

STANTHONY'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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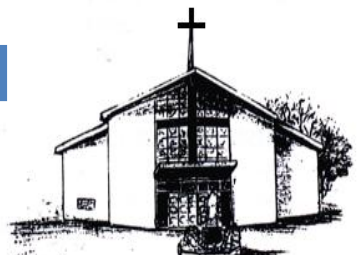
31 May & 1 June 2025

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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.

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading – Acts 1:1-11 (*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Second Reading – Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23 (*Christ has entered heaven.*)

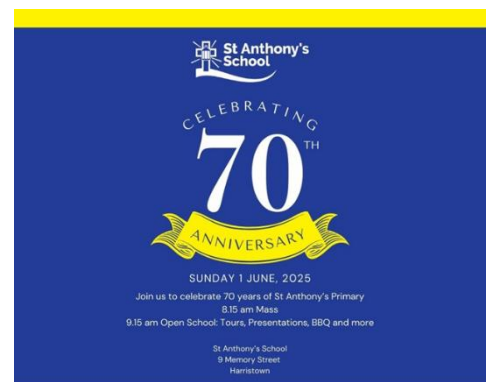
Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! *Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!*

Gospel – Luke 24:46-53 (*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*)

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Important Dates Coming Up:

Sunday 1 June	The Ascension of the Lord St Anthony's School 70 th Anniversary Celebrations Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly
Monday 2 June	4pm SVPD meeting
Wednesday 4 June	3.30pm First Holy Communion preparation 5pm Social Justice meeting
Friday 6 June	9.45am Adoration
Saturday 7 June	4.15pm Reconciliation



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Cathy Herbert, Robie Jayawardhana, Bruce Macbeth, Albert Mattiazzi, Brian Eather;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Martha Yap, Patricia Yong, John Drover, Kevin Slattery;

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Fr Joseph McKey, Fr Kevin Noble, Fr Charles Casey, Fr Joseph (Pat) Hall, Fr Thomas Sweeney, Fr John Sinnott, Fr Jeffrey Scully, Fr Thomas 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, 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, Martin Yong;

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.

Weekend Reflection

We are instructed this weekend by Pope Benedict XVI, who – in his *Regina Caeli* address this Sunday 15 years ago – reflects upon the Ascension: “[the Gospel speaks] of the final departure of Jesus from his disciples...; but it is not an abandonment, because he remains always with them with us but under a new form. St Bernard of Clairvaux explains that Jesus' Ascension into Heaven is accomplished in three steps: ‘The first is the glory of the Resurrection; the second is the power to judge; and the third is sitting at the right hand of the Father’ (*Sermo de Ascensione Domini*). Such an event is preceded by the blessing of the disciples, whom he prepares to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, in order that salvation is proclaimed everywhere. Jesus himself says to them: ‘You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you’ (see Luke 24: 47, 49).

The Lord draws the gaze of the Apostles [and] our gaze toward Heaven to show how to travel the road of good during earthly life. Nevertheless, he remains within the framework of human history, he is near to each of us and guides our Christian journey: he is the companion of the those persecuted for the faith, he is in the heart of those who are marginalized, he is present in those whom the right to life is denied. We can hear, see and touch our Lord Jesus in the Church, especially through the word and the sacraments. In this regard, I call on children and young people who during this Easter Season are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, to remain faithful to the Word of God and to the doctrine learnt, and also to assiduously approach Confession and the Eucharist, conscious of having been chosen and constituted to witness to the Truth. Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Lord opening the way to Heaven, gives us a foretaste of divine life already on this earth.” Let us live with anticipation the life of heaven by our patience, gentleness, and love for one another.

Parish & Diocesan News

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Parish Finance Committee: The Parish Finance Committee is looking for new members to assist with the financial management of the Parish. The Committee currently meets on the **4th Tuesday** of each month at **6pm**. Please contact the Parish Office for further information if you are interested in joining!

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), children aged 12 and under are free.

2025 SPRED Appeal: For nearly 40 years, SPRED (**SP**ecial **REL**igious **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

St Anthony's School 70th anniversary: Celebrations will take place at the school on **Sunday, 1 June**. Please note that instead of morning tea after Mass there will be a free morning tea at the School to which you are warmly invited.

Churches Together service: Lifeworks Uniting Church in Glenvale will be hosting the Churches Together service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at **6:30pm on Wednesday 4 June**. Members of St Anthony's Parish are warmly invited to attend.

Multicultural Mass: St Patrick's Cathedral is holding 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.

Winter Camp for Teens: Four-day camp for Christian teens aged 12-17, **30 June – 3 July**. Please see flyer in foyer.

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

Presbyteral Ordination of BJ Perrett: **6:30pm, Thursday, 3 July**, St Patrick's Cathedral. Please **RSVP by 15 June** to stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au

New Pastoral Care Practitioners: St Vincent's Aged Care Toowoomba is pleased to welcome two new Pastoral Care Practitioners: Mary Neilan and Paul Howard. They can be reached at: mary.neilan@svha.org.au and paul.howard@svha.org.au

St Anthony's Men's Group: St Anthony's Men's Group is a new social group for men that meets informally over lunch for conversation, companionship and a laugh. Lunches take place on the **4th Wednesday** of each month at **12:30pm**. If you would like to learn more, or to join us for the next lunch, please contact Lloyd Bailey on **0417 750 716**.

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 June: Jan Turner, Carmel Hohn, Sr Maria Joyner, Felda Gabuogi, Tony Allport, Marg Nolan, Denise Hopwood, Scovia Scopas, Geoff Graham, Mary Gilligan, Lari O'Neill, Jan Burchardt, Bernie Cummings;

Wedding anniversaries: Lari & Sue O'Neill, Gary & Jenn Stephens, Theo & Daphne Fernando.

Parish Pastoral Council Members		Parish Finance Committee Members	Parish Coordinating Team	
Brett Rangira (Chair)	Theo Fernando	Tony Meldon (Chair)	Father Jamie	Tim Fitzgerald
Father Jamie	Shane Hair	Father Jamie	Celia Warr	Lloyd Bailey
Louise Pfingst	Nicole Rangira	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

Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June), with the theme *Bridging Now to Next*, calls Australians to be aware that there is still unfinished business on the national agenda when it comes to the due recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Fr Frank Brennan SJ reflects on the last few years and asks whether there are any constructive lessons to be learned from the 2023 referendum result which might then help us chart a forward path, building that bridge from now to next. (*Eureka Street*, 22nd May 2025.)



One important way we can Bridge the Gap, is to learn more about our Indigenous brothers and sisters and form relationships with individuals, groups, and Indigenous nations particularly those in our local area - the Giabal and Jarowair people of the Wakka Wakka nation. This can seem to be a difficult task when stepping out alone. Where do I start? How do I meet up with First Nations peoples to hear their stories and practically find ways to Bridge from Now to Next?

In Toowoomba, a new group has formed to find ways to do just that: the **Toowoomba First Nations Allies (TFNA)**. This group meets monthly for formal meetings and encourages activities such as book clubs, craft groups, workshops and walking with Indigenous groups on Country. A recent excursion to the Bunya Mountains saw elders lead groups in reflections on the long history of Indigenous gatherings and care for the area over thousands of years.

More information can be found on the website, www.tfna.asn.au and the Facebook page, [Toowoomba First Nations Allies](https://www.facebook.com/ToowoombaFirstNationsAllies), or by phoning Majella Albion on 0400 941 095.

Feast for Freedom thanks: To all who attended the Feast for Freedom: as always, thank you to the wonderful supporters of the Dignity Project and the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre for your support, company, and friendship at our recent meal together. Donations for the evening amounted to \$400 and this has been transferred to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre. We were honoured to have a representative from the Yazidi community speak and thank the people of Toowoomba for their welcome and support for their community. Farhan and Moira.



Winter Shelter (Friday 6 June & 8 August)

Many thanks to all for your generous response to the Social Justice group's appeal for help with meals for the Winter Shelter program. The spreadsheet is gloriously full for 6 June and there are just a few spots left for 8 August. If you would like to volunteer for the 8th, please add your name to the spreadsheet in the church foyer.

A few gentle reminders: the dish should feed 12 people; please put your name on the container so it can be returned to you; and please bring your dish to the Parish Office before it closes (**2.30 pm**) on Friday 6 June or 8 August. Thank you for your time and generosity!

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM (REMINDER: REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES NOW AT 8.15AM)			
Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 1 June The Ascension of the Lord	First Reading – Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading – Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23 Gospel – Luke 24:46-53	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) St Anthony's School 70 th anniversary celebrations – all welcome!
Monday 2 June	First Reading – Acts 19:1-8 Gospel – John 16:29-33		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 3 June Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions	First Reading – Acts 20:17-27 Gospel – John 17:1-11		
Wednesday 4 June	First Reading – Acts 20:28-38 Gospel – John 17:11-19	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting 1.30pm Circle Dance 3.30pm First Communion preparation 5pm Social Justice meeting
Thursday 5 June Saint Boniface	First Reading – Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Gospel – John 17:20-26		
Friday 6 June	First Reading – Acts 25:13-21 Gospel – John 21:15-19	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)
Saturday 7 June	First Reading – Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Gospel – John 21:20-25	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie)
Sunday 8 June Pentecost Sunday	First Reading – Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading – Romans 8:8-17 Gospel – John 14:15-16, 23-26	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass
MINISTERS FOR MASS – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 7 & 8 June – Week 2 Roster			
	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass	
Co-ordinators:	Tim Fitzgerald, Carol Lovell	Jan Barsby	
Welcomers:	Celia Warr, Judy Sheehan	David Tutty, Sandra Neale	
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	--	
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	David Tutty	
Readers:	Jenn Stephens, Errol Pingel	Susan Tek, Gail Johnson	
Prayer of the Faithful:	Judy Sheehan	Monica Gundry	
Offertory:	Denise Hopwood, Carol Lovell	Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry	
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Carol Lovell, Chris Gwydir	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Brenda Thomas, Noela Nolan	
Music:	Sr Maria and choir	Sr Maria and choir	
Collectors:	Tom Kelly, Michael O'Brien	Susan Tek and Laurence Kilroy	
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Parish Pastoral Council	
Money Counters: This Week – 1 June Next Week – 8 June	Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry, Jan Burchardt	Collections, 24 & 25 May: Planned Giving – \$ 505.00 Loose – \$ 641.25 Laurie Reedy Collection – \$ 868.95	
Ozcare (now 10:30am)	3 June – Tim Fitzgerald	10 June – Ann Matthew	

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://psqld.catholic.net>).

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