



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5TH OCTOBER 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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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 4/5 October 2025			Next Week 11/12 October 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	P. Vella	T. Dalmati	F. Rodrigues	J. Ivan	T. Peiris	J. Rodrigues
Commentator	V. Adams	D. Fernandes	A. Prabakaran	M. D'Souza	H. Menezes	J. Thomas
Reader 1	A. Lahood	A. Gomes	P. Lim	L. D'vine	S. Benjamin	J. Basco
Reader 2	M. Mathavan	E. Pasikale	S. Cullen	J. Buttigieg	F. Lette	C. Pereira
Data Projectionist	Susan		Lourdes	Liesel	Jasmine	Sofie
Junior Server	A	C	G	B	D	E
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 MEMORIN
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
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
November 16 The Poor

November 21-23 Choirs
December 14 Prisoners

Acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of this land

In a spirit of love and reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional Custodians of the Darug Nation on whose land we gather. We acknowledge their connections to this land and its waterways and we pay our respects to their elders, past and present.

Recently Deceased -

Mrs. Thanda Manjaly, beloved mother of Fr. Joe Manjaly passed away in India on Tuesday 30th September and her funeral was held on the 1st October. In your charity please keep Mrs. Thanda Manjaly, her family & Fr. Joe Manjaly in your prayers.



Working Bee - Our monthly clean up of the Church and surrounding grounds will take place on Saturday, 11th October starting at 8am for a couple of hours. We appreciate as many volunteers as possible.



Youth News - Next meeting, 26th October, after 5.30pm Vigil mass.



**Daylight saving starts this Sunday....
Don't forget to set your clocks forward!**



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

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.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities - The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days:

- Saturday 18 October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys
 - Saturday 25 October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook
- Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Congratulations !

To the following children who received the sacrament of baptism on 28th September 2025

**Alexander Baroutis
Ashana Ann Annet Mesiya**

Parishes United with Refugees - You might recall that some months ago, members of the parish joined with neighbouring parishes to welcome a family from Syria as part of our mission of hospitality. Thanks to parishioners' generosity, the Safour family is settling in well, but, as many of you have experienced yourselves, becoming part of a new country takes considerable time. As we celebrate the Jubilee of Immigrants this weekend as part of the 2025 Jubilee of Hope, we ask your prayers that the family continues to move forward in hope.



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. We wish our HSC Students the very best for their upcoming exams. Please keep them in your prayers, especially - **Feodora Cutajar, Winston Kennedy**

Prayer for HSC Students

Dear Lord,
We ask for your blessings on our students undertaking the HSC Examinations over the coming weeks.
Grant them the confidence they deserve from their years of diligent study.
Grant them the ability to comprehend questions and effectively plan and articulate their responses.
May they be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Fortitude & Knowledge.
May their faith and piety give them the strength to face the challenges of this examination period and the satisfaction of achieving their personal best.
We ask these things through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

HABAKKUK 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

***(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.***

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. ***(R.)***
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. ***(R.)***
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' ***(R.)***

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 17:5-10

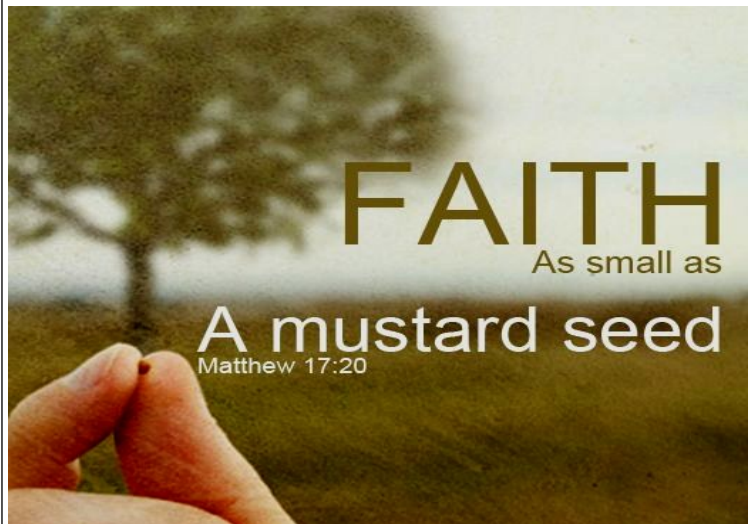
If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



REFLECTION

Breast Feeding into Heaven

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called 'good works' are no more than our duty and don't deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as 'formed from the dust of the earth, . . . a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory' (St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty.

Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creature who can love unreservedly. We are being readied to receive the free gift of heavenly life.

We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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

Positions Vacant

- Senior Employment Relations Advisor – Diocese of Parramatta
 - Principal Risk Lead – Diocese of Parramatta
- More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

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.

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-noel-2025/>



With even the smallest amount of faith we can achieve a lot. Write in the tree some good things that you can do this week which show how much you believe in Jesus.



Jesus says our faith can grow, like a mustard seed that grows into a tree. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that helps your faith in Jesus to grow.



How many words can you make from the letters in the words MUSTARD SEED?

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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