



*Roman Catholic Church*

*Served by the Priests of the Society of St Pius X*

## **St Anne's Catholic Church**

180-184 Pinnacle Drive, Rasmussen, Townsville Q 4817



Dear Faithful,

In our little church of St. Anne's are contained the greatest treasures this world possesses: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. What a privilege it is for us to possess these priceless gifts from God. How much we should value them!

Our little community exists because the Church today preaches a new gospel, a gospel which betrays Our Lord in favour of the world. We've only to consider the recent declaration "Fiducia Supplicans" by Pope Francis to see how far things have deteriorated. This document, even when given the most favourable interpretation possible, has sowed confusion in the minds of millions of Catholics as to what is God's teaching on

homosexuality by permitting blessings of homosexual couples. This is how low things have degraded in the Church today: the Pope himself undermines the teachings of the Catholic Church. St. Anne's seeks to remain faithful to traditional Catholic teaching by centring our lives around the traditional Catholic Mass.

This is why it is so important that the treasures we possess in St. Anne's Church are cherished and made the priority of our lives. We have to go to work, devote ourselves to our families, and get in recreation. That's fine and praiseworthy. However, God, our faith, the Mass, and the Blessed Sacrament are more important than all these things and, in fact, must direct and add value to our work life, our family life, and our entertainment. Otherwise, they will be sterile and fruitless for eternity.

It is my intense desire that our little community be completely united, and that we support each other and encourage each other to be faithful to our Catholic faith and devotedly centre our lives on the infinitely precious treasures we have. I want the strong bonds of unity in our parish to flow from the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. But there are challenges for a community like St. Anne's, because the priest can only visit twice a month.

Nevertheless, the priests who care for your souls, recently promoted by Fr. Ockerse and now by me, want the faith of our dear parishioners strengthened and unity increased by the regular weekly devotions which are the Rosary and prayers on Thursdays at 7pm and on all Sundays at 9am when the Mass is not offered.

In Brisbane, our faithful have so many opportunities to pray and worship God together that the parish life constantly nourishes their faith. For example, in the month of May, Rosary and Benediction will be available most days of the week for them to attend. They can get to Mass every day of the week! I don't mention this to feed your envy but to emphasise how important it is to take complete advantage of what we have. You don't have such ready access to Mass and devotions as other places, like Brisbane. God understands that and will compensate by giving grace to you in other ways, on condition that you value and take advantage of what He has given you; and He has given you a lot!

I ask you to be generous and, in as much as it is possible for you in your circumstances, to come together to honour Our Lord and Our Lady before the Blessed Sacrament during our parish devotions on Thursdays at 7pm and on Sundays at 9am when no Mass is offered. This union of parishioners before the Blessed Sacrament will provide abundant blessings for you and the parish.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Karl Pepping

## **NOTICES**

### **First Saturdays**

First Saturdays Fulfilled on the First Sunday of the Month. While it is not possible in Townsville this year to fulfil the First Saturday devotions on the first Saturday of the month, Fr. Pepping gives permission to the faithful of Townsville to fulfil this devotion on the first Sunday of every month.

### **Building Fund**

The Building Fund now stands at **\$544,484.64** (as at 29.2.2024) in the red. Thank you for generosity in contributing to paying off the loan to purchase St Anne's Church.

### **Thursday Rosary**

A parish Rosary is said each Thursday night at 7:00pm at St Anne's Church. All are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to pray together as a parish.

### Piety store

There are various books and items for sale in the Piety store located in the Hall. All proceeds go towards the Bank Loan for St Anne's Church. Drinks and cool cups are also available.

<b>May - The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
Saturday 4th May <b>First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> <i>St Monica</i>	5:00pm Rosary, Prayers & 15 minute meditation	
Sunday 5th May <i>Fifth Sunday after Easter</i> <i>St Pius</i>	5:00pm Confessions 5:30pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass (LOW)	Fr Mwangi
Monday 6th May <i>Rogation Day</i> <i>St Dominic Savio</i>	6:30am Mass (LOW)	Fr Mwangi
Thursday 9th May <i>St Gregpry Nazianzen</i>	7:00pm Rosary & Prayers	<b><i>Holy Day of Obligation</i></b>
Sunday 12th May <i>Sunday after Ascension</i> <i>St Nereus &amp; Co</i>	9:00am Rosary, Prayers & Sermon	
Thursday 16th May <i>St Ubalb &amp; St Simon Stock</i>	7:00pm Rosary & Prayers	
Saturday 18th May <i>Vigil of Pentecost</i> <i>St Venantius</i>	4:00pm Confessions 4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass (LOW)	Fr Pepping
Sunday 19th May <i>Whit Sunday</i> <i>St Peter Celestine</i> <i>St Prudentiana</i>	8:00am Confession 8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass (SUNG)	Fr Pepping
Thursday 23rd May <i>Whit Thursday</i> <i>St John Baptist</i>	7:00pm Rosary & Prayers	
Sunday 26th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>St Phillip Neri</i>	9:00am Rosary, Prayers & Sermon	

## Cleaning Roster

Mass Dates	Church Cleaning
Sunday 5th May & Monday 6th May	Ryan Family
Saturday 18th May & Sunday 19th May	LeFeuvre & Chown Families
June	Simone Gehringer & Kevin Powers
June	Brody & Isabella Finlay
July	Ryan Families
July	LeFeuvre & Chown Families

## Permanent Notices

### **Donations:**

For parishioners unsure of how much to donate, it is traditionally one day wage per month (for those working full time). For those who work part time or don't work at all, the average of what someone would earn after one hour of work is sufficient.

### **First Collection:**

The first collection covers the day to day expenses of the Church as well as flights for the priests to and from Brisbane. People wishing to direct deposit their first collection can do so as per instructions on the last page of this newsletter.

### **Second Collection:**

The second collection is for the repayment of the new church loan. People wishing to direct deposit this donation can do so as per the instructions on the last page of this newsletter. Please note this is a different bank account to the first collection.

### **Mass Intentions:**

The customary stipend recommended for Mass intentions is set by the district superior. It is currently set at \$25.

## **Subscriptions/Newsletters/Downloads/Contacts**

Townsville Notices [stanneschurchtownsville@gmail.com](mailto:stanneschurchtownsville@gmail.com)

Brisbane Bulletin <https://sspdx.com.au/en/parish-bulletins>

Brisbane Parish E-mail to subscribe: <http://eepurl.com/bzd64f>

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SSPX Website <https://sspdx.com.au/en/our-lady-Lourdes-church-priory>

SSPX Podcast [sspdxpodcast.com](http://sspdxpodcast.com)

St Anne's Mothers Group: [sspdx.com.au/en/st-annes-mothers-group](http://sspdx.com.au/en/st-annes-mothers-group)

Remnant Newspaper: <https://remnantnewspaper.com/web/index.php>

Sermons: <https://Soundcloud.com/fsspdx-audiofile>

## **SSPX Banking Details**

### **Church Account (First Collection)**

Society of St Pius X, ANZ, BSB: 014-295, Account: [2597-10714](#)

Reference: Your initial, surname and TSV (Eg. JBROWNTSV)

### **Building & Improvement Fund (Second Collection)**

Society of St Pius X, ANZ, BSB: 014-141, Account: [2727-32619](#)

Reference: Your initial, surname and TSV (Eg. JBROWNTSV)

### **School Building Fund**

St Philomena School Building Fund

BSB: 014-214, Account: [3497-25207](#)

Reference: Your initial, surname and TSV (Eg. JBROWNTSV)

The School building fund is intended for ongoing building works at St philomena School, Park Ridge.

**# School Donations are tax deductible**

Please ensure you deposit into the correct account and include your reference as shown above. Unidentifiable donations will be applied to further assist the general SSPX apostalate.

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