

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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 (You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 39:2-4, 18. Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading – Hebrews 12:1-4 (Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 12:49-53 (I have come not to give peace, but discord.)

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Important dates coming up:

Sunday 17 August	5pm Dinner to celebrate Fr Perrett's ordination
Monday 18 August	4pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday 19 August	10am Friendship Group 3.30pm Altar Server Training Session 5.30pm Music Planning meeting

18 August – 8 September: Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal

✙ Our Parish Prayer List ✙

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Ray Wells, Des O'Shea;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Mary and Mick Moore, Patricia Joyner, Rose Cran, Yvonne Gardiner, Eric Pingel;

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 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 Seasons They Are A Changing

Many are saying that it is a long time since they have felt a winter as long and as cold as this one. However, as the days march on, there are glimpses that the weather may be 'on the improve'.

The Ekka is in full swing in Brisbane, surely a sign that warmer weather is on the way, even at the mercy of the dreaded 'westerlies'. Those infamous dry, gusty westerlies that locals love to hate: the "Ekka winds". Every August, a familiar chill sweeps through the southeast, while here in Toowoomba, conversations are slowly turning to another much-anticipated local favourite, the Carnival of Flowers.



That's how it is for us in this part of the world. In the northern hemisphere the days will soon start to become shorter and cooler, proving in some way that we do truly live in a 'topsy turvy' world. The seasons in the northern hemisphere seem to suit better the seasons of the church, with the long days of winter coinciding as they do with the 'dark days of Lent'.

As we know, however, Jesus was master at turning things upside down and inside out! This week's commentary from *Australian Catholics* states something similar: "It takes a vivid, if not unhinged, imagination to associate Jesus with the martial arts, yet he was a master of the art of throwing his listeners off balance". Today's Gospel is a perfect example. He trips us up by insisting emphatically that he came to cause division, not peace.

This is just one of his disconcerting declarations about the priority of discipleship over human relationships. They reflect his own fierce fidelity to the mission that drives him, a mission of blazing fire and great distress. They expose the fault line in the rock of our baptismal commitment. The weak vein of compromise with comfort and security. It's no easy task Jesus has assigned us, to be faithful to our humanity and to him.

THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for all who have been rejected or disowned for their conversion to Christ, that they will draw strength from the companionship and support of their fellow believers.

Parish & Diocesan News



NEWS

Celebratory dinner for Father Perrett: Join us at the Community Centre at **5pm on Sunday, 17 August** for a dinner to celebrate the ordination of Father Perrett. Please bring a plate; tea and coffee provided. Please note that there will be no morning tea after Sunday Mass.

Altar Server Training Session: Young people who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion are invited to consider becoming an altar server. Father Perrett will be leading a training session for both new and continuing altar servers at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Tuesday, 19 August at 3.30pm**.

Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal, 18 August-8 September: Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving our communities with faith and compassion. In retirement, they continue to live simply and prayerfully, supported by the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Your tax-deductible gift helps provide essential care, accommodation, healthcare, and daily support, ensuring they are looked after with dignity. Support our retired priests this Father's Day: every donation makes a difference. Please consider giving today: www.twb.catholic.org.au/donate

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.

Pilgrim Walk in the Footsteps of Saint Mary Mackillop: Parishioners from throughout the Diocese are invited to come to Helidon on **Saturday 30 August** to celebrate the legacy of St Mary MacKillop in conjunction with the 2025 Jubilee Year theme, 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Mass at **9.30am** at St Joseph's Parish will be followed by a walk through Helidon and a BYO Picnic lunch at the Parish Hall. Please see flyer in foyer for further information. To book, contact St Patrick's Cathedral Office on 4637 1500 or at stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au

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.

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 park only 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.

Parish Secretary position: St. Thomas More's Catholic Parish is seeking a Parish Secretary to join the team for a 12-month maternity leave contract. This is a part-time position, working 15 hours per week. For a position description please contact stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org. Closing date 14 September.

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 Roche, Kevin Harris, Pam

Hahn, Chris Bailey, Joan Phelan (95 years), Adam Tittlbach, Lonnie Hogan (90 years), Brett Rangiira, Mafe Remigio, Lola Canning, Maria Lindquist, Kelly Tittlbach, Sandra Neale (85 years), Patricia Harris (80 years), Tim Fitzgerald, Len O'Rourke.

Anniversaries for August: Geoff & Teresa Wells, Don and Gloria McKechnie, Jim and Maria Lindquist, Gordon and Anne Roche (65 years), Joel and Mafe Remigio.

Parish Pastoral Council Members		Parish Finance Committee Members	Parish Coordinating Team	
Brett Rangiira (Chair)	Theo Fernando	Tony Meldon (Chair)	Father Jamie Collins	Tim Fitzgerald
Father Jamie Collins	Shane Hair	Father Jamie Collins	Celia Warr	Lloyd Bailey
Kathy Reedy (Secretary)	Nicole Rangiira	Tom Warren	Noela Nolan	Gemma Betros
Bob Frost	Chrys Chryshanthan	Trevor Wyllie	<i>Thanks to all who take on these roles in the governance of our Parish.</i> 	
Mary O'Brien	Aaron Wells (ex-officio)	Keith Shepherd		
Marg Nolan		Trish Zeller		
		Bob Morris		
		Noela Nolan (Secretary)		

Social Justice News

Amnesty International, 'Movies that Matter': Amnesty International Toowoomba Group and St James Anglican Parish are screening 'Message From Hiroshima' (2015) on **Thursday, 21 August at 7pm**. Admission by donation. Discussion and light supper to follow. Please see flyer in foyer for further information.

Humanity is 'one miscalculation away from nuclear annihilation....'

Nagasaki and Hiroshima remind us to put peace first every day;

to work on conflict prevention and resolution, reconciliation, and dialogue; and to tackle the roots of conflict and violence.'

(Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General)



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 Catholic Church's Queensland Professional Standards Office (1800 337 928 or <http://psqld.catholic.net.au>).

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

Parish Weekly Program (17 – 24 August)

(Reminder: Sunday Masses now at 8.15am)

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 17 August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Second Reading – Hebrews 12:1-4 Gospel – Luke 12:49-53	8.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) <i>No morning tea: please join us at 5pm for a celebratory dinner for Fr Perrett</i>
Monday 18 August	First Reading – Judges 2:11-19 Gospel – Matthew 19:16-22		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday 19 August	First Reading – Judges 6:11-24 Gospel – Matthew 19:23-30		10am Friendship Group 3.30pm Altar Server training 5.30pm Music Team meeting
Wednesday 20 August St Bernard	First Reading – Judges 9:6-15 Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting
Thursday 21 August St Pius X	First Reading – Judges 11:29-39 Gospel – Matthew 22:1-14		10am Funeral Mass for Des O'Shea
Friday 22 August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	First Reading – Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 Gospel – Matthew 22:34-40	9.15am	Mass (Fr Perrett, livestreamed)
Saturday 23 August	First Reading – Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Gospel – Matthew 23:1-12	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Perrett)
Sunday 24 August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Isaiah 66:18-21 Second Reading – Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Gospel – Luke 13:22-30	8.15am	Mass (Fr Perrett)

Next Week's Ministers for Mass (23 & 24 August)

Week 4 Roster (please note: new roster now in place)

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
Co-ordinators:	Celia Warr, Tim Fitzgerald	Trish Zeller
Welcomers:	Chris Gwydir, Trevor Wyllie	Jan Barsby, Sandra Neale
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando	--
AV Operator:	Kathy Reedy	Bob Morris
Readers:	Michael and Mary O'Brien	Jan Barsby, Gail Johnson
Prayer of the Faithful:	Chris Gwydir	Monica Gundry
Offertory:	Terese Hanna, Catherine Hanna	Susan Tek, Martin Tek
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Celia Warr Chalice: Lloyd Bailey, Catherine Hanna	Ciborium: Noela Nolan Chalice: Marie McAleer, Brenda Thomas
Music:	Sr Maria and Choir	Sr Maria and Choir
Collectors:	Michael and Mary O'Brien	Tony Meldon, Jim Nolan
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Attendees asked to please bring a plate ☺
Money Counters: This Week – 17 August Next Week – 24 August	Kathy Reedy and Tom Kelly Brenda Thomas & Tony Meldon	Collections, 10 August: Planned Giving – \$335.00 Loose – \$685.30 Tap to Donate – \$127.00
Ozcare (10:30am)	19 August – Judy Sheehan	26 August – Mass (Fr Perrett)