

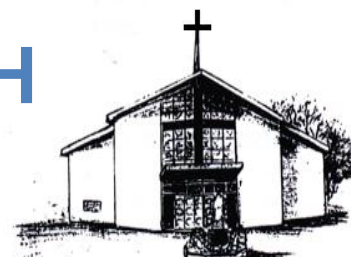
STANTHONY'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

Parish Priest: Fr Jamie Collins
Deacon: BJ Perrett
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Parish Secretary: Mrs Noela Nolan
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17 & 18 May 2025
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Church Opening Hours
Tuesday to Friday: 8.30am-2.30pm
Saturday: 4.15pm-6.15pm
Sunday: 7am-9.30am
Closed Monday

Office Hours –
Tuesday to Friday 8.30am - 2.30pm
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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading – Acts 14:21-27 *(They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.)*

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 144:8-13. *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-5 *(He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.)*

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! *I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.*
Alleluia!



Important Dates Coming Up:

Saturday 17 May	6pm Feast for Freedom
Tuesday 20 May	NB: Parish Office closed (Diocesan Development Day) 10am Friendship Group 5:30pm Music planning meeting 6pm Parish Finance meeting
17-24 May	<i>Laudato Si' week</i>
Sunday 25 May	3.30pm Hymn practice



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Betty Sheridan, Mary (Doyle) Wagner, Brian Wells, Kevin Norris, Ralph Hickey, Seyeme Gaim;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Krystyna Batorowicz, Bryan Rafter, Eileen Cartwright, Jacqueline d'Aranjo, Eugene Ryan;

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Fr William Murphy, Fr Brian Moran, Fr Vincent Maher, Fr Francis Hall, Rev Msgr Patrick McMorro, Fr Thomas Isaac, Fr Garrett Murphy, Fr Michael Herbert, Rev Msgr Thomas Nolan, Rev Msgr Edward Concannon;

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, Kerrie Hegarty, John Herzig, Rita Irwin, Elsie Kirby, Mal Kirby, Mary Logan, Pat Madden, Gloria McKechnie, Des O'Shea, Margaret Pegler, Trish Ryan, Vonnie Sherman, June Sinton, Pat Sullivan, Lucy Targato, David Toohey (*Vera's husband*), Barry Turner;

As well as the following friends & family members: Regina Albion, Laurie Atzeni, Arthur & Michelle Baguley, Robbie Bailey (*Narelle's dad*), Wendy Bailey (*Narelle's mum*), Liz Beduhn, Marilyn Bell (*Christine Black's mum*), Brian & Hazel Bowtell, baby Tommy Bryant (*great-grandson of Kevin & Trish Harris*), Paddy & Therese Chapman, Kevin Collins, Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, Denis Dwan, Marc Fitzgibbon, Sr Zoe (Christina) Fitzpatrick (PBVM), Marie Deane and Yvonne Gay (*Margaret Dunlop's sisters*), Mary Gleeson, Karen Graham (*Geoff's niece*), Gabby Hanlon (*Marie Heslop's niece*), Neville Harris (*Kevin's brother*), Cheryl Holmes, Jim & Nicholas Horder, Ann Johnson, Kye Johnson (*Chris Gwydir's grandson*), Lindsay Jones, Wayne Kirkland, Judy, Bob and Tracy Lehfeltdt, Stephen Mackenzie (*Pam Hahn's son*), Roz Martin, Jan Masters, Brendan Middleton, Frank Miller, Hanna Muir, Paul Murphy, Jacob Nolan (*Tom & Marg's grandson*), Peter Nolan (*Rockhampton*), Neil O'Connor, Paul Park, Kevin Schick (*Val's brother*), Silba Serem, Sally Sippel, Harley Stewart, Neil Syme, Brian Thomson, Greg Twidale, Denis & Ruth Volter, Kevin Wallace, Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells, Martin Yong.

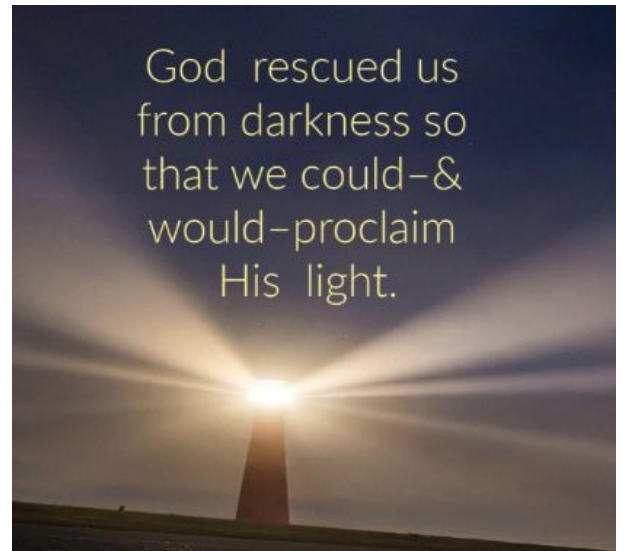
Weekend Reflection

SHADES OF DARKNESS AND FLASHES OF LIGHT

John masterfully prefaces today's Gospel with three dramatic words, 'It was night'. Much more than a time check, it's a theological statement about Judas' departure into darkness.

The night that Judas has chosen accentuates the glory shining forth from Jesus and bathing the Eleven in light. Jesus bids them show that light to the world by lives of generous, faithful, self-sacrificial love like his.

Clearly, the followers of Jesus have no monopoly on life-giving love. They're often put to shame by the exemplary love shown by non-believers, but the baptised are blessed by Jesus' gift of the new commandment. It's a constant reminder of life's true purpose, a sure guide for each day's myriad choices, and the key to freedom of heart.



THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for the dedicated members of the *Laudato Si'* movement 10 years on, that they will inspire the whole community to cherish and protect creation.

Parish & Diocesan News



NEWS

Feast for Freedom: Fundraising pot-luck dinner hosted by The Dignity Project is taking place at 6pm on **Saturday 17 May**.

Mass to pray for Pope Leo XIV: The Diocese will hold a Mass to pray for Pope Leo and the Church as he begins his ministry as the Successor of St Peter. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5:30pm on **Monday 19 May** and will be livestreamed. All welcome.

Nationwide Rosary: A nationwide praying of the Rosary will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral at 2pm on **Saturday 24 May**.

Cent Sale: The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Cent Sale at St Patrick's Cathedral Centre at 1pm for a 1:30pm on **Saturday 31 May**. Entry is \$10 (including 2 free sheets of tickets), and children aged 12 and under are free.

2025 SPRED Appeal: For nearly 40 years, SPRED (**SP**ecial **RE**ligious **D**evelopment) has been a beacon of hope and spiritual growth for adults with intellectual disabilities. As we near the end of the financial year, we invite you to contribute to SPRED's mission. Your support means more than just funding; it means giving hope, friendship, and a sense of belonging to those in our community. **Donate today:** www.twb.catholic.org.au/donate

World Mission Rosary Prayers: **Monday-Friday, 1-31 May** via Microsoft Teams. Please see flyer in foyer for link.

St Anthony's School 70th anniversary: Celebrations will take place at the school on **Sunday, 1 June 2025**. All are warmly invited to join in festivities: please note that morning tea after Mass will be replaced by morning tea at the school.

Multicultural Mass: St Patrick's Cathedral are having a Multicultural Mass at 9am on **Sunday 8 June**. All welcome.

Sychar, Term Two: Schedule for **22 April-27 June** now available, please see notice in foyer.

Horizons: Issue 73 is now available in the foyer and online <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/horizons/>

Music request: Do you have any sheet music or music books appropriate for Mass that you would be happy to donate? We are looking to expand our collection and would be grateful for any contributions. 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

*****SAVE THE DATE! Deacon BJ will be ordained on Thursday 3 July, 6:30pm at St Patrick's. Details in foyer.*****

REMINDERS

Adoration: **1st Friday** of the month at **9.45am** after Mass.

Social Justice Group: **1st Wednesday** of the month at **5pm** in the Parish Office. All welcome.

Friendship Group: **3rd Tuesday** of the month (except Dec/Jan), at **10am** in the Community Centre, \$2 donation. All welcome.

Gospel Discussion Group: each **Wednesday** at **10am** in the Parish Office. All welcome.



Birthdays for May: Anna Titlbach, Theo Fernando, John Roache, Lloyd Bailey, Jill Sullivan, Gail Schick, Mark Copland, James Hanna, Jenn Stephens, Bernice Stevens, Abut Mawien, Mary O'Brien, Kathryn Haynes, Bill Canning, Catherine McAleer, Rebecca More, Brenda Quaife, Louise Pfingst, Joyce Bowe (98 years old on 29 May), Peter Wilkes.

Anniversaries: Michael & Helen Sweeney, Peter & Sharon Hanna, Peter & Brenda Quaife.

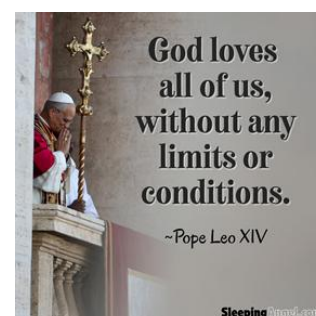
Parish Pastoral Council Members		Parish Finance Committee Members	Parish Coordinating Team	
Brett Rangiira (Chair)	Theo Fernando	Tony Meldon (Chair)	Father Jamie	Tim Fitzgerald
Father Jamie	Shane Hair	Father Jamie	Celia Warr	Lloyd Bailey
Louise Pfingst	Nicole Rangiira	Tom Warren	Noela Nolan	Gemma Betros
Kathy Reedy (Secretary)	Chrys Chryshanthan	Trevor Wyllie	<i>Thanks to all who take on these roles in the governance of our Parish.</i> 	
Bob Frost		Keith Shepherd		
Mary O'Brien		Trish Zeller		
Marg Nolan		Regina Ryan		
		Noela Nolan		

Social Justice News

SOCIAL JUSTICE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Quotes to help us get to know Pope Leo XIV:

1. "Peace be with you all! Beloved brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who has given his life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, reach your families, to all people, wherever they may be, to all peoples, to all the earth. Peace be with you!"
2. "We are often preoccupied with teaching doctrine ... but we risk forgetting that our first task is to teach what it means to know Jesus Christ."
3. "The bishop is not supposed to be a little prince sitting in his kingdom, but rather called authentically to be humble, to be close to the people he serves, to walk with them, to suffer with them, and to look for ways that he can better live the Gospel message in the midst of his people."
4. "Our work is to enlarge the tent and to let everyone know they are welcome inside the Church." [...] "God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and each other – let us go forward."
5. "We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us also, and then help each other to build bridges, with dialogue, with encounter, uniting us all to be one people always at peace."
6. "We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square, with open arms. Everyone, everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue and love."
7. "To all of you, brothers and sisters from Rome, from Italy, from all over the world, we want to be a synodal Church, a church that walks, a church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer."



Laurie Reedy Collection: The next collection for the fund, which supports refugees and needy families in our local area, will be held next weekend, **24 & 25 May**.

Winter Shelter Needs Your Help: As the days shorten and the nights grow chilly, we know that Winter is just around the corner. While some of us welcome the cold, we are reminded of the homeless Toowoomba-ites for whom Winter can be very hard. To support those who are homeless, seven different church communities have committed to providing food and shelter each night from **1st June to 31st August**. Our Catholic parishes have undertaken to participate by covering each Friday night.

Please consider how you might be able play a part in this **Winter Shelter** project. St Anthony's has promised to provide a meal – pre-dinner nibbles, entrée (eg: soup), main (eg: pasta, stew, casserole), and dessert – on two separate occasions: **Friday 6 June** and **Friday 8 August**. In coming weeks, we will be calling on your generous support (again!) to sign up and provide a dish on one of those nights.

Let's all consider how we can reach out a hand in a very practical way to those who will be doing it tough in the cold of Winter. *"I was hungry and you gave me to eat."*

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM (REMINDER: REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES NOW AT 8.15AM)			
Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 18 May Fifth Sunday of Easter	First Reading – Acts 14:21-27 Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-5 Gospel – John 13:31-35	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass Laudato Si' week (17-24 May)
Monday 19 May	First Reading – Acts 14:5-18 Gospel – John 14:21-26		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 20 May	First Reading – Acts 14:19-28 Gospel – John 14:27-31		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 10am Friendship Group 5:30pm Music planning meeting 6pm PFC meeting
Wednesday 21 May	First Reading – Acts 15:1-6 Gospel – John 15:1-8	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting 1.30pm Circle Dance 3.30pm Confirmation preparation
Thursday 22 May	First Reading – Acts 15:7-21 Gospel – John 15:9-11		
Friday 23 May	First Reading – Acts 15:22-31 Gospel – John 15:12-17	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)
Saturday 24 May Our Lady, Help of Christians	First Reading – Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Gospel – Luke 8:19-21	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie) + Laurie Reedy Collection 6pm Feast for Freedom
Sunday 25 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	First Reading – Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Second Reading – Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 Gospel – John 14:23-29	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) + Laurie Reedy Collection Morning tea after Mass
MINISTERS FOR MASS – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 24 & 25 May – Week 4 Roster			
	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass	
Co-ordinators:	Michael and Mary O'Brien	Trish Zeller	
Welcomers:	Denise Hopwood, Kathy Reilly	Jan Burchardt	
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	--	
AV Operator:	Kathy Reedy	Noela Nolan	
Readers:	Cherene Brandt, Michael O'Brien	Trish Zeller, Gail Johnson	
Prayer of the Faithful:	Gill Brandt	Susan Tek	
Offertory:	Terese Hanna, Catherine Hanna	Susan & Martin Tek	
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Judy Sheehan, Marg Wyllie	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Sandra Neale, Jan Barsby	
Music:	Sr Maria and Choir	Anne-Marie Spalding and Choir	
Collectors:	Michael O'Brien, Denise Hopwood	Tony Meldon, Peter Wilkes	
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Nicole Rangira's Team	
Money Counters:		Collections, 10 & 11 May:	
This Week – 18 May	Kathy Reedy and Tom Kelly	Planned Giving – \$ 435.00	
Next Week – 25 May	Tony Meldon	Loose – \$ 754.20	
		Direct Debit (April) – \$ 2111.00	
Ozcare	20 May – Celia Warr	27 May – Mass	

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St Anthony's Parish is committed to supporting the rights of everyone to be and feel safe. If you believe anyone is at immediate risk of harm you should phone 000 and report the matter to the police. Other concerns about the safety of children or vulnerable people may be raised with our **Parish Safeguarding Representative**, Nicole Rangira (0437 382 408), the Diocesan Professional Standards Office ((07) 46381379, 0474565426, or profstandards@twb.catholic.org.au) or with the Queensland Professional Standards Office (1800 337 928 or <http://psoqld.catholic.net>).

*****Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult.*****