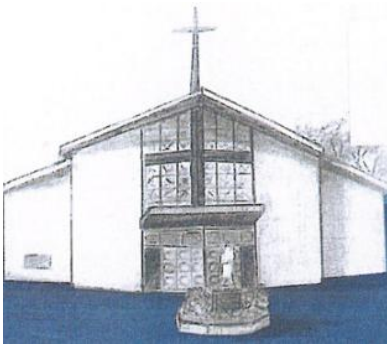




ST ANTHONY'S PARISH BULLETIN

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We acknowledge the living culture of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples in the Wakka Wakka-speaking area, the traditional custodians of this land.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (20 & 21 September 2025)

First Reading – Amos 8:4-7 (The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-8 (Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 16:1-13 (You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.)

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Important dates coming up:

Monday 22 September

4pm SVDP meeting

5.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting

1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation

✠ Our Parish Prayer List ✠

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr John Chalmers, Reginald Duffy, Gary Kirkland, Jim Hedge, Liz Beduhn;

for the anniversaries of our loved ones: Peter Stephens, Ivan and Trish Buckle, Rita and Barry Maher, Chris Collins, Ike Maher, Nell Collins;

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;

and the following friends and family of parishioners: Regina Albion, Laurie Atzeni, Robbie and Wendy Bailey (Narelle's parents), 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 Hanton (Marie Heslop's niece), Neville Harris (Kevin's brother), Jim & Nicholas Horder, Rita Irwin, Ann Johnson, Kye Johnson (Chris Gwydir's grandson), Lindsay Jones, Wayne Kirkland, Judy, Bob and Tracy Lehfelddt, 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

We are surrounded by so much beauty. Everything that God has made bears the traces of His hand, the mystery of His presence, and can be a gospel for us; a book in which we can come to know the wonders of God's mercy and the depths of His love. As Spring brings warmth, fresh life, and pleasant afternoons, may we remember to praise God for all His gifts.

Johann Wenzel Peter (1745-1829). *Adam and Eve in the earthly paradise*. c.1800-1829, oil on canvas. Pinacoteca Vaticana. Image sourced from Wikimedia Commons.



Parish and Diocesan News

NEWS

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**.

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/)

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/>

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 for 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

St Anthony's Parish Office opening hours: 8.30am-2.30pm, Tuesday-Friday. Closed Mondays and weekends.

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), **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.

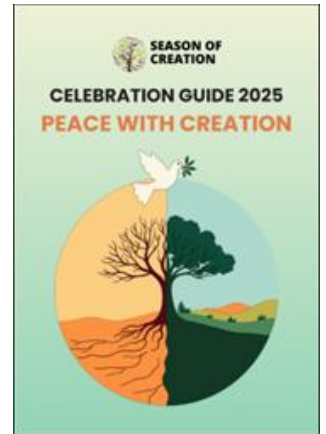


Social Justice News

"Spring is here, and the sun is going to shine, and the birds all sing as if they knew."

These lyrics from a 1960s song capture the joy and renewal that the spring season brings. As nature awakens in colour and warmth, we're reminded not only of its beauty but also of our responsibility to care for it.

From September 1 to October 4, Christians worldwide celebrate the Season of Creation - a special time to reflect on our connection to the Earth and renew our commitment to caring for it. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, this season reminds us of the importance of human dignity, the common good, and our shared responsibility to protect our planet.



Spring also invites us to look inward. The tradition of spring-cleaning mirrors a deeper spiritual truth. As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Just as we open windows to let in fresh air, we're called to open ourselves to God's renewing grace.

In today's world, our lives are often cluttered - not just with possessions, but with distractions and habits shaped by a culture of consumption. As Professor Gary Martin notes, we often mistake accumulation for progress and emotional buying for fulfilment. He challenges us to rethink what we truly need, reminding us that the pursuit of happiness through material goods often leaves us feeling overwhelmed and disconnected. Spring offers a countercultural invitation: to simplify, let go and live with intention.

Simple actions for today:

- **Reflect:** Ask God what needs renewal in your life.
- **Declutter:** Clear one space - physical or emotional - with purpose.
- **Reconnect:** Reconnect with nature, loved ones and your faith.
- **Recommit:** Restart/prioritise practices that nurture your soul and the Earth.
- **Reduce:** Step away from distractions and listen for God's voice.
- **Reuse:** Use your gifts - time, talents, relationships - with love.
- **Recycle:** Offer your past to God, trusting in transformation.

Let the beauty of spring inspire you to release what clutters your heart and home. In a world that urges us to consume more, may we choose to live with purpose, care deeply, and make room for God's grace to grow.

Lee ann Weekes | Education Officer: Mission and Identity Toowoomba Catholic Education Office
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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.*****

Weekly Program, 21-28 September

Date	Readings	Mass Times	Parish life
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	Mass (Fr Jamie) Morning tea after Mass Maronite Mass (Fr Fadi Salame)
Monday 22 September	First Reading – Ezra 1:1-6 Gospel – Luke 8:16-18		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4pm SVDP meeting 5.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Tuesday 23 September St Pius of Pietrelcina	First Reading – Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20 Gospel – Luke 8:19-21		
Wednesday 24 September	First Reading – Ezra 9:5-9 Gospel – Luke 9:1-6	9.15am	Mass (Fr Jamie) 10am Gospel Group 10.30am Coordinating Team meeting
Thursday 25 September	First Reading – Haggai 1:1-8 Gospel – Luke 9:7-9		
Friday 26 September	First Reading – Haggai 1:15 – 2:9 Gospel – Luke 9:18-22	9.15am	Mass (Fr Perrett, livestreamed)
Saturday 27 September St Vincent de Paul	First Reading – Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15 Gospel – Luke 9:43-45	5.00pm	4.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass (Fr Jamie)
Sunday 28 September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	First Reading – Amos 6:1, 4-7 Second Reading – 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Gospel – Luke 16:19-31	8.15am	Sunday Mass (Fr Jamie) First Holy Communion and Confirmation Morning tea after Mass

Mass Roster, 27 & 28 September (Week 4)

Role	5pm Vigil Mass	8.15am Sunday Mass
Mass co-ordinators	Celia Warr, Tim Fitzgerald	Trish Zeller
Welcomers	Chris Gwydir, Trevor Wyllie	Jan Barsby, Sandra Neale
Music	Sr Maria and Choir	Sr Maria and Choir
AV Operator	Kathy Reedy	Bob Morris
Altar Server	Harlon Fernando	--
Readers	Michael and Mary O'Brien	Jan Barsby, Gail Johnson
Prayers of the Faithful	Chris Gwydir	Monica Gundry
Offertory	Terese Hanna, Catherine Hanna	Susan and Martin Tek
Communion Ministers	Ciborium: Celia Warr Chalice: Lloyd Bailey, Catherine Hanna	Ciborium: Noela Nolan Chalice: Marie McAleer, Brenda Thomas
Collectors	Michael and Mary O'Brien	Tony Meldon, Jim Nolan
Parish Morning Tea	--	Please bring a plate :)
Money Counters This week – 21 September Next week – 28 September	Kathy Reedy and Tom Kelly Irene Chelsom and Tony Meldon	Collections, 14 September: Planned Giving – 243.00 Loose – 860.00 Tap to Donate – 145.00
Ozcare (10.30am)	23 September – Mass (Fr Jamie)	30 September – Judy Sheehan