

# 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** – Wisdom 9:13-18 (Who can comprehend the will of God?)

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

**Second Reading** – Philemon 9-10, 12-17 (Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.)

**Gospel Acclamation** – Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

**Gospel** – Luke 14:25-33. (All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.)

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### Important dates coming up:

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| <b>Sunday 7 September</b>                                           | Father's Day<br>12pm Altar Server training (Our Lady of Lourdes) |
| <b>Monday 8 September</b>                                           | 4pm SVDP meeting                                                 |
| <b>Tuesday 9 September</b>                                          | 12pm Liturgy Team meeting                                        |
| <b>18 August – 8 September: Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal</b> |                                                                  |
| <b>1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation</b>                  |                                                                  |

## ✠ Our Parish Prayer List ✠

**We hold in prayer & remember those who have died recently:** Jenny Fallon, Margie Cruz, Margaret Kynoch;

**For the Anniversaries of our loved ones:** Mary Maher, Simon Doyle, Bernie Martin, Peter Martin, Marjorie Byrne;

**and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese:** Fr Mervyn Ziesing, Most Rev Edward Kelly DD, Fr Sydney Kattie, Fr Myles Patrick Smith, Most Rev William Brennan DD, Fr Lino Valente, Fr Francis Burke, Fr Michael Skehan, Fr Clarence Leahy, Fr Neil O'Donoghue;

**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, Rita Irwin, 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

In the Gospel our Lord reminds us that the call to be His disciple is a call to radical love, detachment, and singlemindedness. Unburdened by the cares of the world, unchained from sin, free from preoccupations with what is fleeting, we run forward on the path of love. This does not mean that we shirk our responsibilities nor become focused on a future paradise. Quite the opposite: it means accepting all that comes to us in the space of 24 hours and accepting it as an infant accepts gifts from a parent. We do not neglect our duties as mothers, fathers, children, and workers, but we take up these duties and do them in a live-giving way.

That is the mystery of the cross; that pain and suffering, the mundane experiences of work, and the shocking twists of life are not burdens to be suffered passively, but are a means of salvation – a means of the love of God breaking through the nuance, ambiguity, and dark places of the human heart. The cross is thus the way to life, and life to the full! Let us take up our cross – whatever it may be and however many there may seem to be – and walk this journey of fidelity to Christ. In faith and love we keep our eyes fixed on Him, knowing that He leads us to life, refreshment, and peace.

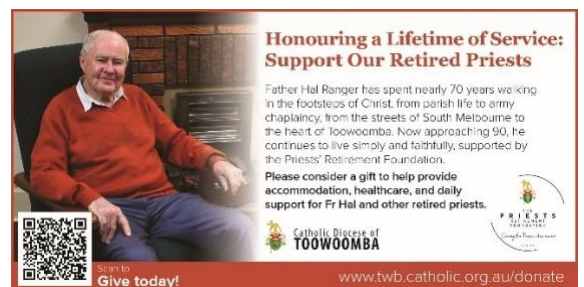
## Parish & Diocesan News



### NEWS

**Altar Server Training:** Fr Perrett will be leading training sessions for new and continuing altar servers as follows: 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](http://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 by joining our Play for Purpose raffle today! Purchase tickets via <https://playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese>

**Caritas Australia – Season of Creation:** This Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by signing the Turn Debt into Hope petition ([caritas.org.au/debt](http://caritas.org.au/debt)), and committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a Catholic Earthcare Household ([caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/](http://caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/))

**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. 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.

**Additional Mass and Confession times (OLOL):** From now until December 2025, there will be an additional weekday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Tuesdays at 7am** and **Thursdays at 5:30pm**. Confession will also be available on these days: please see flyer in foyer for full details.

### REMINDERS

**Adoration:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 9.45am after Mass.

**Social Justice Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5pm in the Parish Office.

**Friendship Group:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (except Dec/Jan), at 10am in the Community Centre, \$2 donation at door.

**St Anthony's Men's Group:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**September birthdays:** Marie Fitzpatrick, Carol Ryall, Don McKechnie, Anne-Maree Spalding, Geoffrey Wells, Adut Mawien, Margaret Pegler, Angela Britton, Cushla Randall.  
**September anniversaries:** Greg and Deb Bowdler, Geoff and Carmel Graham.



| 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   |
| Kathy Reedy (Secretary)         | Nicole Rangira           | 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 Battle of Meewah was part of the Frontier Wars, the battle for land that took place across our vast continent. Led by Multuggerah, it is another instance of the great courage of First Nations Peoples as they fought to resist settler invasion of their lands. We see this resistance, love of country and creative leadership continue today through the descendants of Multuggerah. We pledge to continue in our journey seeking the truth of our shared history, and to give voice to and learn from the ancient wisdom of our First Peoples, who have been present since time immemorial. Please see flyer in foyer for further information.

**Where:** Tobruk Memorial Drive Park

**When:** Friday 12 September. Commemoration Service 12pm – 1pm

**Who:** Everybody is most welcome (Please bring a hat and water bottle)



## School News

### Care for Creation and Carnival of Flowers at St Anthony's School

September is a special month at St Anthony's School as we celebrate Care for Creation Month and join in the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers spirit.

#### Caring for Creation - Going Nude Food

This month we are challenging our student, staff and families to go plastic free! By bringing "nude food" (lunches without disposable packaging), we can work together to reduce the amount of rubbish produced at school each day. It's a small step that makes a big difference for our environment.

#### Carnival of Flowers

Our school community has been busy preparing for the Carnival of Flowers.

- At our recent working bee, staff and families came together to complete jobs around the school grounds, ensuring our gardens look their best. This year, our beautiful school grounds are also an entrant in the Carnival of Flowers Chronicle competition, showcasing the pride we take in our environment. We are proud to once again be an entrant in the Cathedral Flower Display - don't forget to visit, enjoy the beautiful displays, and cast your vote!
- We are also excited to be part of the School Scarecrow Competition, run by Springs Nursery. The challenge was to create a scarecrow using recyclable materials. We have worked hard to create an eco-friendly entry. Public voting will take place on Saturday 13 September at the nursery.
- On Friday 12 September, we will also take part in Toowoomba's Flower Day. Students will be invited to come along in free dress, wearing their best flower-themed outfits to celebrate.

At St Anthony's, we take pride in the beautiful environment that surrounds our learning community. We believe in teaching our children to care for creation, making their school environment better not only for today but also for the future.

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](mailto: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 (7-14 September)

### (Reminder: Sunday Masses now at 8.15am)

| Date                                                                     | Readings                                                                                          | Mass Times    | Parish Life                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 7 September</b><br><b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> | First Reading – Wisdom 9:13-18<br>Second Reading – Philemon 9-10, 12-17<br>Gospel – Luke 14:25-33 | <b>8.15am</b> | <b>Family Mass (Fr Perrett)</b><br>Morning tea after Mass                          |
| Monday 8 September<br><b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>         | First Reading – Micah 5:1-4<br>Gospel – Matthew 1:1-16, 18                                        |               | <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>4pm SVDP meeting                                    |
| Tuesday 9 September                                                      | First Reading – Colossians 2:6-15<br>Gospel – Luke 6:12-19                                        |               | 12pm Liturgy Team meeting                                                          |
| Wednesday 10 September                                                   | First Reading – Colossians 3:1-11<br>Gospel – Luke 6:20-26                                        | <b>9.15am</b> | <b>Mass (Fr Perrett)</b><br>10am Gospel Group<br>10.30am Coordinating Team meeting |
| Thursday 11 September                                                    | First Reading – Colossians 3:12-17<br>Gospel – Luke 6: 27-38                                      |               |                                                                                    |
| Friday 12 September                                                      | First Reading – 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14<br>Gospel – Luke 6:39-42                                   | <b>9.15am</b> | <b>Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)</b>                                               |
| Saturday 13 September<br><b>St John Chrysostom</b>                       | First Reading – 1 Timothy 1:15-17<br>Gospel – Luke 6:43-49                                        | <b>5.00pm</b> | 4.15pm Reconciliation<br><b>Vigil Mass (Fr Perrett)</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday 14 September</b><br><b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>        | First Reading – Numbers 21:4-9<br>Second Reading – Philippians 2:6-11<br>Gospel – John 3:13-17    | <b>8.15am</b> | <b>Sunday Mass (Fr Perrett)</b><br>Morning tea after Mass                          |

## Next Week's Ministers for Mass (13 & 14 September)

### Week 2 Roster

|                                                                                             | 5pm Vigil Mass                                                                  | 8.15am Sunday Mass                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Co-ordinators:</b>                                                                       | Tim Fitzgerald and Marg Nolan                                                   | Jan Barsby                                                                                                    |
| <b>Welcomers:</b>                                                                           | Carol Lovell and Trevor Wyllie                                                  | Jan Burchardt, Dennis McAleer                                                                                 |
| <b>Altar Server:</b>                                                                        | Harlon Fernando                                                                 | --                                                                                                            |
| <b>AV Operator:</b>                                                                         | Kathy Reedy                                                                     | David Tutty                                                                                                   |
| <b>Readers:</b>                                                                             | Leandra Fernando, Shane Hair                                                    | Mark Copland, Sandra Neale                                                                                    |
| <b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b>                                                              | Terese Hanna                                                                    | Toby Gabuogi                                                                                                  |
| <b>Offertory:</b>                                                                           | Errol Pingel, Kathy Reilly                                                      | Jan Barsby, Gail Johnson                                                                                      |
| <b>Ministers of Communion:</b>                                                              | Ciborium: Catherine Hanna<br>Chalice: Celia Warr, Carol Lovell                  | Ciborium: Marie McAleer<br>Chalice: Sandra Neale, Jan Barsby                                                  |
| <b>Music:</b>                                                                               | Anne-Maree Spalding and choir                                                   | Sr Maria and choir                                                                                            |
| <b>Collectors:</b>                                                                          | Michael and Mary O'Brien                                                        | Tony Meldon, Peter Wilkes                                                                                     |
| <b>Parish Morning Tea:</b>                                                                  | --                                                                              | Parish Pastoral Council                                                                                       |
| <b>Money Counters:</b><br><b>This Week</b> – 7 September<br><b>Next Week</b> – 14 September | Tony Meldon and Irene Chelsom<br>Peter Wilkes, Monica Gundry, and Jan Burchardt | <b>Collections, 31 August:</b><br>Planned Giving – \$ 440.00<br>Loose – \$ 702.45<br>Tap to Donate – \$ 70.00 |
| <b>Ozcare (10:30am)</b>                                                                     | 9 September – Celia Warr                                                        | 16 September – Toby Gabuogi                                                                                   |