



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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Fr Joby on 9631 6420.

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

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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

We are now live streaming our Sunday Mass from our Parish at 10am in our Parish Facebook page or by going to our website. You all are welcome to join.:

Facebook.com/StAnthonysToongabbie

or

<https://www.stanthonyschurch.org.au/st-anthony-s-mass-livestream>

Evening Rosary Via Zoom

The Youth are organising a zoom meeting for the Rosary this Saturday 16th May at 7pm.



Participants may join 15 min before for a chat

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3298545090?pwd=UXVjd3FaKzRybVJaUEtjL1M2RIEvQT09>

Meeting ID: 329 854 5090

Password: rosary

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 **remember to add a reference** of donation (e.g.: PG..... your envelope number)

Our Parish Bank Details

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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.

Vale Betty Power

Please remember in your prayers Betty Power (sister of Ivy Rowland) who was a long time Toongabbie Parishioner.

Project Compassion Boxes.

If you would like to return your Project Compassion boxes there will be a basket in the Parish office that you can place it in Monday – Friday 9am-2pm. If you are unable to leave your home please ring the office and we can make another arrangement.

One in the Basket



'One in the basket' is back!

ST ANTHONY'S FOOD-DRIVE: one for Vinnies & JRS

During this COVID-19 crisis, we are starting a food-drive to support both Vinnies and the Jesuit Refugee Service Foodbank. Both groups are providing essential food and support to hundreds of families, including children.

So we can continue the parish's usual generous practice, you can drop your donation off at the following times:

Parish Office
Parish Hall

Mon - Fri, 9 am - 12 pm
Sat 10 am - 12 pm

If you are unable to drop your donations off to the parish, please call the Parish on 9631 3316 and Anthony or Jodie will arrange to pick them up.

SUITABLE FOOD ITEMS

Basmati rice
Cooking oil
Long life milk
Canned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas and fruit
Biscuits and muesli bars
Oats and cereal

Thank you for your generosity.

Your donation will make a big difference.

TOILETRIES

Nappies (large sizes)
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Shampoo
Sanitary pads and napkins
Razors and shaving foam
Deodorant (male and female)
Soap

(Please pass this on to other parishioners who might not have access to the Parish website or to the Bulletin by email)



PRAYER SERVICE

6th 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, may the joy of the risen Lord bring us unity and peace. Send your Spirit into our hearts and help us to remember everything that Jesus has taught us. 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 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

(R.)

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

(R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

(R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

(R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

'AT HOME' WITH GOD

In last week's Gospel Jesus reflected on two understandings of his 'going away' and 'return': first, his going away in death and his re-appearance three days later as risen Lord; second, his more final departure to the Father, to return only at the end of time. The section from Jesus' instruction that we hear today focuses upon that second, much more longer period of absence.

As far as the non-believing world is concerned, Jesus will simply have ceased to exist. Believers, however, will continue to 'see' him with the eyes of faith and experience his presence in this way.

In loving him and keeping his commandments, they will participate in the mutual love that unites Father and Son, both of whom will 'make their home' within them. Though deprived of Jesus' physical presence, they and God will be mutually 'at home' in this sense.

In this connection Jesus speaks of 'another paraclete' whom he will ask the Father to give. A 'paraclete' is someone who stands beside a person in time of difficulty, a supportive and encouraging presence. We might think, for example, of a highly respected person whom we might ask to go to court with us to act as a character witness. Though Jesus will no longer be physically present to carry out this role, the community will have 'another paraclete' in the shape of the Holy Spirit.

In the face of the world's hostility and doubt, the 'Spirit of truth' will offer reassurance that what they believe and seek to live by is the most profound truth.

(Fr Brenden Byrne SJ, The Saving Word)

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: My sisters and brothers, trusting in God's mercy, let us pray for the needs of the world and those of all humanity.

Reader: For the Church, the disciples of Jesus empowered by the Holy Spirit.

(pause) We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For nations seeking peace and harmony in the world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those whose conduct causes suffering, pain and distress in human lives.

(pause) We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For students, facing uncertainty in their lives.

(pause) We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who are suffering financial hardship because of the pandemic.

(pause) We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For parish communities, unable to gather to celebrate the Mass.

(pause)

(pause) We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died this week and for their loved ones and friends.

(pause) We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: You care for us, O God, and have sent us your Advocate. Hear our prayers and enable us to reveal your love and life to all the earth. 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.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Leader:

Lord Jesus, in this season of Easter, we pray with open hearts, that we may receive the Spirit of truth. 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.

JESUS speaks to the DISCIPLES

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