

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.*

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

First Reading – Numbers 21:4-9 (When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.)

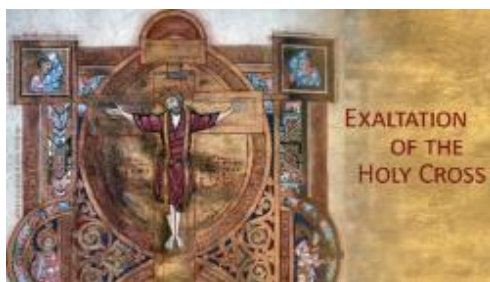
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 77:1-2, 34-38. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Second Reading – Philippians 2:6-11 (He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

Gospel – John 3:13-17 (The Son of Man must be lifted up.)

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Important dates coming up:	
Sunday 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Safeguarding Sunday 12pm Altar Server training (St Anthony's)
Monday 15 September	4pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday 16 September	10am Friendship Group 5.30pm Music planning meeting
1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation	

✠ Our Parish Prayer List ✠

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

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

SAFEGUARDING AGAINST EVIL

This weekend the Catholic Church in Australia concludes National Child Protection Week with Safeguarding Sunday. This weekend we also depart from the weeks of Ordinary Time to celebrate the feast day of the Triumph (or Exaltation) of the Cross.



The Gospel comes from John 3.13 – 17, where we are given the timeless message that “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life”, a promise that came to us by way of *‘The Cross’*.

As one priest used to say, the basis of our faith can be summed up in six words: “Dead on Friday. Alive on Sunday”. Triumphant over death and destruction, the cross of Jesus, a universal symbol of Christianity, more recognizable the world over than even the famous McDonald’s ‘golden arches’. The reality of the cross, however, is horrifying. Yet, it is capable of carrying the message of the paschal mystery – that in life there is death, and in death lies new life.

This is well expressed by Roger Housden, “The pain of loss, grief, and despair is not essential for transformation. It is possible to step into a new life in more graceful ways. But for most of us ... pain and loss usually prepare the way ... a new life requires a death of some kind; otherwise, it is nothing new, but rather the shuffling of the same deck. What we die to is an outworn way of being in the world.”

The message of hope symbolized in the cross is that death is not the final answer. Contrary to what we are sometimes told, ‘cross’ experiences are not God’s punishment or condemnation (nor are they tests sent by God to see if we are worthy!) God’s love is all pervasive, ever present, even in the darkest of clouds. This is not always easy to believe – the cross challenges us to step into this belief. All forms of hypocrisy and falsehood are put to the blow torch of his compassionate, uncompromising love.

As we conclude Child Protection Week, may our thoughts turn to those who have suffered terribly at the hands of others, particularly children and vulnerable adults. May they be given the support required to find a way forward to triumph over the ‘cross experiences’ of their lives.

THE WEEK’S PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for all victims of violence and injustice, especially among children and vulnerable adults.
We pray that in all their pain they will never feel abandoned or not believed.

Parish & Diocesan News



NEWS

Altar Server Training: The last training session for new and continuing altar servers will take place at 12pm on Sunday **14 September** at St Anthony’s, led by Fr Perrett.

Friendship group: Taking place at **10am** on Tuesday **16 September** with special guests from Feros Care, coming to talk about their ‘In Great Company’ program. All welcome! Further information about the program can be found [here](#).

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), 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/)

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.

Maronite Mass: On Sunday **21 September** Fr Fadi Salame of the Maronite Diocese of St Maroun in Brisbane will be celebrating a Maronite Mass at St Anthony’s at 11am. Further details to follow.

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

Reminder to Liturgical ministers: A gentle reminder to those assisting at weekend masses to please make sure you arrive at least **fifteen minutes** before the start of Mass. Please note that if you are running late, the coordinator may have to find a replacement to ensure the smooth running of the service. Thank you ☺

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.



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

Safeguarding Sunday:

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable.

In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.



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

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

Parish Weekly Program (14-21 September)

(Reminder: Sunday Masses now at 8.15am)

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	First Reading – Numbers 21:4-9 Second Reading – Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel – John 3:13-17	8.15am	Family Mass (Fr Francis) Morning tea after Mass 12pm Altar Server training (St Anthony's)
Monday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows	First Reading – Hebrews 5:7-9 Gospel – John 19:25-27		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP meeting
Tuesday 16 September Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian	First Reading – 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Gospel – Luke 7:11-17		10am Friendship Group
Wednesday 17 September	First Reading – 1 Timothy 3:14-16 Gospel – Luke 7:31-35	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting
Thursday 18 September	First Reading – 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Gospel – Luke 7:36-50		
Friday 19 September	First Reading – 1 Timothy 6:2-12 Gospel – Luke 8:1-3	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie, livestreamed)
Saturday 20 September Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions	First Reading – 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Gospel – Luke 8:4-15	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie)
Sunday 21 September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Amos 8:4-7 Second Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Gospel – Luke 16:1-13	8.15am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass Maronite Mass (Fr Fadi Salame)

Next Week's Ministers for Mass (20 & 21 September)

Week 3 Roster

	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
Co-ordinators:	Lloyd Bailey, Chris Gwydir	Jan Barsby
Welcomers:	Michael and Mary O'Brien	Denis and Marie McAleer
Altar Server:	Damian Wyllie	--
AV Operator:	Regina Ryan	Mark Copland
Readers:	Cherene Brandt, Margaret Wyllie	Gail Johnson, Susan Tek
Prayer of the Faithful:	Gillian Brandt	Joan Nugent
Offertory:	Peter and Jan Boyce	Sandra Neale, Mary Wagner
Ministers of Communion:	Ciborium: Trevor Wyllie Chalice: Mary O'Brien, Marg Nolan	Ciborium: Gail Johnson Chalice: Jan Barsby, Brenda Thomas
Music:	Brett Rangira and Men's Choir	Tom Hodgson and Choir
Collectors:	Peter Boyce, Tom Kelly	Laurence Kilroy, Peter Wilkes
Parish Morning Tea:	--	Susan Tek's team
Money Counters: This Week – 14 September Next Week – 21 September	Peter Wilkes and Monica Gundry Kathy Reedy and Tom Kelly	Collections, 7 September: Planned Giving – \$375.00 Loose – \$919.70 Tap to Donate – \$ 90.00
Ozcare (10:30am)	16 September – Toby Gabuogi	23 September – Mass (Fr Jamie)