



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

Monday and Wednesday

9:00—3:00pm

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9:00—4:00pm

St Anthony's School

School Principal:

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Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am

Tuesday 7.00pm

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9.30am

Communion Service:

Tues 9.30am

Bookings are no longer necessary for weekend Masses but you must give contact details before entering and adhere to social distancing rules. Masks are not mandatory but are highly recommended in the Church.

Baptisms & Weddings:

By arrangement.

Ring parish office for more information

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.45pm to 5.15pm or by arrangement

Rosary

Week days 9.10am

Exposition

Friday 10am to 10.30am

(special intention for Vocations)

Novena

Tuesday - after 7pm Mass to St Anthony

Prayer Groups:

Christ the King

Tamil - Friday, 8.00pm in the Marian room (Tarcisius 0423699146)

Legion of Mary - Weekly Meetings:

Monday 6.45pm Marian Room

(Ben 9863 1723)

Tuesday 10am St Enda's room

(Peter: 0417 613 737)

Mass Roster

	This Week 1/2 May			Next Week 8/9 May		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Acolyte/ Senior Server	J Ivan	C Chetcuti	F Rodrigues	P Vella	E Opena	J Rodrigues
Commentator	J Buttigieg	E Pasikale	B Ryan	V Adams	J John	J Thomas
Reader 1	M Nakhoul	H Menezes	T Jose	M D'Souza	A Chacko	F Rodrigues
Reader 2	N Nakhoul	C Bugeja	P Comia	C Laurie	V Delany	J Basco
Data Projectionist	N Britto	A Lette	Sofie	C Aitken	J Kennedy	L Touma
Junior Server	A	C	F	A	D	G
Children's Liturgy						

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Shanji ANTHONY	Angelo ALEXANDER	Aninth THURAIRATNAM
Gail GREENHILL	Fay ROBERTS	Kate MORTIMER
Malia NIKO	Sarah MARLIN	Lylette MATHIEU
Edmond PAUL	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILE
Maria VELLA	Carole O'HARA	Gerald O'CONNOR
Joan WRIGHT	Tanya AMBROSE	Ranjit CHELLAPPA
Mary CAUCHI	Carmel FERGUSON	Adrian NOCEVSKI
Cecilia FERRER	Anthony AL-HADDAD	Joseph MAC DERMID
Gabby ABBOUD	Aidan ALEXANDER	Ajith SEENOMPILLAI
Vicki CARAUANA	Patricia O'CONNOR	Joan HIGGINS

ROSARY IN THE HOME

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

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-
Dinko ZEC



Mother's Day Mass Intentions

If you would like to add your Mother's name to the Mother's Day Intention Book please fill out an envelope and place it in the box provided in the Church. Alternatively contact the office and it will be added. A book of names will be compiled and offered up on the weekend of 8/9th May.



Home Visits

Would you like someone to visit you in your home and give you communion? The members of the Legion of Mary are able to visit you. Please call the office 96313316 for more information

Quest "Tap and Go" Donation Point

Parishioners are now able to donate to St Anthony's Parish using a credit or debit card. The donation is pre programmed for \$5.00 per tap of the card over the tap symbol. If you wish to tap more than \$5.00, tap again. It takes a few seconds to record your donation. The Donation Point is located at the back of the Church for those of you who prefer to donate by card. We thank all of our parishioners for their generous donations

Working Bee

The monthly working bee will be on the 8th of May from 8am to 9.30am. If you can spare some time, please come down with your gardening tools, brooms and gloves and help to keep our Church looking lovely.



Vale Dinko Zec

Please keep in your prayers Mr Dinko Zec, who passed away recently. His funeral was held in the Parish on Friday. Dinko (Don) and his wife Ivanka (deceased) were long time parishioners here. We offer our condolences to the Zec Family.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We are pleased to announce that with the assistance of a "Community Building Partnership 2020" grant and the support of local MP Mr Hugh Mc Dermot we have been able to renovate the kitchen and meeting rooms attached to the Hall.

Now that this work is completed, and subject to current Covid 19 guidelines, we will recommence taking bookings for groups and individuals.

Please contact the Office or Charlie on 0488264922 to make a booking .



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Information & Catechesis: Thursday 13th May 7pm in the Church

Sign Up Masses: Saturday 15th May 530pm or Sunday 16th May 10am

Parent & Child Lessons: In the Hall

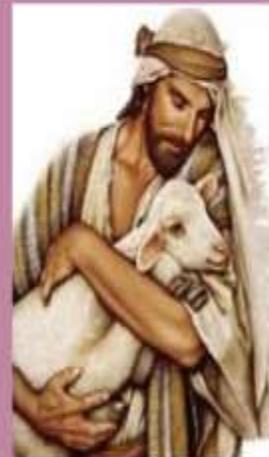
Saturday 22nd May 415pm or Sunday 23rd May 845am

Saturday 29th May 415pm or Sunday 30th May 845am

Saturday 5th June 415pm or Sunday 6th June 845am

Saturday 12th June 415pm or Sunday 13th June 845am

Ceremony: Wednesday 16th June or Thursday 17th June 7pm in the Church



Bishops Message

Bishop Vincent Long has written a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill. Copies of the letter are available at the back of the Church

Church Renovation

There will be a joint meeting of all the Church Committees to discuss the future renovations of the Church on the 5 May. We will keep you all up to date with the outcomes of that meeting

St Vincent de Paul– One in the Basket

Thank you for your continued support for our Vinnie’s Basket appeal. This week we need Soup, Cereal, Pasta sauce and tinned fruit

Youth Music Ministry

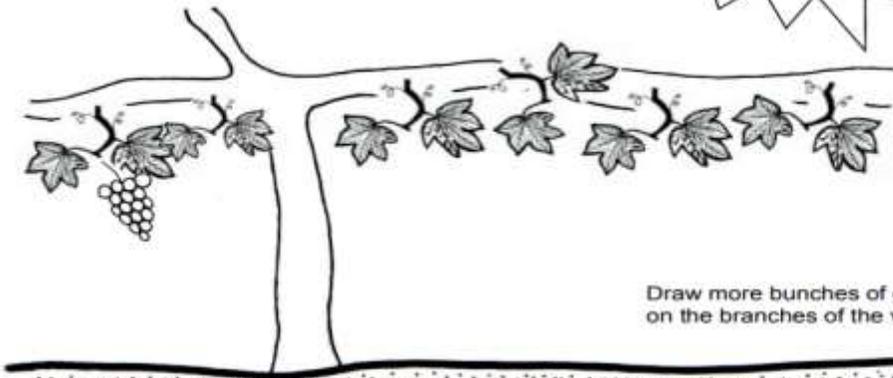
Can you sing or play an instrument? The Youth Music ministry will be practising at 3pm this Sunday in the Church.

Jesus said:

**“I AM THE TRUE
VINE
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES”**



A vine is a tree that produces
g _____



Draw more bunches of grapes on the branches of the vine.

I can be a good branch and produce good fruit by ...

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a child to draw or write in.

Draw or write about some good fruit you “produce”.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B (Extracted from Liturgy Help)

Sign of the Cross

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

All: Amen.

Penitential Act

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

Lord Jesus, you are the vine and we are the branches: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you make your home in us: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to bear fruit that will last: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

God our Father there are many rooms in your house for those who believe in you. Help us to trust in your promises and to follow Jesus with joy for he is the way, the truth and the life. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever!

R:

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

R:

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'

R:

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that

are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word

The Lectionary of this Easter season draws out some of the ‘classic’ gospel passages, particularly some of the discourses from the Gospel of John. Like many ‘famous’ or familiar passages, it can be true that familiarity breeds contempt – we think we are so familiar with the passage that we don’t need to pay it much attention.

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to ‘prune’ our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

I am reminded of the old Karate Kid movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: We turn to God, the source of all life, committing ourselves once again to the role assigned to us, trustfully asking for all that we need.

For our Church and Parish community, that our work and worship together may reflect the complete and unconditional love of God.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are suffering loss and deprivation.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have all they need: that they may have hearts open to those in want.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For young people: that they may be energetic in building God's new world.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are sick and those who are dying: that the Lord may give them peace.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church:

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we celebrate the victory of life over death in the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. May the power of your love take away all our doubts and fears and make us strong to love and serve each other, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

All: Amen.

Lord Jesus, help us to bear fruit that leads to new hope for the world. May we always remain part of your vine. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.



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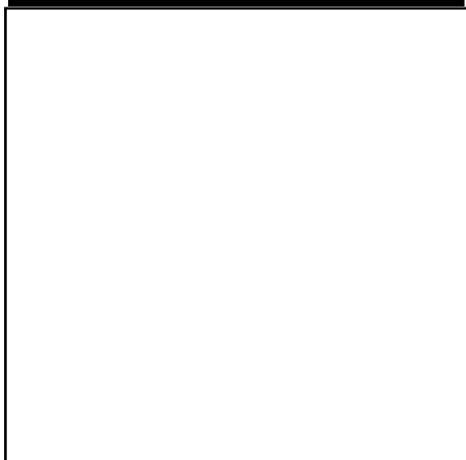
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