



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C

23RD 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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St Anthony's School

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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

Marian Prayer Group

Tuesday 11am St Enda's Room
(Marie: 0457 126 044)

Tamil Prayer Group

Friday 8.00pm St Enda's Room
(Tarcisius: 0423 699 146)

Piety Shop

Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am -11.15am
Saturday after 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9.00am - 11.30am

If you wish to Support the parish Via Direct Deposit:

BSB - 067 950
Account Number - 0000 0586
AC Name -Toongabbie Catholic Church

MASS ROSTER	This Week 22/23 November 2025			Next Week 29/30 November 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	F. Le Clerc	T. Peiris	J. Rodrigues	C. Bourne	T. Dalmati	Anthony
Commentator	Youth	M. Palmer	F. Rodrigues	A. Lahood	H. Menezes	J. Basco
Reader 1	Youth	I. Gomes		N. Nakhoul	F. Lette	M. Hili
Reader 2	Youth	O. Saldanha	J. Thomas	M. D'Souza	K. Wilson	E. Chand
Data Projectionist	Carol	Jasmine	Jedd	Liesel		Rochelle
Junior Server	B	D	E	A	C	F
Children's Liturgy			Rochelle/Felice			Stella/Sofie

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Edmond PAUL	Sarah MARLIN	Maureen HANVEY	Ajith SEEMAPPILLAI	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 PETRUCCELLI	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

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.



Sacrament of Confirmation - Please uphold in prayer the 32 candidates from our parish who will be confirmed by Bishop Vincent at a special Mass at 12pm this Sunday.



The Parish Office will be closed - on **Wednesday, 26th November** as the staff will be attending the Diocesan Staff Christmas Reflection day but Father Joby will be available in his office.



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, Monday, 1st December.**



Parish Christmas Carols - 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.

If anyone is interested in participating in the program or if you would like to assist in the hospitality area, please complete the participation form (located at the entrance of the church) and return it to the parish office on or before **Monday, 1st December 2025**.

For enquiries, please contact Felicity Rodrigues - felicity.rodrigues@icloud.com or 0414 369 115



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Columban Art Calendar 2026 - is now available for purchase at the Piety Stall, priced at \$11.00 each. Please purchase your copy before it runs out.

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

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

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.

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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



Youth Group - On Sunday, 16th of November the group went on a Pilgrimage to Mt. Schoenstatt Shrine Mulgoa and attended Mass.

Western Sydney Women's Interfaith Initiative (WSWII)

- invites women of the parish to an Interfaith Hamper Drive at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Meeting Room on Friday 28 November at 11am** to support Afghan women and their families in our local area. This initiative is a beautiful chance for women across different faiths and backgrounds to come together in an act of kindness and community support. Maryam Popal will give a presentation on the charity organisation 'Afghan Women on the Move,' and Afghan women will share their personal stories of settling in Australia after leaving Afghanistan.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

You can also support the parish by using the **Tap & Go Machine**. The machine amount is variable, please use the screen to donate the amount you wish to give. It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay and Pay Wave.



All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses.

Planned Giving (Direct Debit or Credit Card) is also an option if you wish to do cashless donation to the parish, forms are available in the parish office.

FIRST READING

2 SAMUEL 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look', they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

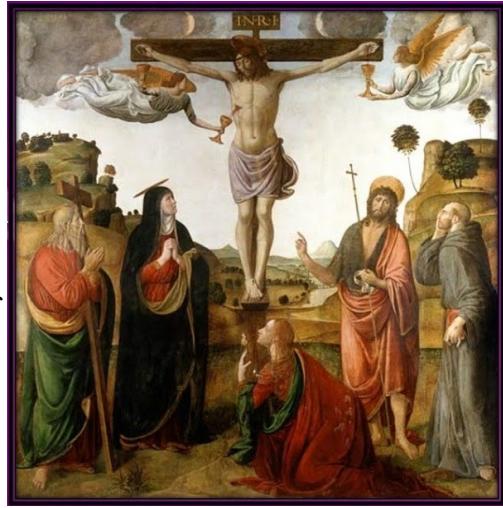
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'



One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

The Power of Remembering

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'.

Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . . !' This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will remember him in Paradise.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'

A banner for the ACN November RED campaign. It features a red circle with a white cross and the letters 'ACN' inside. To the right, the word 'RED' is written in large, bold, white letters, with 'NOVEMBER' in smaller white letters inside the 'E'. Below this, the words 'REMEMBER • PRAY • SUPPORT' are written in white. At the bottom, a red box contains the text 'PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS THIS NOVEMBER'. To the right of the banner is a black and white photograph of a woman in a red headscarf and a purple dress, resting her head on her hand in a gesture of distress or prayer. The background of the banner is black.

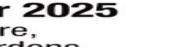
Red November - is an initiative by the Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) aimed at raising awareness and support for Christians facing persecution and violence globally. Please support by donating online using the QR Code on the poster or at www.rednovember.org Prayer cards and flyers are available at the entrance to the Church.

Position Vacancy - Aid to the Church in Need is seeking to appoint a Benefactor Support Manager. This is a full-time role and based in Penrith, NSW, and there is flexibility of working from home arrangements on Monday's or Friday's. For further information and to apply before Monday 24 November, contact Anthony Spata at Reach HR on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au.

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/tlcidinner
or scan QR Code



**Jesus Christ
is King
forever**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year C

Throughout our history there have been kings who were selfish, arrogant and cruel towards their people, while other kings have been kind and wise leaders who have protected their people. What kind of a king is Jesus Christ and how does he treat his people?

Jesus showed his love for us by suffering, dying and rising again so that we too may enter the kingdom of God. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows Jesus how you are thankful for the sacrifice he made.

Place a cross  next to the words that best describe Christ the King

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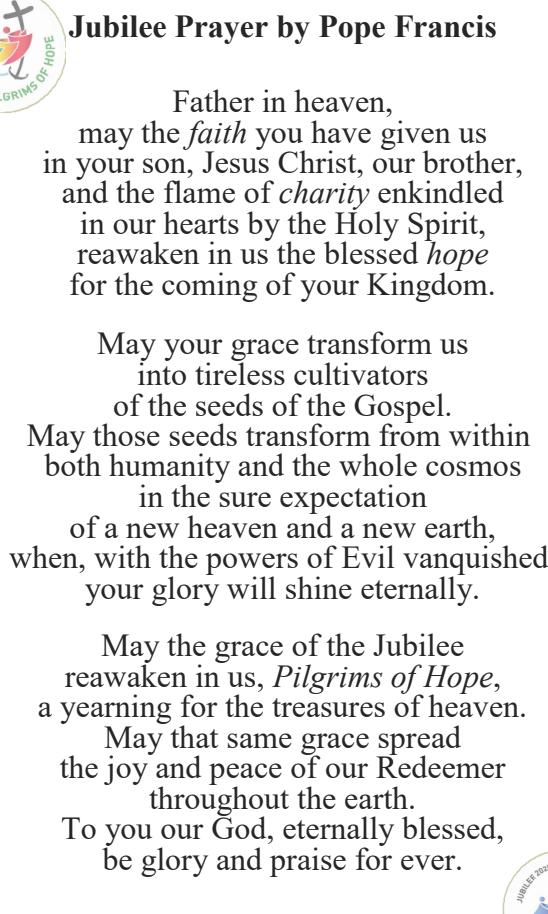
Luke 23:35-43

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Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose! - Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts: www.globalgifts.org.au

The image features the Caritas Australia Global Gifts logo on the left, consisting of a stylized red four-pointed star and the text 'Caritas AUSTRALIA | Global Gifts'. To the right, a yellow background displays the text 'Your gift supports vulnerable communities around the world.' above three small illustrations of children holding Christmas cards. At the bottom, there is a red banner with the text 'DONATE NOW' and the website 'www.globalgifts.org.au' along with a phone number '1800 024 413'. A QR code is also present in the bottom right corner.

Donate to Jesuit Refugee Services this Christmas! - As Christmas approaches, Jesuit Refugee Services is calling upon the community to support their work accompanying and serving people seeking asylum who are facing homelessness. Parishes and communities are invited to contribute to JRS' Advent Food Drive, collecting pantry staples to stock their Foodbank, purchasing supermarket gift cards for groceries over the holiday period or donate to their Christmas Appeal. For more information about how you can help, please contact Kristen on (02) 9356 3888 or email kristen.lazarus@jrs.org.au. List of items that can be donated are in the notice board.



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