



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

16TH 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 15/16 November 2025			Next Week 22/23 November 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	P. Vella	M. Maclou	F. Rodrigues	F. Le Clerc	T. Peiris	J. Rodrigues
Commentator	M. Mathvan	F. Lette	M. Tan	A. Lahood	M. Palmer	F. Rodrigues
Reader 1	M. Nakhoul	C. Bugeja	S. Cullen	N. Nakhoul	I. Gomes	P. Lim
Reader 2	V. Adams	S. Benjamin	J. Wharton	M. D'Souza	O. Saldanha	J. Thomas
Data Projectionist	Carol		Sofie	Carol	Jasmine	Jedd
Junior Server	A	C	G	B	D	E
Children's Liturgy			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 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

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 - Mrs. Joan Moroney passed away on the 9th of November and her funeral will take place at St Anthony's on Tuesday 25th November at 1.30pm followed by burial at Pine Grove Memorial park at 3.30pm. In your charity please keep Joan and her family in your prayers

Thank you! to the various groups who helped and participated in our Parish expo and ministries drive last weekend. We hope many of you who visited the expo will discern and join in the various ministries to make our parish more abundant by sharing your gifts and talents.

Thank you! - to everyone who came for our monthly working Bee last Saturday and helped clean the Church and surrounding area. Your efforts are always greatly appreciated.



Sacrament of Confirmation - Next Sunday at a special Mass at noon 32 candidates from our parish will be confirmed by Bishop Vincent. Please continue to uphold them in prayer.



SVDP - Vinnies Christmas Tree is here!. We kindly ask the parishioners to take one or more tickets hanging on the tree to contribute Food or Presents for the Hamper drive. We are also collecting donations for our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Delivery of hampers is scheduled for the 13th of 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.



Children's Christmas Nativity Play at St Anthony Parish - will be held at the Christmas Eve Family Mass at 6:00 pm Wednesday 24th December.

Parents/Guardians and the children must attend all rehearsals and the

Christmas Eve Family mass.

- Rehearsal 1 - Thursday 11 December from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Roles will be allocated on the day on a first come first served basis.
- Rehearsal 2 - Thursday 18 December from 6:30pm - 8.00pm. Will include costume fitting.
- Final rehearsal, with costume - Monday 22 December from 6.30pm to 7.30pm

If your child would like to be part of the play, sign-up forms are available in the Foyer. Completed forms must be submitted to the Parish office by 1st December.

Congratulations to our newly commissioned thurifers - Devanshi Dhushyanthan, Jayden Xavier, Leo Cutajar, Shalini Kanagasundaram, and Valencia D'Souza.



Thank you for your continuing commitment to serving at the altar and for stepping up as leaders among our junior servers. May God bless you as you continue to serve with faith, joy, and reverence.



Parish Christmas Carols - "**Save the Date**" - Our annual Parish Christmas Carols and BBQ will take place Saturday 13th December after the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass from 6:30 pm onwards. More details will be made available by next weekend.

Positions Vacant

- Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
- Parish Secretary (permanent part-time) – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

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OPEN THE DOORS OF HOPE TO GRIEVING HEARTS THIS CHRISTMAS

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." - Matthew 5:4

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

parracatholic.org/appeal

Bishop's Christmas Appeal – supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling.

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty – wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



REFLECTION

The Sun of Righteousness

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengtheners in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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FIRST READING

MALACHI 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. SEE V.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. ***(R.)***
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. ***(R.)***
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. ***(R.)***

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you! to the various groups who helped and participated in our Parish expo and ministries drive last weekend. We hope many of you who visited the expo will discern and join in the various ministries to make our parish more abundant by sharing your gifts and talents. Here are some photos from the Expo.



You will be saved by being faithful

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Colour in the stones marked with a dot to reveal something we need if we are to be saved.

Jesus tells us that even though bad things might happen around us, we should not be afraid. In the stones below, write down some things that might make us afraid?

Cross out all letters that appear more than once. Unscramble the remaining letters to reveal what Jesus gives to us so that we know what to say when we defend ourselves.

S	A	R	T
U	C	P	
M	T	I	A
L	K	U	
E	G	N	R
N	A	D	
R	P	T	G
K	O	P	
C	W	L	E

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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

