



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

27 Aurelia Street, P.O. Box 23, Toongabbie 2146

* Office Tel: 9631 3316 * Emergency 9631 6420 *

Website: www.stanthonyschurch.org.au



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21ST 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.

Parish Staff

Fr Joby Kadambattu MS
Parish Priest
frjoby@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Rev. Deacon Charles Hyson
charles.hyson@parracatholic.org

Mrs Shanika Joseph
Parish Secretary
secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Mrs. Jini Chiittilapilly Joy
Sacramental and SRE Co Ordinator
thesacraments@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Hall Hire Charlie 0499 557 995

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
Phone: 8843 4600

St Anthonys Youth

Insta ID : stay_toongabbie1508
email: stanthonyyouthtoongabbie@gmail.com

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 20/21 September 2025			Next Week 27/28 September 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	P. Vella	T. Peiris	A. Prabakaran	F. Le Clerc	T. Dalmati	K. Steele
Commentator	V. Adams		F. Rodrigues	Youth	M. Palmer	A. Prabakaran
Reader 1	M. Mathavan	C. Bugeja	S. Cullen	Youth	O. Saldanha	E. Chand
Reader 2	C. Laurie	H. Menezes	C. Pereira	Youth	A. Gomes	C. Bernard
Data Projectionist	Nicole		Jedd	Liesel		Geneva
Junior Server	A	C	E	B	D	F
Children's Liturgy			Felice/Sofie			School Holidays

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Edmond PAUL
Maria VELLA
Peter RANEE
Carole O'HARE
John GAUCI
Rene NEMORIN
Anthony AL HADDAD
Anna FERNANDES

Sarah MARLIN
Angelo ALEXANDER
Aidan ALEXANDER
Adrian NOCEVSKI
Tanya AMBROSE
Katherine S. SHEEHAN
Alexsis PETRUCCELLI
Anith THURAIRATNAM

Maureen HANVEY
Rosa DI CHRISTOFORO
Gabby ABOUD
Lylette MATHIEU
Teresa GALEA
Geraldine HALLIWELL
Mary CAMELLERI
Alan LUMLEY

Ajith SEEMAMPILLAI
Ranjith CHELLAPPA
Simon SHERVILLE
Emma NONEY
Joe (Joseph) BORG
Dennis KUNDER
Kate MORTIMER
Shanji ANTHONY

Cecilia FERRER
Joseph MACDERMID
Rita DAVID
Lesley MYERS
John TYNAN
Noe & Teresa ISOTTEN
Sarah SHEEHAN
Jan SALMON

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

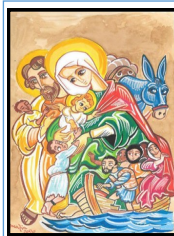
September 14-15 Consolation
September 20-21 Workers of Justice
September 26-28 Catechists

October 4-5 Missions
October 4-5 Migrants
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".



Migrant Jubilee - In celebration of the world refugee and migration day Jubilee on the weekend of 4th/5th October, you are invited to attend Mass dressed in your cultural attire. If anyone would like to read out a prayer in their own language during Prayers of the faithful please speak to Debbie, Bill or Felicity.

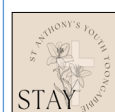


Pet Blessing - On 5th October, we will have a special blessing of the pets in the courtyard after the 10am Mass only. Please bring along your pets for a blessing.

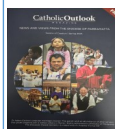


Please email a photograph of your beloved pet for a special PowerPoint presentation in honour of **The Feast of St Francis of Assisi** during the weekend Masses on 4th/5th October. All pictures should reach the office

via email - secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au **Emails after Tuesday 1st October 12 noon will not be accepted.**



Youth News - Next gathering 27th September, after 5.30pm Vigil mass .



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



Printed copies of the new rosters for Acolyte/Senior Servers, Lectors/Commentators, Data Projectionist and Junior Altar Servers are available in the pigeon hold in the Sacristy. It has also been emailed to all groups.

Registrations Closing soon! 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 or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 26 October - Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 26 October at **2pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (10 years and over) will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0488 000 211 by 20 October.

Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover! - We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November 2025 – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp



THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING OUR
SPIRITUAL FATHERS
WHO SHEPHERD OUR
LIVES WITH COMPASSION,
HOPE AND LOVE

To learn about the impact of your kindness, please visit:
parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou



Season of Creation Camping Trip: 3-6 October - Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the faith community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience for the whole family with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with our Creator and creation. The trip will run from Friday 3 to Monday 6 October at Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale. Campers are welcome to arrive from Friday afternoon to get set up and also stay beyond Mass on Sunday for an informal time together until Monday. Individual campers: \$40; Camping couples: \$75; Family camping groups: \$75-110. For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org

Sacraments at St Anthony of Padua

The dates for Confirmation are up on the notice boards. **Attendance at enquiry evening is mandatory.** Any questions, please email Jini Joy at thesacraments@stanthonyschurch.org.au .

CONFIRMATION 2025 Year 5 and above (up to 15 years old)

Enquiry
Wednesday 15 October - 7.00 pm

Commitment & Signup Mass
Saturday 18 October - 4:15 pm or
Sunday 19 October - 8:45 am

Parent & Child Lesson 1
Saturday 25 October - 4:15 pm or
Sunday 26 October - 8:45 am

Parent & Child Lesson 2
Saturday 01 November - 4:15 pm or
Sunday 02 November - 8:45 am

Parent & Child Lesson 3
Saturday 08 November - 4:15 pm or
Sunday 09 November - 8:45 am

Parent & Child Lesson 4
Saturday 15 November - 4:15 pm or
Sunday 16 November - 8:45 am

Reconciliation & Rehearsal
Wednesday 19 November - 7:00 pm
Light Supper afterwards (optional)

Confirmation Ceremony
Sunday 23 November - 12:00 noon

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

FIRST READING

AMOS 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. SEE VV.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! ***(R.)***
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? ***(R.)***
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghill he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. ***(R.)***

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

LUKE 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Reversal of Fortunes

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd.

Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's Magnificat).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are passing, so that we may be received into the eternal habitation.

© Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com
(Extract from Liturgy Help.com)

Here are a few snapshots of the Father's Day celebrations hosted by the youth:



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.

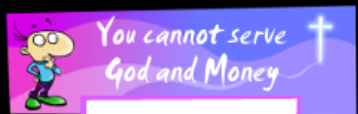
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

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



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

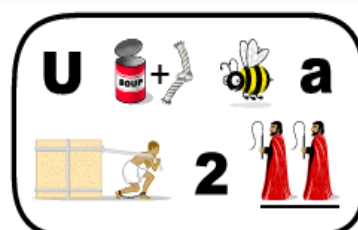


How can money be used well?



How can money be used badly?

Draw a picture of something that
you are trusted to do every week.



Try to decipher
this teaching that
Jesus gave to his
disciples. Draw yourself
listening to Jesus.

