



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.

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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

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
Senior Server	J. Ivan	T. Peiris	J. Rodrigues	P. Vella	T. Dalmati	Anthony	
Commentator	M. D'Souza	H. Menezes	J. Thomas	M. Nakhoul	I Gomes	E. Chand	
Reader 1	L. D'vine	S. Benjamin	J. Basco	J. Buttigieg	M. Palmer	C. Bernard	
Reader 2	J. Buttigieg	F. Lette	C. Pereira	M. D'Souza	C. Bugeja	M. Hili	
Data Projectionist	Liesel	Jasmine	Sofie	Carol		Jedd	
Junior Server	B	D	E	A	C	F	
Children's Liturgy			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 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.



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: 17th, 31st October, November 14th, 28th and December 12th.

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

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

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
Lourdes Touma
Natalie Conceicao**

**Winston Kennedy
Sharon Sebastian
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.

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.



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.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



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 his way to Jerusalem.
- Tehre lepers asked Jesus to take piuon them.
- Jesus told them to soow themselves to the priusts.
- One of the men discouered he was heauled, and returned to Jesus, giving praise to uod.
- He buowed down at Jesus' feet and thanued him.
- Jesus then told him, "uu>et up and guo." Your uith has made you well."

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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

