



# St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOUL'S DAY) 2ND NOVEMBER 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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### 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**  
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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 1/2 November 2025			Next Week 8/9 November 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
<b>Senior Server</b>	C. Bourne	T. Peiris	A. Prabakaran	J. Ivan	T. Dalmati	K. Steele
<b>Commentator</b>	N. Nakhoul	J. Olivera	M. Hili	L. D'vine	C. Molloy	C. Bernard
<b>Reader 1</b>	M. D'Souza	D. Fernandes	B. Ryan	A. Lahood	J. Olivera	A. Prabakaran
<b>Reader 2</b>	M. Mathavan	I. Gomes	J. Basco	J. Buttigieg	F. Lette	T. Sebastian
<b>Data Projectionist</b>	Lauren		Rochelle	Mary		Lourdes
<b>Junior Server</b>	A	C	E	B	D	F
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Stella/Sofie			Rochelle/Felice

### 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 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*

<i>October 28-November 2</i> World of Education	<i>November 16</i> The Poor <i>November 21-23</i> Choirs	<i>December 14</i> Prisoners
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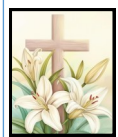
### Acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of this land

*Today, as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we acknowledge and pay deep respect to the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Darug Nation, whose culture and customs nurtured this land and waters for over 60 thousand years.*



### **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.



### **St Anthony's Annual Ministries Drive and Parish Expo** - We will be holding a Ministries Drive and Parish Expo on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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)**

#### **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**

### **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**

### **Closes soon! 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](http://parracatholic.org/artcomp)

### **Positions Vacant**

- Senior Employment Relations Advisor – Diocese of Parramatta
- Administration and Projects Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: [parracatholic.org/jobs](http://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](mailto:OFW@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211

### **REFLECTION**

*'Indeed, I promise you: today you will be with me in Paradise.'*

Today, many of us will visit the grave or plinth of a beloved member of the family or a friend. If you are like me, you will first tidy the area, prune any dead heads off the rose bush, place some fresh flowers and then pray.

The beautiful Catholic custom is that on this day especially – All Souls' Day – we pray for those who have died. We prayed for them when they were with us on earth. Death is no barrier to continuing that prayer. We pray for them and for ourselves that one day, when every tear is wiped away, we may join them in heavenly bliss.

What grounds our hope? Nothing more, nothing less, than the victory of Jesus Christ over death. We pray that those we love even now are sharing in the benefits of that triumph.

For most, as I expect for me, that may involve a purging of those traits of personality which prevent the fullest participation in the bliss of Heaven. But that bliss is what God desires for each one of them and for me.

God prays for the fulfilment of that desire whilst souls are being purged (whatever that may involve). Our praying for the dead is simply our participation in this prayer of God, our privilege which we intentionally share in. Even those not intentionally sharing our faith often say R.I.P., rest in peace, and that is a prayer!

And so we pray with confident Christian hope:

'Endless light shine on those we love, O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all those who have died, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.'

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(Extract from Liturgy Help.com)

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

## FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:6-9

***The Lord God will destroy death for ever.***

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1. ALT. R v.13

***(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? ***(R.)***
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. ***(R.)***
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face. ***(R.)***
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! ***(R.)***

## SECOND READING

Romans 5:17-21

***However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.***

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. When law came, it was to multiply the opportunities of falling, but however great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater; and so, just as sin reigned wherever there was death, so grace will reign to bring eternal life, thanks to the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

***Alleluia!***



## GOSPEL

MARK 15:33-39; 16:1-6

***Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.***

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down'. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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

- **Saturday 15 November** for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville.

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)

**FaithLIFE Ministry: 5 + 19 November** - Wanting to refresh your skills in ministry? Seeking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Sign up now for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Alison & Donnie from the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) on Wednesday 5 NOV + 19 NOV 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road! Details via <https://tr.ee/sAMkSrihAl> OR get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**Mass and prayers for Deceased Clergy: 12 November** - The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Wednesday 12 November at 9:15am at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Rookwood Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ. We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests and deacons who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

**Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: 12 November** (NOTE: CHANGE IN LOCATION) How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? Recently back from meeting Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Vincent will unpack his annual lecture on

Vatican II on Wednesday **12 November**, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Register for limited seating and share with others via <https://tr.ee/xzetr5kVl>- OR get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**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.

**Parramatta Street Feast: 19 November** - You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome on **19 November 2025** from 11am–3pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta. It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer, or share your talent by hosting an activity table. Find out more and express your interest at [parracatholic.org/streetfeast](https://parracatholic.org/streetfeast)

**Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening: 26 November** - In what way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year? Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening w/ Dr Debra Snoddy on Wednesday 26 November 2025 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-advent-scripture-night-26-november/> or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## A great prophet has appeared among us

All Souls - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Write a prayer of remembrance to those who have died - it can be for someone you know or someone you have heard about.

Dear Lord,

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Amen.

The people who saw Jesus raise the dead man to life were frightened, but they praised God. Use the words below to find out what they said.

visited  
God  
appeared  
great  
people  
prophet



A \_\_\_\_\_ has  
\_\_\_\_\_ among us; \_\_\_\_\_ has  
\_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.



The Lord says that those who have faith will be raised to life on the last day, even if they die. Write or draw some ways that you can show that you have faith.



## 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

