

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 (What do people gain by all their work?)

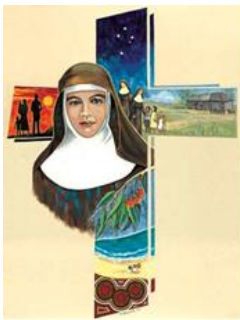
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading – Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 (Seek the things that are above where Christ is.)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of Heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 12:13-21 (To whom will all this wealth of yours go?)

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Important dates coming up:

Sunday 3 August	Family Mass and Children's Liturgy
Monday 4 August	4pm SVDP meeting 6.15pm Veritas Vocations Panel, Micah Centre
Wednesday 6 August	4.30pm Social Justice meeting 5.45pm Abrahamic Faiths Gathering, Garden City Mosque
Friday 8 August	Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)

Vocations Awareness Week, 3-10 August

✠ Our Parish Prayer List ✠

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Margaret McVeigh, Des O'Shea, Vivienne Mahony, Ian Graham (brother of Geoff);

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Anne Duncan, Bruce Gardiner, Patrick Cartwright, Jean Cartwright, Marie Schneider, Kevin Byrne, Helen and Lindsay Woods, Agnes and Thomas Xavier, Rosemary and Peter Victorian, Barbera Joseph, Jacylene Albert;

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Fr Peter Schultz, Fr Mark Cosgrove, Fr John Ryan, Fr Patrick Kelly, Fr Charles McDonald, Msgr Patrick Doyle, Fr Bryan Nolan, Msgr Stanley Skehan;

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 Lehfeltd, 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



ALL IS VANITY!

In the course of the Lectionary's three-year cycle, Sunday Mass-goers hear no more than a solitary reading from the book of Ecclesiastes. Short as it is, it captures the overall spirit of the work. All is vanity, the Preacher says, a mere breath, nothing is of value or substance.

Curious readers who peruse the whole work may be shocked by its negativity. Human existence is meaningless; effort is in vain. The only certainty is death. To toil, eat and drink is all one can do to be happy. Yet the author maintains a dogged belief in God. God is creator, sovereign and final judge. The whole work calls into question contemporary claims of human autonomy. It's a bitter-tasting antidote to our hubris.

We are fast approaching Vocations Week, where we honour the founders of various religious orders, including Mary MacKillop as Founder of the Sisters of St Joseph here in Australia.

We pray for the continuing work of these religious orders and all who may be discerning a call to life in the church through the Diocesan Priesthood or the Religious Life, alongside the call to the married or single life.

THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for all whose primary goal in life is accumulating material goods, that they will be led to appreciate God's priceless gifts of beauty, goodness and truth.

Parish & Diocesan News



NEWS

Veritas Vocations Panel: Monday 4 August at 6.15pm in the Micah Centre after 5.30pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

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 [here](#).

Regional Annual Seminary Appeal: Envelopes to make a donation to the annual Seminary appeal are available in the foyer. Contributions to this appeal are essential for providing training and a home for seminarians, helping to ensure they are equipped to lead our faith community.

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.

Tap to Donate: The Parish's new **Tap to Donate** machine has now been installed in the church foyer. Instructions will be provided during this weekend's services.

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: please remember to drop off your dish to the Parish Office by **2.30pm**.

Gaza Crisis appeal: The humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate: if you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

Ars Cantorum, 'Mass to Montage': 2pm, Sunday 24 August at St Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets available in advance from St Patrick's Parish Office or at the door on the day. Please see flyer in foyer for further information.

International Peace Conference 2025 'Being a City of Peace': Taking place **Saturday 30 August, 8.30am-4pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral Centre and hosted by Toowoomba's Multifaith Multicultural Centre. Please click [here](#) to register.

Bunya Mountains Teen Retreat: Takes place **22-24 September** under the guidance of Fr Nathan Webb, cost \$100-\$140. For more information, please see [here](#).

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 is now available for pre-order at the special price of \$20.00. Please contact the Parish Office to order and pay.

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>

Parking reminder: A gentle reminder to please only park in designated parking areas when attending Mass: parking on the footpath, nature strip, or across driveways can constitute a safety hazard and may incur a parking fine.



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.

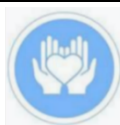
St Anthony's Men's Group: 4th Wednesday of the month at **12:30pm**. Contact Lloyd Bailey for further details on 0417 750 716.

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



Birthdays for August: Gordon Roache, Kevin Harris, Pam Hahn, Chris Bailey, Joan Phelan, Adam Titlbach, Lonnie Hogan, Brett Rangira, Mafe Remigio, Lola Canning, Maria Lindquist, Kelly Titlbach, Sandra Neale, Patricia Harris, Tim Fitzgerald, Len O'Rourke.

Anniversaries for August: Geoff & Teresa Wells, Don and Gloria McKechnie, Jim and Maria Lindquist, Gordon and Anne Roache, Joel and Mafe Remigio.

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

**MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS,
30 JULY 2025 (Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director)**

Human trafficking no longer hides in the shadows: it operates under a thin disguise, embedded in our economies and daily lives. And it's growing more organized, more structured, and more ruthless. UNODC data shows that organized criminal networks are behind 74 per cent of detected cases.



Traffickers are infiltrating legitimate industries, from agriculture to construction and hospitality, masked by legal contracts and buried in supply chains. Forced labour now accounts for 42 percent of detected trafficking victims, the highest on record. Trafficking for forced criminality is also surging, jumping from 1 per cent a decade ago to 8 per cent today. And traffickers are adapting, using technology and digital platforms to recruit, ensnare, and abuse. From fake job offers to dating apps, women and girls are being lured into online sexual exploitation, while victims are being made to commit cyber-scams and fraud as part of a billion-dollar industry. The exploitation is more systematic than ever.

And the world is fighting back. Over 180 countries now have legislation criminalizing human trafficking in all its forms. Protection mechanisms are expanding, helping more survivors with better support. And international cooperation is growing. But we cannot be complacent. We must act faster and smarter. By standardizing the way we look at data, to understand global and national trends. By equipping criminal justice systems to dismantle trafficking networks and end impunity. And by building bridges with the private sector, tech companies, and financial institutions.

On this World Day against Trafficking in Persons, let us work together for a world where traffickers have nowhere to hide, and justice leaves no one behind.

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.*****

Parish Weekly Program (3 – 10 August)

(Reminder: Sunday Masses now at 8.15am)

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
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
Monday 4 August St John Vianney	First Reading – Numbers 11:4-15 Gospel – Matthew 14:13-21		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday 5 August	First Reading – Numbers 12:1-13 Gospel – Matthew 14:22-36		
Wednesday 6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord	First Reading – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Gospel – Luke 9:28-36	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team 4.30pm Social Justice meeting 5.45pm Abrahamic Faiths Gathering
Thursday 7 August	First Reading – Numbers 20:1-13 Gospel – Matthew 16:13-23		
Friday 8 August St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)	First Reading – 1 Kings 17:8-16 Gospel – Matthew 6:25-34	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)
Saturday 9 August	First Reading – Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Gospel – Matthew 17:14-20	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie)
Sunday 10 August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Wisdom 18:6-9 Second Reading – Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 Gospel – Luke 12:35-40	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass

Next Week's Ministers for Mass (9 & 10 August)

Week 2 Roster (please note: new roster now in place)

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
Co-ordinators:	Tim Fitzgerald, Marg Nolan	Noela Nolan
Welcomers:	Carol Lovell, Trevor Wyllie	Jan Burchardt, Jim Nolan
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	--
AV Operator:	Kathy Reedy	David Tutty
Readers:	Leandra Fernando, Shane Hair	Mark Copland, Mary Wagner
Prayer of the Faithful:	Terese Hanna	Toby Gabuogi
Offertory:	Errol Pingel, Kathy Reilly	Jan Barsby, Gail Johnson
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Catherine Hanna Chalice: Celia Warr, Carol Lovell	Ciborium: Marie McAleer Chalice: Sandra Neale, Noela Nolan
Music:	Carolyn Searle and Choir	Sr Maria and Choir
Collectors:	Michael and Mary O'Brien	Tony Meldon, Peter Wilkes
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Parish Pastoral Council
Money Counters: This Week – 3 August Next Week – 10 August	Tony Meldon, Irene Chelsom Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry, Jan Burchardt	Collections, 27 July: Planned Giving – \$309.50 Loose – \$864.75
Ozcare (10:30am)	5 August – Tim Fitzgerald and Toby Gabuogi	12 August – Chris Gwydir