



# St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH 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.*

### Parish Staff

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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**  
Phone: 8843 4600

### St Anthonys Youth

Insta ID : stay\_toongabbie1508  
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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 11/12 October 2025			Next Week 18/19 October 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
<b>Senior Server</b>	J. Ivan	T. Peiris	J. Rodrigues	P. Vella	T. Dalmati	Anthony
<b>Commentator</b>	M. D'Souza	H. Menezes	J. Thomas	M. Nakhoul	I Gomes	E. Chand
<b>Reader 1</b>	L. D'vine	S. Benjamin	J. Basco	J. Buttigieg	M. Palmer	C. Bernard
<b>Reader 2</b>	J. Buttigieg	F. Lette	C. Pereira	M. D'Souza	C. Bugeja	M. Hili
<b>Data Projectionist</b>	Liesel	Jasmine	Sofie	Carol		Jedd
<b>Junior Server</b>	B	D	E	A	C	F
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			School Break			TBA

### 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 PETRUCELLI  
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 - September to December*

October 11-12 Marian Spirituality	October 28-November 2 World of Education	November 21-23 Choirs
October 18-19 Missionary World	November 16 The Poor	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.*



**Sacrament of Confirmation** - The Enquiry night will be held on Wednesday 15th October at 7.00pm in the Church. If you have a child who is eligible to receive the sacrament, parent attendance is mandatory.



**Wedding Anniversary Blessings** - We celebrate the gift of marriage next weekend. If your wedding anniversary falls in November and you would like a blessing during the weekend Mass on 18th/19th October, please contact the parish office by Wednesday 15th September.



**"Compassionate Service"** - an article on Deacon Charles written by Sr. Elizabeth Young of *Liturgy on the Margins* can be accessed via the following link - <https://liturgyonthemargins.org/2025/10/02/compassionate-service/>

**Catholic Mission Parish Appeal** - Next weekend **18th/19th October** - we will have the Catholic Mission Appeal. Envelopes will be available on the pews or scan the QR Code to donate. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated. Please see the notice at the back of the bulletin for further details.

**Creative Arts' Group** - Our classes resume on **Friday 17th October** in our Parish Hall commencing at 10.00am and concluding at 12.30pm. Our dates for this term are: 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> October, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>. We welcome newcomers to join us. Any enquiries please phone - Debbie 0410 302 739, Jane 02 9688 1682 or Vicki 0414 671 514



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

### **Positions Vacant**

- Senior Employment Relations Advisor – Diocese of Parramatta
  - Principal Risk Lead – Diocese of Parramatta
  - Administration and Projects Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta
- More details at: [parracatholic.org/jobs](http://parracatholic.org/jobs)

### **Greystanes Maltese Seniors** -

Monday 13 October @ 10:30am. Join us for Morning Tea. Members & Friends all welcome!  
Contact: Frances Montesin 0404257495

**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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

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

### **HSC Blessing:**

We wish our HSC Students the very best for their HSC examination from 16th of October to 7th November. Please keep them in your prayers, especially -

**Feodora Cutajar**      **Winston Kennedy**  
**Lourdes Touma**      **Sharon Sebastian**  
**Natalie Conceicao**      **Tatiana Padlan**

### **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.

### **Congratulations !**

To **Mason Moussa** who received the sacrament of baptism on 5th October 2025

### **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](mailto: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**

## FIRST READING

2 KINGS 5:14-17

***Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.***

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. SEE V.2

***(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. ***(R.)***
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. ***(R.)***
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. ***(R.)***

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-13

***If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.***

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him,  
then we shall live with him.  
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.  
If we disown him, then he will disown us.  
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,  
for he cannot disown his own self.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.  
***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

LUKE 17:11-19

***It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.***

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he



saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## REFLECTION

***Leprosy, AIDS and Salvation***

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you salvation.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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among all peoples



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.**



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Pet blessing



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Draw the leper who returned to thank Jesus.

When are some of the times when you can ask Jesus for help?



Fill in the missing letters, then match them up by number in the large boxes to reveal the message of this story.

- Jesus was on h<sub>2</sub>s way to Jeru<sub>10</sub>alem.
- Te<sub>4</sub> lepers asked Jesus to take pi<sub>5</sub>ly on them.
- Jesus told them to s<sub>6</sub>ow themselves to the pri<sub>7</sub>sts.
- One of the men disco<sub>8</sub>ered he was heale<sub>9</sub>, and returned to Jesus, giving praise to <sub>3</sub>od.
- He b<sub>12</sub>wed down at Jesus' fee<sub>11</sub> and than<sub>13</sub>ed him.
- Jesus then told him, "let up and g<sub>14</sub>o. Your f<sub>1</sub>ith has made you well."

1	2	3	4		
5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12				
13	14	15			



## 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

