



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the Church of St Anthony of Padua, are called to a greater realisation of the Kingdom of God and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

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Office Hours

The Parish Office is currently closed to all visitors. Please call 9631 3316 for all enquiries.

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Mass Times:

All Masses have been cancelled so that we can do our part to help curb the spread of COVID 19. The Church and all Church buildings are currently closed and all Catholics within the Diocese of Parramatta have been dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation from March 20th 2020 until further notice. We encourage you to undertake your own devotion at home during this time.

All Church rosters are suspended for the foreseeable future and the Church Hall, meeting rooms, chapel and Church building are closed until further notice. If you have keys, please drop them to the Parish Office for safekeeping.

The Parish Sacramental Program has been suspended.

St Vincent De Paul is here to help. If you need assistance call 8861 9777

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Malia EKA	Joan WRIGHT	Gail GREENHILL
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Greg WALSH	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILLE
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Mary CAUCHI	Aidon ALEXANDER	Shanji ANTHONY
Cecilia FERRER	Joseph MAC DERMID	
Gabby ABBOUD	Anthony AL-HADDAD	
Aninth THURAIRATNAM		

Please advise the office if you know of anyone on the sick list whose name could be removed.

ROSARY IN THE HOME

Rosary in the home has been suspended. Please continue to pray the rosary within your own house.

We will be Live streaming our Sunday Mass from our Parish at 10am in our Parish Facebook page. You all are welcome to join.



Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary

during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,

you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, health of the sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, salvation of all people, know what we need, and are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

St Anthony's is now live streaming Sunday Mass

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Online Resources

For updates from Parramatta Diocese-

www.parracatholic.org/covid19

For Liturgy and Prayers-

www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray

Live Streaming Mass online

Archdiocese of Sydney:

<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au>

Archdiocese of Melbourne:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Shalom Media:

<https://shalomworld.org/specialevent/daily-mass>

Celebrating ANZAC Day 2020



This year due to COVID-19 we are unable to celebrate Anzac day in our usual ways. The following has been suggested as a way that we can remember the fallen.

Lest We Forget.

Light up the dawn at 6am on ANZAC Day

Go to the end of your driveway, stand on your balcony or in your lounge room facing east from 6am, for a minute silence to remember those who have sacrificed so much for the freedoms allowed to us today and listen to a brief commemorative service. Together – even while apart – we'll remember those who served and sacrificed.

The Anzac Day Liturgy has also been included in this week's bulletin

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above everything and I want to receive you Sacramentally, at least come into my heart spiritually. I embrace You as being there already. I unite myself completely to You. Do not let me be parted from You

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Although we as a Parish are unable to physically attend Mass at the moment, Fr Joby is saying Mass daily. All Mass intentions that have been received prior to the COVID-19 restrictions issued by government are still being said. If you would an intention said during this time of Isolation please call the office or send an email to secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Mothers Day Mass Intentions.

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your Mother on Mother's day contact the office on 9631 3316 or



secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au. A book of names will be compiled and offered up on the weekend of the 9/10 May 2020

Planned Giving

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Parish Planned Giving Program by using direct debit. Your contributions help to maintain our church building and pay our bills. For those who would like to contribute via direct debit:

Please add a reference of donation (e.g.: PG..... your envelope number)

Our Parish Bank Details

Direct Deposit

BSB- 067 950

Account Number- 000586

Account Name- Toongabbie Catholic Church

**PRAYER SERVICE
ANZAC DAY
(Extracted from Liturgy Help)**

Sign of the Cross

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.
(All pause for silent prayer)

Almighty everlasting God, who sent your Son to die that we might live, grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us listen to God's Word.

***First Reading* Wis 3:1-9**

A reading from the book of Wisdom
He accepted them as a holocaust.

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen
The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:5-6; 115:10-11. 15-16, R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.

(R.)

2. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted,' and when I said in my alarm: 'No man can be trusted'.

(R.)

3. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

(R.)



Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Reader: From the holy Gospel according to John 12:23-28

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it is for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: On this Anzac Day we place before the Lord our prayers and petitions for lasting peace in the world.

Reader: That the church will promote a secure and lasting peace in our world and defend freedom for those who have suffered the violence and destruction of war.

(pause) We pray.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader: For all religious and civil leaders. May they have faith deep enough to discover God's plan of justice and love for all their constituents.

(pause) We pray.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader: For those who died for our land that they may enjoy eternal life in Christ.

(pause) We pray.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader: For families that are still suffering the cruel effects of war that they may find the healing of memories.

(pause) We pray.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader: For all taking part in commemorative services today. May today's activities strengthen our resolve to eliminate the inequalities and exclusion that become breeding grounds for resentment and violence.

(pause) We pray.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader: For the dead of all wars: that they may be joyous in the Lords presence for ever.

(pause) We pray.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Leader: Father of peace, as we commend to your mercy those who died for our freedom, hear our prayer for peace today as we remember and regret the terrible cost of war. Bless us and our world with your Spirit of peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Sign of Peace

Leader: Let us seal our prayer with a gesture of unity and reconciliation and offer each other a sign of peace.

(All exchange a sign of peace.)

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Leader:

O Lord, Listening to the prayers of your children grant us, fortitude in the cause of right, and may our remembrance of those who have died in war make us ardent defenders of your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.



PRAYER SERVICE

Third Sunday of Easter Year A (Extracted from Liturgy Help)

Sign of the Cross

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Penitential Act

Leader:

The Lord is rich in mercy and kindness. Let us prepare ourselves to hear God's Word and praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

(All pause for silent prayer.)

Lord Jesus, you are our saviour and brother: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you breathe your spirit of life in us: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you offer us the gift of peace: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

(All pause for silent prayer.)

Almighty God, we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Inspire your sons and daughters to do your will so that we may look forward in hope to your promise of eternal life. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us listen to God's Word.

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch

David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.'

(R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

(R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

(R.)

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

(R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

Reader: From the holy Gospel according to N.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

A feature of the resurrection stories in the Gospels is the way in which the risen Lord appears to people exactly as they are, to the disciples in their fear, to Mary Magdalene in her sorrow, to Thomas in his doubting. The encounter told in today's gospel is no exception. Jesus appears to two disciples in their bitter disillusionment and loss of hope. By not revealing them to immediately but by simply accompanying them as a fellow traveller, the Lord respects their experience, letting them tell their stories to the end. Only then he does pick it up weave it into his own instruction. He shows how the recent events in Jerusalem had followed the path indicated for the Messiah in the scriptures, rather than that of Israel's political liberation that had been central to their own messianic hope.

Captivated by this companion, the disciples constrain him to be their guest. But once indoors, a reversal takes place: they, who had offered hospitality to him, find themselves guest at a table he provides. The Eucharistic gestures at the breaking of the bread reveal him at last as risen Lord. Instantly, he vanishes from their sight, and they hurry back to Jerusalem to share with the other disciples their experience of the risen Lord. This wonderful story perfectly models the life of the Church. Fortified by the Spirit, the Church continues through Word and Sacrament the mission of the Lord. It walks alongside disillusioned, hurt humanity, expounding the Scriptures, and in the Eucharist provides the hospitality of God. **(Fr Brenden Byrne SJ, The Saving Word)**

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Let us turn to God with our hearts open in faith and pray for those in need.

Reader: That those who feel the absence of God will be filled with the presence of the risen Christ.

(pause) we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community recognises Christ in the proclamation of the Word and in the breaking of the Bread.

(pause) we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Catholics around the world will experience the strength of their faith community when gathered worship is not possible.

(pause) we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That people who are isolated will be filled with the comfort of Christ the risen saviour. We pray especially for those experiencing isolation during the coronavirus restrictions.

(pause) we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those living with the fear of disease will find a sense of calm and shelter in Christ. We especially pray for people who are sick from the coronavirus. *(pause) we pray*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That exhausted healthcare workers will be given patience and determination to mirror Christ's compassion in their ministry of healing. We pray especially for those at the forefront of the coronavirus outbreak. *(pause) we pray*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be shown the path of eternal life and the fullness of joy in God's presence, *(pause) we pray*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of the pilgrim Church, you pour out your Spirit on those who walk the road of faith. Hear our prayers and help us to recognise the presence of the risen Christ in our midst. We ask this through Jesus the Lord.

All: Amen.

Sign of Peace

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Amen.

Closing Prayer

Leader:

Lord Jesus, walk with us on our road of life. Teach us your ways. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

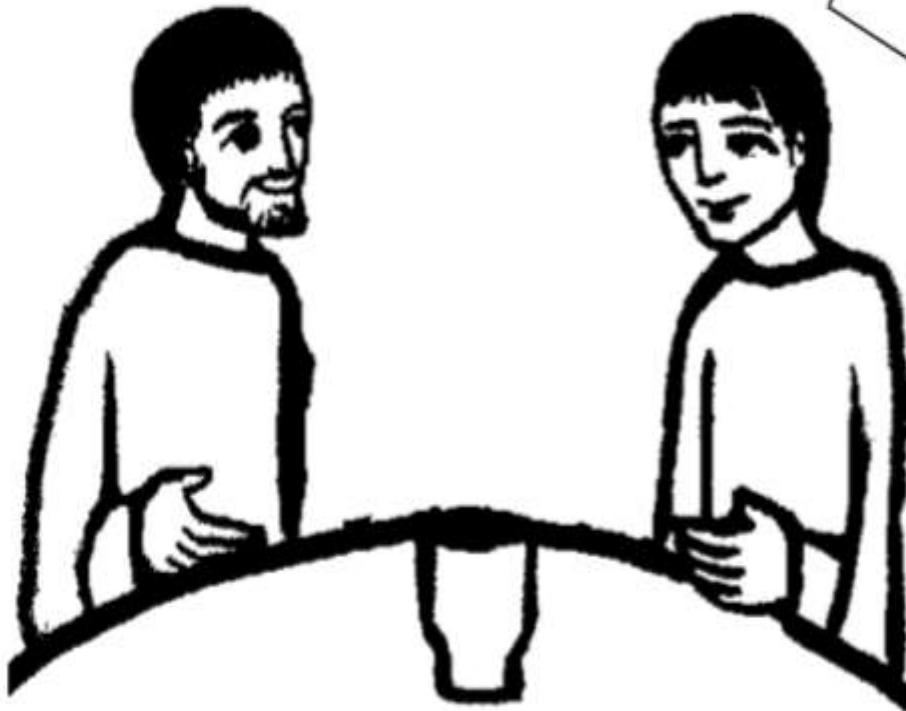
2 DISCIPLES MEET JESUS

On the way to Emmaus 2 disciples met Jesus.

But they did not recognize him.

They invited him home ...

Draw Jesus at
table with the 2
disciples.



THEY RECOGNIZED HIM

WHEN HE WAS

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