

ST ANTHONY'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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Genesis 18:20-32 (Lord, do not be angry if I speak.)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading – Colossians 2:12-14 (He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 11:1-13 (Ask, and it will be given to you.)

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Important dates coming up:

Sunday 27 July	3.30pm Hymn Practice
Monday 28 July	12pm Liturgy Team meeting 4pm SVDP meeting 5.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Wednesday 30 July	11.30am Catholic Education Week Mass and farewell to Mrs Louise Pfinst
Sunday 3 August	Family Mass and Children's Liturgy

Our Parish Prayer List

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Margaret McVeigh, Pauline Town, Des O'Shea, Barry Turner, Arthur Baguley (*Carol Lovell's brother*), Michelle Baguley (*Carol Lovell's niece*), Pat MacGinley;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Bruce Gardiner, Irene Ryan, Ellen & John Nolan, Carmel Graham, Ian Moncrieff, Patrick Cartwright, Jean Cartwright, Marie Schneider;

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, Margaret Pegler, Trish Ryan, Vonnie Sherman, June Sinton, Lucy Targato, David Toohey (*Vera's husband*), Martin Yong;

As well as the following friends & family members: Regina Albion, Laurie Atzeni, 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, Gary & 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

TEACH US TO PRAY

In the first part of this weekend's Gospel, the disciples of Jesus ask him to teach them to pray as John was teaching his followers. The response from Jesus gave them the familiar prayer we offer each time we gather for Mass.

As we all know, there is a set introduction to the praying of the Our Father in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass that ('in these or similar words') says 'at the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say' ...

This introduction to the Our Father at Mass states three distinct things. Firstly, it tells us that Jesus commands us to pray this way. Secondly, 'divine teaching' forms our minds and hearts for it.

And thirdly, it takes courage to pray this prayer. We 'dare' to do so. We dare because it's dangerous to pray it with all our hearts. As children of God, we confess our dependence on God for daily bread.

We pledge ourselves to unlimited forgiveness. We acknowledge our frailty in the face of trial. All this entails nothing less than a complete decentring of the self, and a radical act of faith in God's trustworthiness.

It is a prayer that I like to say unites all Christians. Like the 'family prayer' that transcends all the barriers that stand in the way of full Christian Unity. The prayer where, as people of God, we choose God's ways over our own.



THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

For the world-wide people of God, that they will be blessed with the grace of faithful and fruitful prayer.

Parish & Diocesan News



NEWS

Catholic Education Week Mass: The annual Catholic Education Week Mass will take place at 11.30am on Wednesday 30 July and will also serve as a farewell to St Anthony's School Principal Mrs Louise Pflingst. All welcome!

Tap to Donate: The Parish's new **Tap to Donate** machine has arrived and should be up and running by next week: further information to follow.

Call for Altar Servers: Children who have made their 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 Perrett or the Parish Office for further details.

Ozcare visits: We are always looking for people to join the team who distribute communion on Tuesday mornings at [Ozcare](#), which is also a great chance to catch up with friends now in residence. Please contact the Parish Office if you would be interested in joining the team: full training is provided.

Abrahamic Faiths Gathering: The next meeting will take place at **5.45pm on Wednesday 6 August** at the Garden City Mosque and will be followed by a light dinner. Please see flyer in foyer for further information.

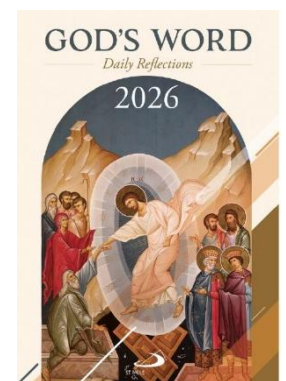
Winter Shelter: A reminder that St Anthony's next contribution to Winter Shelter will be taking place on **Friday 8 August**. Thanks to all who volunteered: a copy of the roster will be emailed shortly.

Term Three at Sychar: The six-part course, 'Searching for God through awareness of the true self' runs **10am-12.30pm Tuesdays from 29 July to 2 September** at Sychar House. Please see flyer in foyer or [online](#) for further information.

God's Word 2026: The 2026 edition of this volume (*right*), containing daily Bible readings and reflections, will arrive in September and is now available for pre-order at the special price of \$20.00. Please contact the Parish Office to order and pay.

Vocations Awareness Week, 3-10 August: This annual, week-long celebration is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to supporting those discerning these states of life within the Church. For more information please see <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/National-Vocations-Awareness-Week-2025>

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 at door.

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

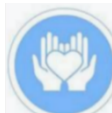
Gospel Discussion Group: each **Wednesday** at **10am** in the Parish Office.



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



"ACTUALLY, THIS ISN'T QUITE HOW I PICTURED MY FINAL JUDGEMENT!"

Parish Pastoral Council Members		Parish Finance Committee Members	Parish Coordinating Team	
Brett Rangira (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 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		Bob Morris		
		Noela Nolan		

Social Justice News

Walking Together – A Call to Justice

As NAIDOC Month draws to a close, we are reminded that the journey of reconciliation does not end here. The theme *"The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy"* is not just a celebration—it is a call to action. It invites us to walk together, to listen deeply, and to build a future where all people are valued and heard.

Walking together means acknowledging the truth of our shared history. It means recognising the ongoing impacts of colonisation and systemic injustice. But it also means celebrating the beauty, strength, and wisdom of the world's oldest living cultures.

As a parish, we are called to be agents of healing and hope. This might look like supporting Indigenous-led initiatives, incorporating Acknowledgement of Country into our gatherings, or advocating for policies that promote equity and justice. It also means nurturing relationships—with people, with Country, and with God.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." *Micah 6:8*

This week, let us recommit to the journey of reconciliation. Let us pray for the next generation of leaders, and for the courage to follow their lead. Let us be people of strength, vision, and legacy—not just in July,

but every day.

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.*****

Parish Weekly Program (27 July – 3 August)

(Reminder: Sunday Masses now at 8.15am)

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 27 July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Genesis 18:20-32 Second Reading – Colossians 2:12-14 Gospel – Luke 11:1-13	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass
Monday 28 July	First Reading – Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 Gospel – Matthew 13:31-35		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 12pm Liturgy Team meeting 4pm SVDP meeting 5.30pm Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday 29 July Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	First Reading – 1 John 4:7-16 Gospel – John 11:19-27		
Wednesday 30 July	First Reading – Exodus 34:29-35 Gospel – Matthew 13:44-46 	9.15am 11.30am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team Catholic Education Week Mass (Fr Jamie) and farewell to School Principal Mrs Louise Pflingst
Thursday 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola	First Reading – Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 Gospel – Matthew 13:47-53		
Friday 1 August St Alphonsus Liguori	First Reading – Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 Gospel – Matthew 13:54-58	9.15am	Mass (tbc) Adoration
Saturday 2 August	First Reading – Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 Gospel – Matthew 14:1-12	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie)
Sunday 3 August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 Second Reading – Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Gospel – Luke 12:13-21	8.15am	Family Mass and Children's Liturgy (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass

Ministers for Mass, 2 & 3 August

Week 1 Roster (please note: new roster now in place)

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass (Family Mass)
Co-ordinators:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	School Rep, Sr Maria
Welcomers:	Denise Hopwood, Marg Nolan	School
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	--
AV Operator:	Ed Briffa	Noela Nolan
Readers:	Regina Ryan, Errol Pingel	School
Prayer of the Faithful:	Carol Lovell	School
Offertory:	Ray Cullen, Celia Warr	School
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Lloyd Bailey Chalice: Marg Wyllie, Trevor Wyllie	Ciborium: School Rep Chalice: Susan Tek, Sr Maria
Music:	Tom Hodgson and Choir	Anne-Maree Spalding and Choir
Collectors:	Tom Kelly, Denise Hopwood	Jim Nolan, Susan Tek
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Nicole Rangiira's Team
Money Counters: This Week – 27 July Next Week – 3 August	Tony Meldon, Irene Chelsom Tony Meldon, Irene Chelsom	Collections, 20 July: Planned Giving – \$ 1275.00 Loose – \$ 949.05
Ozcare (10:30am)	29 July – 10.30am Mass with Fr Jamie	5 August – Celia Warr and Toby Gabuogi

Copies of new roster available in the foyer.