Toowoomba West Anglican Parish

Where? St. Albans: - Cnr Anzac Ave & Hill St, Newtown – Sunday 10:00am
St. Augustine's – 232 Tor St, Rockville – Sunday 8:00am

8th November 2026 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

From Pauline's Sermon Love & Hope

***First**, we choose again*. Like Israel at Shechem, we renew our commitment. This might be as simple as saying quietly in the morning, "Lord, I will serve you today." ***Second**, we practise the habits that fill the lamp*. Worship, Scripture, prayer, generosity, and showing up for our neighbours are not extras for the few. They are the oil for all. No single one of them feels dramatic, but over years they make the difference between a faith that burns through the night and one that flickers out. ***Third**, we tell the story and encourage one another*. We do not keep faith to ourselves. We hand it on to our children, to the newcomer in the pew, to the friend who is grieving. And ***finally**, we wait with hope, not fear*. This parable is not meant to terrify us into an uneasy vigilance. Matthew's Gospel tells us the bridegroom is coming, and that is good news. The wedding feast is real, the door will be open, and we are invited. The task is simply to be the sort of people who are ready to go in. "Keep awake," Jesus says, "for you know neither the day nor the hour." Keeping awake is not about straining our eyes in the dark. It is about living each day as people who belong to the one who is coming: choosing him, telling his story, loving one another, and holding on to hope. So let us keep our lamps trimmed and our oil topped up, one ordinary day at a time.

Bible Readings:

This Week: Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78.1-7
1 Thessalonians 4.9-18 Matthew 25.1-13

Next Week: Judges 4.10 Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30

Due to privacy rules, if you wish to speak with the Priest, please make a request.

Pauline's day/days off are Thursday and/or Friday

We are a pet friendly Parish, but please ensure your animal is restrained for the safety of all Parishioners.

Mission Statement:
To make and mature disciples of Jesus, for God's glory.
Our Vision: Growing as Christians, as a church and in the Community.

Church Events

1st Sunday of month: **Food collection for St Luke's pantry**

2nd Sunday of month: **Collection for School Chaplaincy program**

3rd Sunday of month**: Collection for Building Fund for St Alban's toilets**

Mondays: **Indoor Bowls** 7pm St Albans

1st Wednesday: **Glenvale Villas Service** 10:30am December 2nd

2nd Wednesday: **Bupa Service** 10.30am November 11th

3rd Wednesday: **Palm Lake Service** 10:30am November 18th

4th Wednesday: **OzCare Service** 10:30am November 25th

Thursdays: **Ladies Bible Study** 9:30am 10 Risson Street.

4th Friday: **Community Morning Tea** 10.30am 27th November

Saturday **Cursillo B'fast** 8am at St Augustine's November 21st

2nd Sunday **Healing Service** November 8th @ **St Luke's** 5pm

Fourth Sunday: **Taizé Service** 5.30pm St Augustine's November 22nd

Trivia Night Nov 28th 7pm St Aug's

Garage Sale St Alban's Friday 4th & Saturday 5th December 8am – 3pm

Diocesan Ultreya 14th November 11.30am @ Sherwood. BBQ to start see Alan or Sharyn. We need to car pool.

Christmas Eve at St Alban's starting with a BBQ at 5pm. 9 Readings and Carols. We need volunteers to read please. If possible we need male and female voices. Add your name to the list.

e would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, the Giabal and Jarowair people. Further, we acknowledge the cultural diversity of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay respect to elders' past, present and emerging.

WE PRAY FOR:

The World: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo
The Church: Diocese of Bunbury, Parish of Nanango, Anglican Board of Mission, Matthew Flinders Anglican College Buderim.

Our Church Family: Rod P, Desley C, Natasha & Grace, Jocelyn & Vanessa, Peter P, Bill S, Ros C, Shirley A, Ikey, Rosalie B, Sharon P, Dawn, Barbara S, & others who need our prayers at this time.

Birthdays: Merle McGrath, Carol Lawrence, Mary Kirwin, & Phyllis Zirbel
Anniversaries: Ian & Phyllis Zirbel
Recently Departed: Ray Little & Joy Shapcott

Prayers for TAS: Boarders

Prayers for RI Teachers for Schools

OTHER MESSAGES:

Bring your bottles & cans to St Alban's hall or go to **Tomra** & use the code 10478658 for the money to go to our Parish

BMF Please collect a box to put in your small change. Also used stamps are welcome. The money goes to helping our Western Region.

Building fund for the toilets at St Alban's Hall. Collection for this every 3rd Sunday. Direct Debit any time. Please see the details for the account below. Raised so far $59,045.

What's Coming Up

Garage Sale: Next Garage Sale is **4th & 5th December**. Donations are accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm **except for the week of the Garage sale**. Please ensure all items are in good order and clean. For more information contact Maria 0408 738 637 Thank you to all those volunteering. **No large furniture please. NO GARAGE SALE IN JANUARY**

Bishop Daniel's fund raiser for South Sudan. Please put your donation into a marked envelope in the plate. Thank you to those who have donated so far.

48 Christmas boxes were delivered to Hume Ridge church on Monday. That's more than last year! They will be checked and shipped to Cambodia this year. Thank you to all parishioners for donated items and shipping costs. More importantly for sharing God's love and praying for the children who will be receiving these shoeboxes. Thank you on behalf of Samaritan's Purse, International Relief Aust/NZ. Carol Lawrence.

Donations for the Christmas Raffle We need to fill a wheelbarrow with Christmas Goodies. There will be a wheelbarrow in each foyer. For more information call Deb on 0403 702 467

Follow the Star will be on again this year. We are looking for people to participate once again. It is a live Nativity experience. To volunteer please fill out the form online **https://christianeventstoowoomba.com.au/volunteer-form**

Please pray for Anglicare and the building of their specialist dementia care home.

Christmas Day at St Augustine's at 9am



Welcome to our Parish,
Please Check out our website for information on being new in the parish and what to expect during a service. Information on giving is also available on our website: **www.toowoombawest.org**

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Please secure your valuables and do not leave them in plain sight when on church property.

Creating Safe Churches: Office of Professional Standards is available on the Diocesan Website:
www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/

Parish Finances: Thank you for your ongoing support. The best way in which you can help your church is to continue to give. This may mean switching to online banking.

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Vision Account: 00014467
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