

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 (Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 67:4-7, 10-11. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading – Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 (You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
 Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 14:1, 7-14. (All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.)

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Important dates coming up:

Sunday 31 August

8.15am Multicultural Mass
 Social Justice Sunday and Jubilee of Hope
 12pm Altar Server training (St Anthony's)
~~3.30pm Hymn practice~~ Canceled this week

Monday 1 September

Diocesan Feast Day – Mary of the Southern Cross
 4pm SVDP meeting

Wednesday 3 September

5pm Social Justice meeting

18 August – 8 September: Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal

1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation

✠ Our Parish Prayer List ✠

We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently: Shaun Dwan, David Clacy;

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Marjorie Byrne, 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 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, Tim Webber (*Monica Gundry's son-in-law*) Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells.

Weekend Reflection



One may very well ask how many themes can be crammed into a single Sunday. The answer – at least for this Sunday – is quite a few! We're called to turn our minds to so many things: social justice, the Jubilee year, the celebration of our diocese's heavenly patroness the Blessed Virgin Mary (under her title of Our Lady of the Southern Cross), and the diverse multicultural membership of our parish community. In light of the many themes calling for our attention, let's also remember to keep this sabbath day holy and let God's own sabbath rest (which is the fruit of our worship) overflow into the week ahead.

Parish & Diocesan News



NOTE 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 vobis ago! Fr Perrett

NEWS

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Ken: Hard copies of Bishop Ken Howell's Pastoral Letter are available in the foyer to take home.

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** (LOL), and 12pm Sunday **14 September** (St Anthony's).

Working bee request: Join the St Anthony's School working bee at **10am** on **Sunday 31 August** to help with final preparations for the School's entrance in the Carnival of Flowers competition.

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>

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: Celebrate the Feast of our Diocesan Patron, Mary of the Southern Cross, with a Diocesan Mass at **10am** on **1 September** at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Season of Creation: Running from **1 September – 4 October**, the Season of Creation is a time for Christians to come together in prayer and action for Creation. Queensland Churches Together has made available a Devotional, containing a reflection, prayer, and verse for each day, either as an app to download (from your usual App store) or here as a pdf: <https://qct.org.au/images/QCEN/SoCDevotionsScreenVersion.pdf>

Photo contributions: To celebrate the Season of Creation as a parish, we invite you to send to the Parish Office your favourite springtime or floral photos of your garden and local area for use during Mass. Please email photos to stanthonys.office@twb.catholic.org.au

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

Safeguarding Sunday 2025: The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on the second Sunday of September (**14 September**) at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. Further information to follow.

☸ **Cathedral Floral Display:** ☸ The annual Cathedral Floral Display runs from 9am-5pm daily between **19 and 23 September**, with the altar of Our Lady decorated by St Anthony's School. 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](#).

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.

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 Rangiera, 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 Rangiera (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 Rangiera	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

The 2025-2026 Social Justice Statement, ***Signs of Hope on the Edge***, calls us to examine how we relate to people who are dealing with mental health issues or who are homeless. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe appeals to us “to befriend our fellow Australians ... to be signs of hope, to be the good news that God’s unfailing love embraces everyone.”



How do we engage with the homeless and those struggling with mental illness? It’s not just about simply giving aid, but about really **noticing** someone and **listening** to their story. That’s the harder challenge.

Do we say words that invite, or fear what it might cost? Are our attitudes welcoming, or are we concerned that we will be ripped off? Do we invite people who can’t return the favour? Let us take to heart Bishop Costelloe’s appeal and ensure that our St Anthony’s community is one that is part of an on-going incarnation - making God present by our “being with.”

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 Rangiera (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 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 Social Justice Sunday Jubilee of Hope 12pm Altar Server training 3.30pm Hymn practice
Monday 1 September	First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel – Luke 4:18		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 10am Diocesan Feast Day Mass (St Patrick's Cathedral) 4pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday 2 September	First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 Gospel – Luke 4:31-37		
Wednesday 3 September St Gregory the Great	First Reading – Colossians 1:1-8 Gospel – Luke 4:38-44	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting 5pm Social Justice meeting
Thursday 4 September	First Reading – Colossians 1:9-14 Gospel – Luke 5:1-11		
Friday 5 September	First Reading – Colossians 1:15-20 Gospel – Luke 5:33-39	9.15am	Mass (Fr Perrett, livestreamed)
Saturday 6 September	First Reading – Colossians 1:21-23 Gospel – Luke 6:1-5	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Perrett)
Sunday 7 September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Wisdom 9:13-18 Second Reading – Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gospel – Luke 14:25-33	8.15am	Family Mass (Fr Perrett) Morning tea after Mass

Next Week's Ministers for Mass (6 & 7 September)

Week 1 Roster

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
Co-ordinators:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Sr Maria, School Rep
Welcomers:	Denise Hopwood, Marg Nolan	School
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	--
AV Operator:	Ed Briffa	Mark Copland
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: Aaron Wells or Terri-An Nolan Chalice: Susan Tek, Sr Maria
Music:	Anne-Maree Spalding	Anne-Maree Spalding and School Choir
Collectors:	Tom Kelly, Denise Hopwood	Jim Nolan, Susan Tek
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Michael & Mary O'Brien
Money Counters: This Week – 31 August Next Week – 7 September	Parish Office Tony Meldon, Irene Chelsom	Collections, 24 August: Planned Giving – \$ 270.00 Loose – \$1,007.40 Tap to Donate – \$ 70.00 Laurie Reedy Fund – \$ 621.40
Ozcare (10:30am)	2 September – Ann Matthew	9 September – Celia Warr