

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.*

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Isaiah 66:18-21 (They will gather all of your people from all nations.)

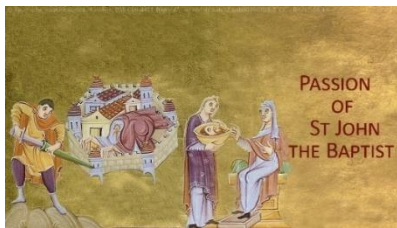
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 116. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading – Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 (The Lord disciplines those he loves.)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 13:22-30 (From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.)

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Important dates coming up:

Monday 25 August	4pm SVDP meeting 5.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Tuesday 26 August	10.30am Ozcare Mass 6pm Parish Finance Committee meeting
Sunday 31 August	8.15am Multicultural Mass, Social Justice Sunday, Jubilee of Hope 12pm Altar Server training (St Anthony's)
Monday 1 September	Our Lady of the Southern Cross - Diocesan Feast Day
18 August – 8 September: Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal	

✠ Our Parish Prayer List ✠

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Sean Dwan, David Clacy, Ray Wells (*Aaron Wells's father*), Des O'Shea;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Mary and Mick Moore, Heather Ruming;

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 and Wendy Bailey (*Narelle's parents*), 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, Tim Webber (*Monica Gundry's son-in-law*), Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells.

Weekend Reflection

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Last Sunday night at the Parish Celebration for Fr. BJ's Ordination we sang our parish song – as we have done for many years – that reflects our parish motto of 'a place at the table for all' and is set to the tune of The Seekers' *I Am Australian*. We always strive to have a welcome place at our community table for all who find themselves a spiritual home at St. Anthony's, regardless of whatever background we emerge from. We are all on a journey, a shared journey of faith and discovery. We are all 'equal in the sight of God', we are told. However, societal norms often dictate situations in life differently.



The Gospel has a bit to say about that today: "people will come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God". "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." The commentary in the Australian Catholics magazine calls the ways of the world 'identity politics', a term often used disparagingly in the rough-and-tumble of today's public discourse.

"But the issue is as age-old as the scriptures. Sometimes God's chosen people were sternly instructed to maintain exclusive boundaries between themselves and foreigners. At other times, prophets proclaimed open vistas of solidarity and inclusion. Christian history records similar swings of the pendulum. Churches have oscillated between closed and porous borders, as have Christianity and other faiths. The issue is played out daily on the world stage, in families and in our individual selves. Ideally, at every level a strong sense of selfhood enables one to forge bonds with the other. It's an on-going dynamic that needs to be fuelled by love, not fear, by hope, not hate". Maybe something for us to think about at this time, from our position of relative peace and security here in Australia.

THE WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for the family of nations, that members will work together, not against one another, in determining how best to respond to the challenge of mass migration.

Parish & Diocesan News



NOTES OF THANKS FROM FATHER PERRETT

Thank you all so much for your kindness, your generosity, and your love! I am so blessed to be able to walk this road of discipleship of our Lord, Jesus Christ with you. I have been overwhelmed by the great support and encouragement I have received from you all, as well as being humbled by the many gifts I have received. Know that you are in my prayers each and every day, and that I look forward to living each day of my life in service to you and all Christ's faithful.

Deo gratias, et gratias tibi ago! Fr Perrett

NEWS

Altar Server Training: Fr Perrett will be leading training sessions for new and continuing altar servers as follows: 12pm Sunday **31 August** (St Anthony's), 12pm Sunday **7 September** (OLOL), and 12pm Sunday **14 September** (St Anthony's).

Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal, 18 August-8 September: Support our retired priests this Father's Day: every donation makes a difference. Please consider giving today: envelopes available in foyer, or visit www.twb.catholic.org.au/donate

Gaza Crisis Appeal: The humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate: to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal and find out how you can take meaningful action, visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/gaza/>

Play for Purpose: Support the restoration of the historic St Patrick's Cathedral and go in the draw to win luxury prizes – including two Audis and \$60,000 in gold – by joining our Play for Purpose raffle today! Learn more and purchase tickets via <https://playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese>

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.

St Anthony's Men's Group: 27 August at 12:30pm at the Toowoomba Hockey Club. Contact Lloyd Bailey for further details on 0417 750 716.

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 (07) 4637 1500 or at stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Feast Day Mass: 10am, 1 September at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Marian Valley Bus Trip: Saturday **6 September**, departs Neil St at 7.30am. Please contact Theresa Blatchley 0434 528 904 to purchase your tickets.

Cathedral Floral Display: 9am-5pm daily, **19-23 September**, St Patrick's Cathedral. Please see flyer in foyer.

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>

Parish Secretary position: St Thomas More's is seeking a Parish Secretary (part-time) to join the team for a 12-month parental leave contract. Please contact stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org. Closes 14 September.

"Elizabeth, your son John is really taking these ceremonial washings to a whole new level."



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 Titlbach, Lonnie Hogan (90 years), Brett Rangiira, Mafe Remigio, Lola Canning, Maria Lindquist, Kelly Titlbach, 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	Thanks to all who take on these roles in the governance of our Parish. 	
Mary O'Brien	Aaron Wells (ex-officio)	Keith Shepherd		
Marg Nolan		Trish Zeller		
		Bob Morris		
		Noela Nolan (Secretary)		

Social Justice News

Laurie Reedy Special Collection:

Today's special collection is for the Laurie Reedy Fund. The Fund was created in 2015 to honour the memory of Laurie Reedy, a St Anthony's parishioner known for his work with St Vincent de Paul and his care for those in need. The proceeds of this quarterly collection are used to assist all those who seek support from the Parish, including current parishioners. Ten years on, the St Anthony's community is honoured to continue Laurie's work. Thank you for your generosity!

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://psoqld.catholic.net.au>).

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

Parish Weekly Program (24 – 31 August)

(Reminder: Sunday Masses now at 8.15am)

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
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) <i>Laurie Reedy Special Collection</i> Morning tea after Mass
Monday 25 August	First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10 Gospel – Matthew 23:13-22		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday 26 August	First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Gospel – Matthew 23:23-26		11am Funeral Liturgy for David Clacy 6pm Parish Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday 27 August St Monica	First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Gospel – Matthew 23: 27-32	9.15am	Mass (Fr Perrett) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting
Thursday 28 August St Augustine	First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Gospel – Matthew 24:42, 44		
Friday 29 August The Passion of St John the Baptist	First Reading – Jeremiah 1:17-19 Gospel – Mark 6:17-29	9.15am	Mass (Fr Perrett, livestreamed)
Saturday 30 August	First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Perrett)
Sunday 31 August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 Second Reading – Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 Gospel – Luke 14:1, 7-14	8.15am	Multicultural Mass (Fr Perrett) Morning tea after Mass 12pm Altar Server training (St Anthony's)

Next Week's Ministers for Mass (30 & 31 August)

Week 5 Roster (please note: new roster now in place)

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
Co-ordinators:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Sandra Neale
Welcomers:	Carol Lovell, Denise Hopwood	Noela Nolan, Trish Zeller
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	--
AV Operator:	Michael Rooke	Noela Nolan
Readers:	Karen Springolo, Barry Sheehan	Multicultural Mass readers
Prayer of the Faithful:	Regina Ryan	Multicultural Mass readers
Offertory:	Marg Nolan, Errol Pingel	TBA
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Marg Nolan Chalice: Marg Wyllie, Carol Lovell	Ciborium: Jan Barsby Chalice: Gail Johnson, Susan Tek
Music:	Sr Maria and Choir	Anne-Maree Spalding and Multicultural Choir
Collectors:	Tom Kelly, Michael O'Brien	Susan Tek, Laurence Kilroy
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Parish Office. Volunteers welcome.
Money Counters: This Week – 24 August Next Week – 31 August	Brenda Thomas, Tony Meldon Parish Office	Collections, 17 August: Planned Giving – \$ 920.00 Loose – \$ 824.50 Tap to Donate – \$ 120.00
Ozcare (10:30am)	26 August – Mass (Fr Perrett)	2 September – Ann Matthew