



# St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

07TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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 9am- 3pm  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 4pm

**After Hours Emergency** : 02 9631 6420

## St Anthony's School

**School Principal:** Patricia Reilly  
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## St Anthony's Youth

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### Mass Times

Saturday	5:30pm Vigil
Sunday	8.00am, 10.00am
Tuesday	7.00pm
Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat	9.30am
Malayalam Mass 5pm every 4th Sunday	

### Baptisms & Weddings:

By arrangement.  
Ring parish office for more information

### Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.45pm to 5.15pm or by arrangement

### Rosary:

## Exposition

Friday 10am to 11am

## Mass & Novena to St Anthony

Tuesday -7pm

## Legion of Mary - Weekly Meetings

Monday 6.45pm Marian Room  
(Eppy: 0411 123 318)

Tuesday 11am St Enda's Room  
(Marie: 0457 126 044)

## Tamil Prayer Group

Friday 8.00pm St Enda's Room  
(Tarcisius: 0423 699 146)

## If you wish to Support the parish

### Via Direct Deposit:

BSB - 067 950  
Account Number - 0000 0586  
AC Name -Toongabbie Catholic

MASS ROSTER		This Week 6/7 September 2025			Next Week 13/14 September 2025		
		5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
<b>Senior Server</b>	C. Bourne	T. Dalmati	Anthony	J. Ivan			A. Winton
<b>Commentator</b>	M. Mathavan	A. Gomes	E. Chand	M. D'Souza	C. Molloy		T. Sebastian
<b>Reader 1</b>	N. Nakhoul	M. Palmer	J. Basco	L. D'veine			P. Lim
<b>Reader 2</b>	M. D'Souza	S. Benjamin	S. Kenny	A. Lahood	K. Wilson		J. Thomas
<b>Data Projectionist</b>	Lauren	Jasmine	Lourdes	Mary			Sofie
<b>Junior Server</b>	A	C	F	B	D		G
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Felice/Sofie				Rochelle/Stella

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Edmond PAUL	Fay ROBERTS	Anith THURAIRATNAM	Alan LUMLEY	Shanji ANTHONY
Maria VELLA	Sarah MARLIN	Maureen HANVEY	Ajith SEEMAMPILLAI	Cecilia FERRER
Peter RANEE	Angelo ALEXANDER	Rosa DI CHRISTOFORO	Ranjith CHELLAPPA	Joseph MACDERMID
Carole O'HARE	Aidan ALEXANDER	Gabby ABOUD	Simon SHERVILLE	Rita DAVID
John GAUCI	Adrian NOCEVSKI	Lylette MATHIEU	Emma NONEY	Lesley MYERS
Rene NEMORIN	Tanya AMBROSE	Teresa GALEA	Joe (Joseph) BORG	John TYNAN
Anthony AL HADDAD	Katherine S. SHEEHAN	Geraldine HALLIWELL	Dennis KUNDER	Noe & Teresa ISOTTEN
Anna FERNANDES	Alexis PETRUCELLI	Mary CAMELLERI	Kate MORTIMER	Sarah SHEEHAN

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

## Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Calendar - July to October

September 14-15 Consolation  
September 20-21 Workers of Justice  
September 26-28 Catechists

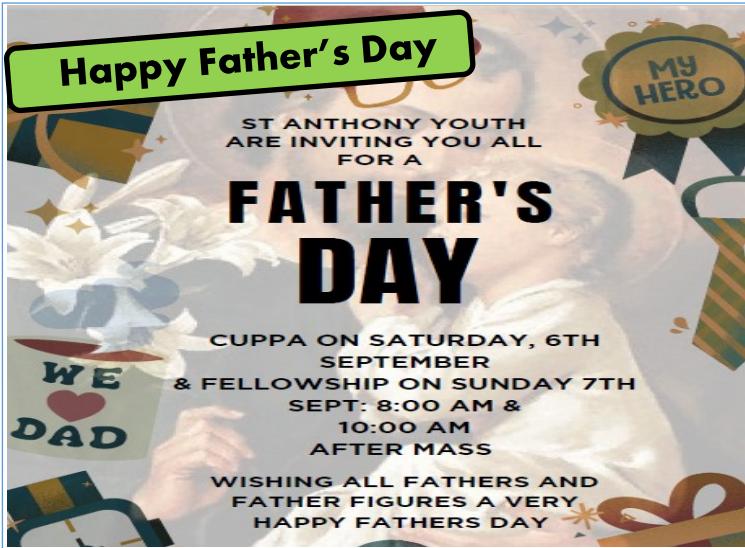
October 4-5 Missions  
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October 8-9 Consecrated Life

October 11-12 Marian Spirituality  
October 18-19 Missionary World  
October 28-November 2 World of Education

## Acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of this land

*We acknowledge the Tugagal Clan of the Darug Nation. We welcome and appreciate their continuing contribution to the development of this region. At the same time, we welcome and celebrate the cultures of many other people, who have come from distant shores and who now call Australia "home".*

## Happy Father's Day



**Happy Father's Day** - to all our wonderful Fathers, Grandfather's, father figures and our spiritual Father Joby. We hope you have an extra special day.



**Catholic Outlook** - Free copies of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available in the foyer and courtyard. Please take one.

Please read the article on our Parish Alter Serving Ministry in this edition.



### Altar serving ministry nourishing the community

BY MARY BRAZELL

It might not be a large parish, but St Anthony of Padua, Toongabbie, has a junior altar serving

"They start off really anxious and nervous, and in a few

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

**Bon Voyage!** Please keep in your prayers our very own Father Joby and his group of pilgrims who are leaving this Sunday evening on the pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. We wish them a safe and blessed journey.



Members of the Diocese of Parramatta's adult pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. Image: Mary Brazell/Diocese of Parramatta



### Recently Deceased

John Anthony Ebejer passed away on Friday the 30th August and his funeral will take place at St Anthony's on Tuesday 9th September at 10.00am followed by private cremation. In your charity please keep John and his family in your prayers.



**Working Bee** - Next Saturday 13th September start time of 8.00am we will have our monthly clean up of church and grounds. If you can spare a couple of hours to join our wonderful group of volunteers.

### Register now for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival

- The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Church in Australia at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from **30 November to 3 December 2025!** Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. Registrations are open for young people aged 18-25. Over 25? Consider becoming a small group leader! For more details and to register, see [parracatholic.org/connect/acyf](http://parracatholic.org/connect/acyf) or email [qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org)

**Congratulations!** - During a special Mass last Sunday we had 35 candidates from our parish receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. We continue to pray for them as they continue in their faith formation.



## FIRST READING

## WISDOM 9:13-18

***Who can comprehend the will of God?***

What man can know the intentions of God?  
 Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
 The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
 and our intentions unstable;  
 for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
 and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
 It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
 laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
 who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
 As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you  
 not granted Wisdom  
 and sent your holy spirit from above?  
 Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
 and men been taught what pleases you,  
 and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

***(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

1. You turn men back into dust  
 and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
 To your eyes a thousand years  
 are like yesterday, come and gone,  
 no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
 like grass which springs up in the morning.  
 In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
 by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
 Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
 give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

## Philemon 9-10, 12-17

***Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.***

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to

you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Let your face shine on your servant,  
 and teach me your laws.

***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

## LUKE 14:25-33

***All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.***

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

## REFLECTION

***Hate your father***

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct.

We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

# LET US CARE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS, JUST AS THEY CARE FOR US

Through a lifetime of loving service, our priests lead us ever closer to God in communion. As we celebrate the paternal figures in our families this Father's Day, we also honour our priests' constant nurturing presence and the spiritual guidance they offer those in their care.

## BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL



**DONATE NOW**

**Bishop's Father's Day Appeal** – This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](https://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you.



**Funeral of Late Mr. Greg Whitby** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Greg Whitby AM, former Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. After a week in hospital, Greg died peacefully on Saturday, 30 August 2025, surrounded by his wife Sue and their loved ones. He was 73 years old. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Monday, 8 September 2025 at 10.00am.

Funeral Live Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/@DioceseofParramattastreams>

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

*Love God more than your own life*

Jesus tells us that choosing his way is not always easy. When might it be hard to do what Jesus asks us?

**Jubilee Prayer by Pope Francis**

What are some good choices you can make this week? Tick the good choices and cross the bad ones.

HELP AROUND THE HOUSE WITHOUT BEING ASKED TO

DON'T WORRY ABOUT SAYING MY EVENING PRAYERS

CONTRIBUTE TO THE OFFERTORY PLATE

MAKE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE NEW

MAKE FUN OF THE TEACHERS

OWN UP TO MAKING A BAD DECISION

TURN OFF THE T.V. AND READ A BOOK

STOP DOING YOUR HOMEWORK AND GO OUTSIDE TO PLAY

DO SOMETHING NICE FOR YOUR PARENTS

**The Love Maze**  
Find the path to God



## Jubilee Prayer by Pope Francis

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators  
of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen**

