



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9TH 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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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 8/9 November 2025			Next Week 15/16 November 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	J. Ivan	T. Dalmati	K. Steele	P. Vella	M. Macclou	F. Rodrigues
Commentator	L. D'vine	C. Molloy	C. Bernard	M. Mathvan	F. Lette	M. Tan
Reader 1	A. Lahood	J. Olivera	A. Prabakaran	M. Nakhoul	C. Bugeja	S. Cullen
Reader 2	J. Buttigieg	F. Lette	T. Sebastian	V. Adams	S. Benjamin	J. Wharton
Data Projectionist	Mary		Lourdes	Carol		Sofie
Junior Server	B	D	F	A	C	G
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
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

November 16 The Poor

November 21-23 Choirs

December 14 Prisoners

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.



Recently Deceased - Mr. Edward Anthony Francis passed away on the 22nd of October and his funeral will take place at St Anthony's on Tuesday 11th November at 10.00am followed by private cremation at Macarther Grange Crematorium, Smeaton Grange. In your charity please keep Edward and his family in your prayers.

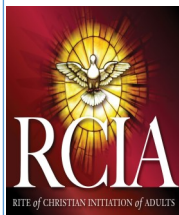


Masses in November - The month of November is set aside as a special time to pray for the dead. Masses during this month will be offered for the repose of the souls of all our deceased family and friends. If you have particular people you wish to remember please complete a November mass offering envelope,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



St Anthony's Annual Ministries Drive and Parish Expo - the Ministries Drive and Parish Expo will be held **this weekend, 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.



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.



Wedding Anniversary Blessings - We celebrate the gift of marriage next weekend - **15th/16th November**. If your wedding anniversary falls in November and you would like a blessing during the weekend Mass, please contact the parish office by Wednesday 13th 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.

CONFIRMATION 2025
Year 5 and above (up to 15 years old)

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



SVDP - Vinnies will be putting up the Christmas Tree for the Christmas Hampers next weekend, 15th and 16th of November. We will be asking parishioners to take one or more tickets to contribute Food or Presents for the Hamper drive.

We will also be collecting donations for our Christmas Appeal. We will be delivering hampers on 13th December, so we kindly request that all donations be returned to the Church by Sunday, 7th December at the latest. Thank you for your continuing support of Vinnies in the parish.

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

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

REFLECTION

Tents of God's Presence

The tabernacle in our churches should look like a tent with a cloth covering and 'tent flaps' at the front.

Why a tent? Because when the Jewish people escaped slavery in Egypt, they wandered through the wilderness for forty years carrying a tent where God's presence was especially strongly experienced. It was where they went for guidance and to pray for protection – to the travelling dwelling place of God.

At the beginning of St John's Gospel, we usually translate it to read that the Word of God 'became flesh and dwelt amongst us'. (John 1:14) The Greek word translated 'dwelt' could be better translated 'pitched his tent among us'! The Divine Presence is once again travelling around, this time embodied in Jesus of Nazareth. He personally is the true tent of God's Presence.

Death temporarily dismantled this tent but, as our Lord foresaw, the tent would be raised again in three days.

There is another way in which God's Presence is especially focused in the world, namely in you and me! St Paul calls the Christian community at Corinth: 'A holy building or temple in which God's Spirit dwells.'

Does our parish, does our Church, rise to the challenge and act in ways which reveal to the world who we are:

Tabernacles of God's Presence in the world,

Tents in whom God has chosen to dwell.

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

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall
into the depths of the sea. ***(R.)***
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. ***(R.)***
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. ***(R.)***

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

JOHN 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

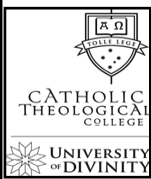
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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/xzetr5kVI>- OR get in touch with the team via 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.

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.



Catholic Theological College - Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality 2026 Enrolments are open Face-to-face or online modes available. For more information: view our [2026 Prospectus](#) or contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au

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

New 2026 Academic Scholarship Opportunity - Nagle College Blacktown is now offering a limited number of Academic Scholarships for Year 7 students commencing in 2026. These scholarships are intended to recognise exceptional academic promise and help make an excellent Catholic secondary girls' education more accessible to families. Please review the eligibility criteria and application process on the school website as soon as possible. Learn more here: <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au/nagle-scholarship>.

Positions Vacant

- Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
- More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE INC.

18TH Annual Community Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, 29 November 2025

Blacktown Leisure Centre,
Sentry Drive, Stanhope Gardens

BUY TICKETS AND SUPPORT OUR FREE LEGAL SERVICE

FOR BOOKINGS:
events.humanitix.com/tlcdinner
or scan QR Code



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Jesus was not pleased when he found people selling things in the temple. Some people sold cattle, sheep and doves for sacrifice and some people changed Roman coins for temple coins. Draw some traders and money-changers in the temple and write down what Jesus said to them.



The church you go to mass in is a special building just like the temple in Jerusalem. What are the things you should do when you are in church.

COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will build it again"



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