

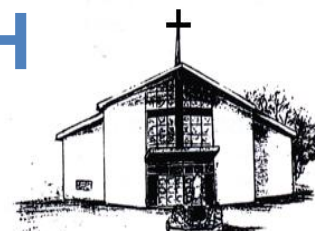
STANTHONY'S PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Church Opening Hours
Tuesday to Friday: 8.30am-2.30pm
Saturday: 4.15pm-6.15pm
Sunday: 7.30am-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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

First Reading – Isaiah 66: 10-14 (I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.)
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
Second Reading – Galatians 6:14-18 (The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.)
Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!
Gospel – Luke 10:1-9 (Your peace will rest upon him.)

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Important dates coming up:

NAIDOC Week 6-13 July	
Saturday 5 July	5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 6 July	8.15am Sunday Mass
Monday 7 July	4pm SVDP meeting

Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Pat Sullivan, Bill Blacka, Brendan Stibbard;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Jillian Bredhauer, Dudley d'Aranjo, Riccardo Springolo, Barbara d'Aranjo, Selim Ghebru, Seyeme Ghebru, Agatha Dwyer, Rosanne Joyner, Sr Beryl Gleeson, Fr Jeffrey Scully, Carmelita Kruger, Ellie Pauli, Oswald Cran, Joe Andress, Hedy Hurlimann;

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Fr Simon O'Dea, Fr Ralph Underwood, Fr John Clancy, Fr Patrick Campbell, Fr Neville Grundy, Fr Joseph Portley, Fr Robert Flynn, Fr Brian Sparksman, Msgr John Bennett, Fr Thomas Keegan, Most Rev Basil Roper DD;

We hold in prayer all those who are sick including the following Parishioners: Narelle Bailey, Daniel Bell, Brian Conrick, Kath Donoghue, 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 Lehfeldt, 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 KINGDOM OF GOD IS CLOSE AT HAND

Last Sunday at the end of Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, I reflected that we were in the middle of nine-day period where we will have been privileged to share in all the Sacraments of the Church, except marriage!

We had: Confirmation here Tuesday, a Funeral (not a 'sacrament') at Surat on Wednesday, Anointing of the Sick at St. Vincent's Hospital on Friday and the usual Reconciliation prior to Mass here on Saturday. We celebrated First Communion here at the Weekend Masses, ten children were baptised at both St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Lourdes last weekend, and then the Ordination of BJ on Thursday and his 'First Mass' on Friday.



Ten days that have proven that the local church is very much alive and well. The sacramental life of the church is considered a visible sign of God's grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the church. We have been told that the sacraments are seen as ways to nourish and to strengthen, to express faith, and to participate in the divine life through our union with Christ.

All this proves that "we are many parts, but just one body and the gifts we have, we've been given to share". The sacramental life of the community here is the gift that unites us with all who have a place at our table. This act of faith is a reminder to us of the commissioning by Jesus in today's Gospel to those who were to go out and proclaim the Kingdom. He says to them: "Whatever town you enter, and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" Now, if we only had a wedding ... Father BJ is available!

THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

For our newly ordained Father BJ and all priests, together with the lay faithful in leadership roles and diverse ministries, that they will grow ever more conscious of their baptismal dignity and be inspired by it.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR BJ PERRETT

With the day of Ordination finally arriving last Thursday evening, may this be the Prayer of our newly ordained Father BJ:

"Almighty Father, I lay before you all that I am; everything that I have; what I know and what I don't know. Accept it, transform it, bless it; use it all for the glory of your name. Make me worthy of the trust and confidence placed in me and guard me in the ways of integrity and truth. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

A WORD OF THANKS FROM FR PERRETT

All praise and thanks to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, who by the power of the Holy Spirit continues to provide labourers for His abundant harvest. Thanks be to all those who have prayed for me, supported me, and formed me as I prepared for ordination to the priesthood.

Thanks be to all those who had a hand in the Rite of Ordination; a lot of effort and organisation was involved! I thank especially the choir and schola who so beautifully gave voice to our praise. Thank you for taking time out of your weeks to rehearse, learn new pieces, and endure singing in the cold. Thank you to those who ensured the liturgy ran smoothly and those who cleaned up afterwards. Thank you to all involved! I deeply appreciate your prayers and support, and look forward to a life-time of service to you. Thank you and God bless you! Fr Perrett

Parish & Diocesan News



NEWS

Thanks from the Canning Family: The Canning Family would like to thank Father Jamie, the Funeral Ministry, the staff of the Parish Office, the Catering Team, and Parishioners and friends for their help and kind actions in supporting us at Bill Canning's funeral.

Ministry rosters: Our new six-month rosters commence in August. If you haven't yet filled in a form, they are still available in the Parish foyer: please return completed forms to the foyer or the Parish office asap.

Parish financial report: The Parish's financial report, outlining income and expenditure for 2023-24 and the projected budget for 2025-26, is now available in the Parish foyer. Thanks to Committee members for their efforts.

Call for Altar Servers: Children who have made the First Holy Communion, and all young women and men of the Parish are invited to consider becoming an altar server. Training for new and continuing altar servers will be taking place in mid-August. Please contact Father BJ or the Parish Office for further details.

Mass times survey: The Parish Pastoral Council is conducting a review of Mass times following the trial that took place between February and Pentecost. All comments, ideas and suggestions welcome: please complete the form on your seat and return to the box in the foyer. Your feedback is important to us.

Planned Giving: A new set of envelopes is available for collection, although if you would like to change to a Direct Debit arrangement please advise Noela or complete and return the forms in the foyer. 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: the Parish relies on your financial support.

The Sunshine Boys: SPRED is holding a fundraising evening at the Repertory Theatre on **Tuesday 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

Holy Hour for vocations: All are welcome to Holy Hour praying for vocations at Our Lady of Lourdes, on **Thursday 17 July**, starting at **5.30pm**. There will be supper afterwards and an opportunity to meet current seminarians from Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo. Flyers in foyer.

St Vincent's Winter Appeal: For anyone wishing to contribute to the annual Vinnies Winter Appeal, donations can be made using the envelopes in the foyer or on online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>



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.

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

Men's Group: meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at **12:30pm**. Contact Lloyd Bailey for further details on 0417 750 716.

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



Birthdays for July: Gloria McKechnie, Jim Nolan, Alfred Adhil, Barry Turner, Joe Saccasan, Claire Redfern (85 on 22 July), Ed Briffa, Vonnie Sherman, Greg Bowdler (70 on 29 July) & Sue O'Neill.

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

Social Justice News

Social Justice Thought for the week: Honouring 50 Years of NAIDOC - A Legacy of Strength

This year marks a powerful milestone: 50 years of NAIDOC Week, a time dedicated to celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. What began as a grassroots movement has grown into a national celebration of resilience, identity, and justice.

The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," invites us to reflect on the journey so far and the path ahead. For five decades, NAIDOC has amplified Indigenous voices and honoured the strength of communities who have endured and thrived despite centuries of dispossession and injustice. This strength is not just historical – it is living and active in the lives of Elders, families, and young people today. As a Catholic parish, we are called to walk in solidarity with First Nations peoples. Our faith teaches us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. This includes acknowledging the truth of our shared history and committing to reconciliation in both word and action. **"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."** Joshua 1:9

This week, we invite you to begin NAIDOC Month with prayer and reflection. Consider learning more about the origins of NAIDOC, the stories of local Indigenous leaders, or the significance of Country in Aboriginal spirituality. Let us honour the legacy of those who have come before and commit ourselves to building a future grounded in truth, respect, and unity.

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

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 6 July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Isaiah 66:10-14 Second Reading – Galatians 6:14-18 Gospel – Luke 10:1-9	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Monday 7 July	First Reading – Genesis 28:10-22 Gospel – Matthew 9:18-26		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday 8 July	First Reading – Genesis 32:23-33 Gospel – Matthew 9:32-38		
Wednesday 9 July	First Reading – Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24 Gospel – Matthew 10:1-7	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting 12pm Funeral Liturgy for Pat Sullivan
Thursday 10 July	First Reading – Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5 Gospel – Matthew 10:7-15		
Friday 11 July St Benedict	First Reading – Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 Gospel – Matthew 10:16-23	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)
Saturday 12 July	First Reading – Genesis 49:29-33; 50:15-26 Gospel – Matthew 10:24-33	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie)
Sunday 13 July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Second Reading – Colossians 1:15-20 Gospel – Luke 10:25-37	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass
MINISTERS FOR MASS – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 12 & 13 July – Week 2 Roster			
	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass	
Co-ordinators:	Tim Fitzgerald, Carol Lovell	Jan Barsby	
Welcomers:	Judy Sheehan, Celia Warr	Sandra Neale, Joan Nugent	
Altar Server:	Harlan Fernando	--	
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	Mick Gorrington	
Readers:	Celai Warr, 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: Marg Nolan Chalice: Carol Lovell, Chris Gwydir	Ciborium: Sandra Neale Chalice: Brenda Thomas, Noela Nolan	
Music:	Tom Hodgson and Choir	Sr Maria and Choir	
Collectors:	Michael O'Brien, Tom Kelly	Susan Tek, Laurence Kilroy	
Parish Morning Tea:	--	PPC	
Money Counters: This Week – 6 July Next Week – 13 July	Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon Jan Burchardt, Peter & Monica	Collections, 28 & 29 June: Planned Giving – \$740.00 Loose – \$985.20 Peter's Pence Collection - \$694.80	
Ozcare (10:30am)	8 July – Chris Gwydir	15 July – Celia Warr & Toby Gabuogi	

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://psoqld.catholic.net>).

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