



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28TH 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

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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:

Wednesday to Saturday – 9am

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 27/28 September 2025			Next Week 4/5 October 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	F. Le Clerc	T. Dalmati	K. Steele	P. Vella	T. Dalmati	F. Rodrigues
Commentator	Youth	M. Palmer	A. Prabakaran	V. Adams	D. Fernandes	A. Prabakaran
Reader 1	Youth	O. Saldanha	E. Chand	A. Lahood	A. Gomes	P. Lim
Reader 2	Youth	A. Gomes	C. Bernard	M. Mathavan	E. Pasikale	S. Cullen
Data Projectionist	Liesel		Geneva	Susan		Lourdes
Junior Server	B	D	F	A	C	G
Children's Liturgy			School Break			School Break

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
Lyette 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 - September to December

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
November 16 The Poor

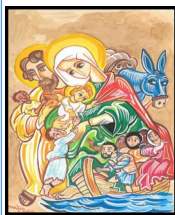
November 21-23 Choirs
December 14 Prisoners

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".



Youth News - Join us this evening, 27th September, after 5.30pm Vigil mass for fellowship and prayer.



Migrant Jubilee - In celebration of the 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 language during Prayers of the faithful please speak to Debbie, Bill or Felicity.



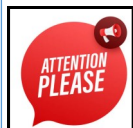
Pet Blessing - On 5th October, we will have a special blessing of the pets in the courtyard **after the 10am Mass only**. Please bring along your pets for a blessing and morning tea.

Please email a photograph of your pet for a special PowerPoint presentation in honour of

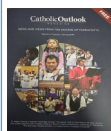
The Feast of St Francis of Assisi during the weekend Masses on 4th/5th October. All pictures should reach the office - secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au **no later than Tuesday 1st October 12 noon**. Late emails will not be accepted.



HSC Blessing: Year 12 Students are invited to receive a special HSC blessing during weekend Masses on 11th/12th October and you are invited to wear your school jersey or jacket. Please contact the Parish office or email secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au to provide the names of the students doing the HSC to be included in our Parish prayer list on or before 8th October.



The Parish Office and Church will remain closed on Monday 6th October due to the Labour day long weekend.

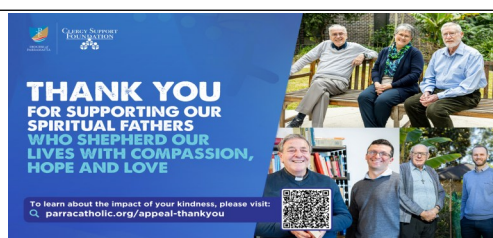


Catholic Outlook - Free copies of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available in the foyer and courtyard. Please take one.



Closing soon! 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! **Registrations have been extended until 1 October** for young people aged 18-25. For more details and to register, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

Back to Basics Serving at the Altar Workshop: 11 October - Back by popular demand! We have decided to repeat the 'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) who missed the last sessions and those who would like to attend again. This seminar will occur on Saturday 11 October from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 7 October via <https://parracatholic.org/events/serving-at-the-altar-workshop/>. Contact the Office for Worship team for more info: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



Bishop's Father's Day Appeal - supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve. Thank you for caring for our spiritual fathers. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised **\$3127.00** to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Formation: 8 November - Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 8 November from 9:30am - 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 3 Nov, please contact the Office for Worship Team OFW@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

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 6:1-4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. ***(R.)***
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. ***(R.)***
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. ***(R.)***

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Obeys the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs



even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Insects, Heaven and Hell

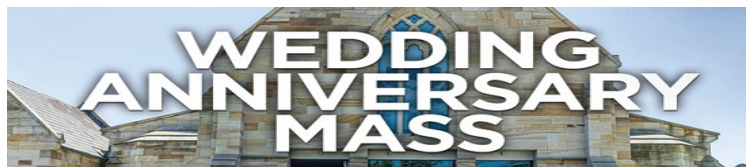
The rich man ('Dives') is so totally self-absorbed in the self-indulgence of his wealth that he does not even notice poor Lazarus at his gate. He created such a huge chasm between himself and the poor that not one crumb of food or companionship could cross over to Lazarus.

This chasm, created by Dives, was fixed at the moment of his death so that not one part of the life of Paradise could cross over to him – not even a drop of water. Hell is not a punishment sent by God. It is simply the continuation of the Divide which some have chosen as that which defines who they are. Hell is of our own making.

We could pause for a moment to check that we are making such choices that we become amongst those 'carried gently by the angels into Paradise'.

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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



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

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities - The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take a step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat – a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below: **15 November:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Noël! Noël! at St Patrick's Cathedral - General tickets are now available for the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra's much-loved Noël! Noël! concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Join us for an unforgettable evening of festive music in our beautiful church on Tuesday 16 December, 7.30pm. Tickets will sell quickly, so grab yours today by visiting <https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel->



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

What happened to the rich man when he died?

What should the rich man have done while he was still living on earth?

Jesus wants us to listen to him. In what ways can we listen to God? Draw yourself listening to God.

Help the angels take Lazarus up to heaven.



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