



# St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MISSION SUNDAY

19TH 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 Anthony's Youth

Insta ID : stay\_toongabbie1508  
email: [st Anthonyyouthtoongabbie@gmail.com](mailto:st Anthonyyouthtoongabbie@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:

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 18/19 October 2025			Next Week 25/26 October 2025		
		5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
<b>Senior Server</b>	P. Vella	T. Dalmati	Anthony	F. Le Clerc	M. Maclou	A. Winton	
<b>Commentator</b>	M. Nakhoul	I Gomes	E. Chand	Youth	K. Wilson	J. Wharton	
<b>Reader 1</b>	J. Buttigieg	M. Palmer	C. Bernard	Youth	O. Saldanha	M. Tan	
<b>Reader 2</b>	M. D'Souza	C. Bugeja	M. Hili	Youth	C. Molly	S. Kenny	
<b>Data Projectionist</b>	Soballa		Jedd	Nicole	Jasmine	Geneva	
<b>Junior Server</b>	A	C	F	B	D	G	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Stella/Sofie			Rochelle/Felice	

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Edmond PAUL	Sarah MARLIN	Maureen HANVEY	Ajith SEEMAMPILLAI	Cecilia FERRER
Maria VELLA	Angelo ALEXANDER	Rosa DI CHRISTOFORO	Ranjith CHELLAPPA	Joseph MACDERMID
Peter RANEE	Aidan ALEXANDER	Gabby ABOUD	Simon SHERVILLE	Rita DAVID
Carole O'HARE	Adrian NOCEVSKI	Lylette MATHIEU	Emma NONEY	Lesley MYERS
John GAUCI	Tanya AMBROSE	Teresa GALEA	Joe (Joseph) BORG	John TYNAN
Rene NEMORIN	Katherine S. SHEEHAN	Geraldine HALLIWELL	Dennis KUNDER	Noe & Teresa ISOTTEN
Anthony AL HADDAD	Alexsis PETRUCELLI	Mary CAMELLERI	Kate MORTIMER	Sarah SHEEHAN
Anna FERNANDES	Anith THURAIRATNAM	Alan LUMLEY	Shanji ANTHONY	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 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.*

## HSC Blessing:

"We wish our HSC Students the very best for their exams which commenced on 16th October and will conclude on 7th November. Please keep them in your prayers, especially -

**Feodora Cutajar**  
**Lourdes Touma**  
**Natalie Conceicao**

**Winston Kennedy**  
**Sharon Sebastian**  
**Tatiana Padlan**

**Thank You** - to all our wonderful volunteers who came last Saturday and helped clean our Church and the surrounding gardens. Your efforts are truly appreciated.



**Youth News** - Youth meeting for the month will take place this Saturday, 18th October in the Parish Hall after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

**Catholic Mission Parish Appeal** - This weekend **18th/19th October** - we will have the Catholic Mission Appeal. Envelopes are 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**Feast Days and Memorial Masses in November** - The month of November is set aside as a special time to pray for the dead. Masses during this month will be offered for the repose of the souls of all our deceased family and friends. If you have particular people you wish to remember please complete a November mass offering envelope, available near the offertory table and place them in the box provided. Their names will be placed in the special Book of Remembrance.



**ALL Saints Day** - Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, 1st November at 9:30am only**.



**All Souls Day** - Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, 1st November 5.30pm and Sunday, 2nd November at 8.00am & 10.00am**. You are reminded that a plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a Church on the 2nd of November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions apply, Having been to confession, receiving communion, and praying for the Popes intentions.



**Special Mass for the deceased - Friday 7th, November at 7:00pm**. We will be holding our traditional mass in memory of those who have died during the last twelve months.

Families of those whose funeral was held at Toongabbie will be contacted by post and specially invited to this Liturgy. Special invitations will also be sent to families of past conspicuous parishioners. However, all parishioners who have lost direct family members, ie parents, brothers or sisters, grandparents, during the last twelve months, are invited to attend. If you make contact with the Parish Office their names can be added to our list and will be called out for a candle to be lit.

## Image from HSC blessing last weekend



**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** - will take place on Thursday, 23rd October at 7pm. If you have any items that you would like the council to discuss at the meeting, please send in your submissions to the parish office via email -[secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au) on or before the 21st October to be included in the Agenda.

**THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Have you a spouse, relative or friend who is not a Catholic and would be interested in finding out about our faith? We offer an opportunity (RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focused on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. **Our program will commence on the 8th of November.**

Please contact the Parish Office- 02 96313316, [secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au) and submit your interest before the 3rd of November.

### 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)

#### 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

## EXODUS 17:8-13

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Ps 120. R. v.2

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

## 2 Timothy 2:14– 4.2

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it.

Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

## LUKE 18:1-8

*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."



And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## REFLECTION

*The Urgent Widow*

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is not saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus is saying we need to pray like that widow.

Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me.

Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning. We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!

# MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

among all peoples



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

**The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mission](https://catholicmission.org.au/mission), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mission](https://catholicmission.org.au/mission)



**LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: 25 October** - Join Catholic Youth Parramatta as they celebrate the 10th anniversary of LIFTED Live in the Forecourt on Saturday 25 October at St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend Youth Mass at 6pm, with festivities kicking off at 7pm. Coinciding with Parramatta Lanes, we invite everyone for an exciting night of Catholic worship and prayer, friendship and community, showcasing the talent and passion of the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. For more information, visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/lifted-live-in-the-forecourt/>

## 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](https://parracatholic.org/jobs)

 *Keep praying and God will help you*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Jesus wants us to pray to God and not give up.  
Draw a picture of yourself praying to God

 Who are some of the people we need to pray for?

 Write a prayer asking God to help you to never give up when things get tough.

Cross out all letters that appear three times or more. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the name of the popular prayer below.

H	T	G	O	C	E	J	W
S	A	P	Q	G	K	I	T
F	O	E	A	S	B	Q	O
K	L	T	J	T	E	U	B
E	B	C	F	U	J	C	E
Q	G	M	E	Y	B	W	U
U	F	S	O	C	P	Q	S
O	R	P	K	W	E	J	T

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## Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

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

- 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)

## 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, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary 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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or call 0408 233 478 by 20 October.



## 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.

