

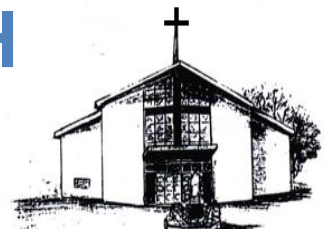
STANTHONY'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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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.

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading – Acts 2:1-11 (*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. *Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

Second Reading – Romans 8:8-17 (*Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.*)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!*

Gospel – John 14:15-16, 23-26 (*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*)

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Important Dates Coming Up:	
Sunday 8 June	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 9 June	4pm SVDP meeting
Wednesday 11 June	3.30pm First Holy Communion preparation
Thursday 12 June	12.30pm St Anthony's Feast Day School Mass
Friday 13 June	9.15am Mass, Feast day of St Anthony of Padua
Saturday 14 June	4.15pm Reconciliation



Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Cheryl Holmes, Kevin Quinn, Barbara Goodwin, Margaret Casey, Patricia McGovern;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Dulcie Moncrieff, Maurice Teagle, David Gibson;

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, Pat Martin, 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*), 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

THE BREATH OF THE SPIRIT AT PENTECOST



When I was a lot younger there was a hymn that we used to sing at Mass called “The Spirit of God”. The opening verse contained these words:

Spirit of God in the clear running water
Blowing to greatness the trees on the hill
Spirit of God in the finger of morning
Fill the Earth, bring it to birth
And blow where you will
Blow, blow, blow 'til I be
But the breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

And now, all these years later, just like that, seemingly by the prompting and by the ‘Breath of the Spirit’, we have a newly elected Pope in Leo XIV, who has swiftly endorsed his predecessor’s legacy. That endowment includes Pope Francis’s dedication of the Monday after Pentecost Sunday to Mary, Mother of the Church.

On this Pentecost ‘day of mission’ and in the face of increasingly divisive populism, it’s worth remembering Francis’s words in *Fratelli tutti*: ‘The Church is a home with open doors, because she is a mother. And in imitation of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, we want to be a Church that serves’, a Church that ‘leaves home and goes forth from its places of worship, goes forth from its sacristies, in order to accompany life, to sustain hope, to be the sign of unity . . . to build bridges, to break down walls, to sow seeds of reconciliation’.

THE WEEK’S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for the church at large, that it be a loving home where all
‘the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties’ of humankind are made welcome ... and shared.

Parish & Diocesan News



NEWS

Multicultural Mass: St Patrick’s Cathedral is holding a Multicultural Mass at **9am** on **Sunday, 8 June**. All welcome.

Roadworks alert: Please be aware that roadworks are taking place at the intersection of Stephen and West Street from **8 June** until **4 July**. Please see the handouts in foyer for further information.

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!

Planned Giving: The end of the current financial year is fast approaching! A new set of envelopes (commencing July) is now available for all those using that system. If you would like to change to a Direct Debit arrangement in place of envelopes, please advise Noela or complete and return the forms available in the foyer ASAP. If you are not yet a part of our Parish Planned Giving Program but would like to be, please contact Noela. Please note we will soon be offering another option - **Tap n Go**; more info to follow. Thank you to all those who contribute: our parish relies on your financial support.

Garden City Mosque Open Day/Toowoomba International Food Festival: The twelfth annual Open Day/Food Festival is taking place on **Saturday 21 June, 10:30am-3pm** at 217 West Street, Harristown. Further information in foyer.

‘The Sunshine Boys’: SPRED is holding a fundraising evening at the Repertory Theatre on **8 July**. Tickets are \$25 each and include wine on arrival, a light supper at interval, and raffle tickets. Please contact the SPRED office for bookings: (07) 4632 8427 or spred@twb.catholic.org.au

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.

Presbyteral Ordination of BJ Perrett: **6:30pm, Thursday, 3 July**, St Patrick’s Cathedral. Please **RSVP by 15 June** to stpatrikscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au **OR** put your name on the form in the foyer.

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**.

Knights of the Southern Cross: Catholic men are invited to consider joining the Toowoomba Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross. Please see flyer in foyer or contact Brian Wilson on 0411 279 952 or bhwilson@optusnet.com.au for further information.

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 Rangiira (Chair)	Theo Fernando	Tony Meldon (Chair)	Father Jamie	Tim Fitzgerald
Father Jamie	Shane Hair	Father Jamie	Celia Warr	Lloyd Bailey
Louise Pfigst	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

Australian bishops have echoed Pope Leo XIV's pleas for peace in Gaza and have called for urgent dialogue and for humanitarian aid to reach those in need.

The Bishops' Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service have issued a statement expressing concern for Gaza. The statement was signed by commission chair and Townsville bishop, Bishop Tim Harris.

"In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded we belong to one human family which is best nurtured by a world free of war and focused on peace building," the Commission said. "As Pope Leo XIV reminded us, the first words spoken by the risen Christ were: 'Peace be with you all.' The peace of Christ, as the Holy Father stated, is 'a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally'.

"We join with the Holy Father in expressing our concern about the 'worrying and painful' situation in Gaza. We support his appeal to 'allow the entry of dignified humanitarian aid and to put an end to the hostilities, whose heartbreaking price is paid by the children, elderly, and the sick', as well as the safe return of hostages." The commission encouraged "all people of good will to study the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'."

"In that statement, the bishops of Australia sought to offer a Gospel word to all who are committed to speaking the truth and working for peace and unity in a world scarred by violence, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan and Myanmar." The bishops offered "three positive steps in building an 'architecture of peace': genuine dialogue, truth-telling and education. But before anything else, we should – as our 2024 Social Justice Statement encouraged – invite God to nurture peace in our hearts and discern how we can share that peace with our troubled world." The statement concludes recalling the words of Pope Francis last year: "Stop! Stop because violence will never bring peace." (Source: *ACBC Media Blog*)

Peace for Gaza: For those of us in Toowoomba, there will be a Peace for Gaza vigil held at the bottom of Queen's Park on the **first Saturday of the month** from **10am -11am**. We stand publicly in solidarity and silence to draw attention to the pain and suffering of those caught up in this war and to call for peace. Please feel free to join us this **Saturday, 7 June at 10am**.



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. Our first contribution will take place **on Friday, 6 June**. A few gentle reminders for those assisting: 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**). Thank you again for your time and generosity!

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM
(REMINDER: REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES NOW AT 8.15AM)

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
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
Monday 9 June The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	First Reading – Acts 1:12-14 Gospel – John 19:25-34		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP Meeting
Tuesday 10 June	First Reading – 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Gospel – Matthew 5:13-16		
Wednesday 11 June St Barnabas	First Reading – Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3 Gospel – Matthew 10:7-13	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting 1.30pm Circle Dance 3.30pm First Communion preparation
Thursday 12 June	First Reading – 2 Corinthians 3:15 – 4:1, 3-6 Gospel – Matthew 5:20-26		12.30pm St Anthony's Feast Day School Mass (Fr Jamie)
Friday 13 June St Anthony of Padua	First Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Gospel – Matthew 5:27-32	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)
Saturday 14 June	First Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Gospel – Matthew 5:33-37	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie)
Sunday 15 June The Most Holy Trinity	First Reading – Proverbs 8:22-31 Second Reading – Romans 5:1-5 Gospel – John 16:12-15	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass

MINISTERS FOR MASS – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 14 & 15 June – Week 3 Roster

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
Co-ordinators:	Lloyd Bailey and Marg Nolan	Sandra Neale
Welcomers:	Trevor Wyllie and Carol Lovell	Denis and Marie McAleer
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	--
AV Operator:	Ed Briffa	Noela Nolan
Readers:	Regina Ryan and Carol Lovell	Sandra Neale and David Tutty
Prayer of the Faithful:	Terese Hanna	Joan Nugent
Offertory:	Peter and Jan Boyce	Jan Barsby and Joan Nugent
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Catherine Hanna and Lloyd Bailey	Ciborium: Deacon BJ Chalice: Monica Gundry and Jan Barsby
Music:	Brett Rangiira and Men's Choir	Tom Hodgson and Choir
Collectors:	Peter Boyce and Trevor Wyllie	Jim Nolan and Peter Wilkes
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Nicole Rangiira's team
Money Counters:		Collections, 31 May & 1 June:
This Week – 8 June	Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry, Jan Burchardt	Planned Giving – \$ 345.00 Loose – \$ 1083.00
Next Week – 15 June	Kathy Reedy & Tom Kelly	Direct Debit (May) – \$ 2201.00
Ozcare (now 10:30am)	10 June – Ann Matthew	17 June – Judy Sheehan

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 Rangiira (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.*****