### Second Reading – Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

#### The Word of God

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

### Gospel – Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

### 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 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PRESIDER:** Dear friends, Jesus's word is clear and simple: our mission is to love with all our heart and mind and soul and strength. Let us enfold the whole human family with loving prayer.

We pray for all who grace the world with lives of selfless love, that their generosity of heart will set many free from the tombs of fear, hate and anger. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for parents, teachers, and all guides and mentors of the young, that by word and example they will inspire those in their care to live by the wisdom of Jesus. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for all who are hungry, thirsty, homeless and needy, that they will be loved as neighbours and not treated as strangers. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the displaced and starving people of Sudan, that their immense suffering will call the world community to provide humanitarian aid on the scale that they desperately need. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the peoples of Gaza, the West Bank, Israel and Lebanon, that the cycle of killing and destruction will come to a halt and negotiations in good faith for peace begin. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the Catholic bishops of Australia, that at their meeting this week they will resolve to further the implementation of the Plenary Council and the Synod on Synodality. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the citizens of the United States, that they will exercise their right to vote in Tuesday's presidential election and cast that vote with due deliberation. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those who have died recently Val Saccasan, Ellen Nilon, Pat Cullen and Gay Barrett, and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time Norm Lovell, Ellen Nicholson, Selim Gaim, Cliff Schneider, Jack Stacey, Silvano De Mattia, Robert Jennings, Tony & Josephine Sleba, Cecil Pauli, Rose-Mary (Jill) Ryan, that they will be raised to the heavens where Christ reigns in glory. **Lord, hear us.**

**PRESIDER:** God of all goodness, in Jesus your Son, you have shown us how to love without limit. Renew in us the gift of your Spirit and set us free from hesitation and fear. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

**Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.**

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work). Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia). Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.



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

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**Thanks to everyone who have left a donation. You can still get envelopes from the foyer and return them in the collection plate over the next couple weeks. Thanks also to Theo, Mission Ambassador & Parishioner, for sharing with us.**

## PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie)</b> 9.30am Morning Tea <b>2pm Melbourne Cup Fundraiser</b> <b>5pm Sunday Sacred Singers</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Saint Charles Borromeo</b>	First Reading: Philippians 2:1-4 Gospel: Luke 14:12-14		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 4pm SVDP Meeting 5pm Social Justice Meeting
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 14:15-24		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	First Reading: Philippians 2:12-18 Gospel: 1 Peter 4:14	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass (Fr. Jamie)</b> 10am Gospel Discussion 10.30am Coordinating Team
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	First Reading: Philippians 3:3-8 Gospel: Matthew 11:28		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	First Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Gospel: Luke 16:1-8	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass (Fr. Jamie) Live-stream</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Gospel: John 2:13-22	<b>6.00pm</b>	5.15pm Reconciliation <b>Vigil Mass (Fr. Jamie)</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b> 32 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16 Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 Gospel: Mark 12:38-44	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass (Fr. Jamie)</b> 9.30am Morning Tea

### MINISTERS FOR MASS

#### Saturday/ Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> November – 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>		Parish Pastoral Council
<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>	Ciborium: Catherine Hanna Chalice: Trevor Wyllie, Mary O'Brien	Ciborium: Noela Nolan Chalice: 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> <b>This Week – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b> <b>Next Week – 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Tom Kelly & Kathy Reedy Peter and Monica & Jan Burchardt	<b>Collections – 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Planned Giving – \$510.00</b> <b>Loose – \$806.55</b>
<b>Ozcare</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b> - Chris Gwydir <b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b> - Tim Fitzgerald	

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