



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH 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 25/26 October 2025			Next Week 1/2 November 2025		
		5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	F. Le Clerc	M. Maclou	A. Winton	C. Bourne	T. Peiris	A. Prabaharan	
Commentator	Youth	K. Wilson	J. Wharton	N. Nakhoul	J. Olivera	M. Hili	
Reader 1	Youth	O. Saldanha	M. Tan	M. D'Souza	D. Fernandes	B, Ryan	
Reader 2	Youth	C. Molly	S. Kenny	M. Mathavan	I. Gomes	J. Basco	
Data Projectionist	Nicole	Jasmine	Geneva	Lauren		Rochelle	
Junior Server	B	D	G	A	C	E	
Children's Liturgy			Rochelle/Felice			Stella/Sofie	

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 28-November 2 World of Education

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.



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.



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.



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.

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

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 and submit your interest before the 3rd of November.

Congratulations !

Maximillian Brazell

he received the sacrament of baptism
on 19th October 2025

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 exams. HSC concludes on 7th November. Please keep them in your prayers, especially -

**Feodora Cutajar
Lourdes Touma
Natalie Conceicao**

**Winston Kennedy
Sharon Sebastian
Tatiana Padlan**



St Anthony's Annual Ministries Drive and Parish Expo - We will be holding a Ministries Drive and Parish Expo on 8th and 9th November following all weekend Masses.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special event, where Ministries will showcase opportunities to serve, share and make a difference. Come explore how your unique gifts and talents can make a meaningful impact within our parish community.



Design the 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

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)

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

SIRACH 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

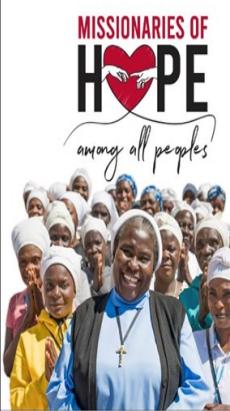


REFLECTION

Standing in the Humus of Life

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish. The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life. It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'



Catholic Mission Parish Appeal - Thank you to everyone who donated last weekend. If you were not able to and wish to donate please use the envelopes that are still available or donate online using the QR Code.

Thank you!



catholic mission Freecall: 1800 257 296
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

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 or call 0408 233 478 by 20 October.

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 for Diocesan Retreat

Opportunities - The Diocese is hosting one final retreat opportunity for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to 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 the final retreat on 15 November. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/> for more details.

Humble yourself and you will be honoured

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What things did the tax collector say to God?

How can we be humble like the tax collector?

Colour in the tax collector.

Match up the correct endings

Draw a line from the first half of each sentence to its correct ending.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector went

you will be honoured.

The Pharisee prayed

"God, have pity on me! I am a sinner."

The Tax Collector prayed

you will be put down.

If you put yourself above others

to the temple to pray.

If you humble yourself

"God, I thank you that I am not greedy or dishonest."

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.

