



# St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

30TH 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.*

### Parish Staff

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### Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9am - 3pm  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 4pm

After Hours Emergency 02 9631 6420

### Hall Hire

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### St Anthony's School

**School Principal: Patricia Reilly**  
Phone: 8843 4600

### St Anthonys Youth

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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 29/30 November 2025			Next Week 6/7 December 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	C. Bourne	T. Dalmati	Anthony	J. Ivan	M. Maclou	A. Winton
Commentator	A. Lahood	H. Menezes	J. Basco	V. Adams	A. Gomes	B. Ryan
Reader 1	N. Nakhoul	F. Lette	S. Kenny	J. Buttigieg	O. Saldanha	M. Hili
Reader 2	M. Mathavan	K. Wilson	E. Chand	L D'vine	C. Molloy	M. Tan
Data Projectionist	Lauren		Rochelle	Mary		Geneva
Junior Server	A	C	F	B	D	G
Children's Liturgy			Felice/Sofie			Rochelle/Stella

### 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  
Alexis 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*

*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.*



**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.**

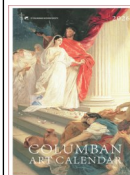
For enquiries, please contact Felicity Rodrigues - [felicity.rodrigues@icloud.com](mailto:felicity.rodrigues@icloud.com) or 0414 369 115



**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.



**Working Bee** - Our monthly clean up of the Church and surrounding grounds in preparation for Advent and Parish Christmas Carols will take place on Saturday, **13th December starting at 8am.** It would be greatly appreciated by Father Joby if many of you could spare an hour or two and join the crew and bring along your cleaning & any gardening equipment/tools that you feel will be helpful with the clean-up.



## 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. We also have many Christmas items at

very reasonable prices that can be purchased for gift giving this season.

## Congratulations !

To **Sandra Maria Santosh** who received the sacrament of baptism on 22nd November 2025

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

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**Bishop's Christmas Appeal**  
**OPEN THE DOORS OF**  
**HOPE TO GRIEVING**  
**HEARTS THIS CHRISTMAS**

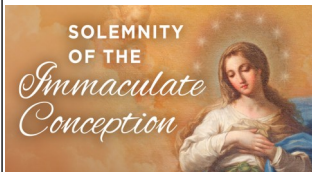
Help Catholic Care's counsellors comfort and heal the broken-hearted.

*Thank you!*

**DONATE NOW AT**  
[parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal)



**Thank you!** to everyone who donate last weekend to **Bishop's Christmas Appeal** - supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling. If you were unable to donate, envelopes are still on the pews or scan the QR code to donate online. Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal).



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Mass will be celebrated on **Monday the 8th December** at 9.30am.



**Congratulations!** to the 32 Candidates who was conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Vincent last Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers and may the blessings of the Holy Spirit continue to guide them in their faith journey. A special thank you to Jini Joy and her team of helpers for their dedication and effort.

**Baulkham Hills Christmas Luncheon: 25 December** - The Parish of Baulkham Hills are hosting a Christmas Lunch for anyone who will be on their own on Christmas Day. You may be in town for a visit, or just moved into the area, or may simply be unable to share Christmas Day with your loved ones. So come and share it with us. It will be held on Thursday 25 December in and around the St Michael's Primary School hall, and everyone is welcome, families and individuals. But places are limited, so you will need to register to attend. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9639 0598 or email [baulkhamhills@parracatholic.org](mailto:baulkhamhills@parracatholic.org).

## 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

ISAIAH 2:1-5

***The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.***

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. SEE V.1.**

***(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. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
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.)***
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
‘Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!’ ***(R.)***
4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. ***(R.)***

## SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

***The time has come, our salvation is near.***

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:37-44

***Stay awake, you must be ready.***

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and



swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## REFLECTION

***Wake up to the Poetry***

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only God knows! We don’t know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God’s timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term ‘just war’ to very small print in the Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

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**Blacktown Parish presents 'The Witness'** - The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical "The Witness" – telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter. The parish is currently looking for a variety of roles to be filled for the production, including director, choreographer, singers and dancers. An information session and commissioning Mass will be held on Saturday 29 November from 9am at St Patrick's Church. To learn more, or express your interest, please visit <https://www.privyr.com/form/5W7hISmG#the-witness-musical-cast-crew>  
Please see the notice boards for further details.

**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](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)

**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](mailto:kristen.lazarus@jrs.org.au). The List of items that can be donated are in the notice board.



**1st Week of Advent**  
Candle Name : **Prophet's Candle**  
Candle Symbolizes : **HOPE**  
Reminds us : **Jesus is coming**

### **Blessing of Advent Wreath**

Lord our God, we praise you for your son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the saviour of every nation.

Lord God let your blessing come upon us as we light the candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



**Advent Reflection** - An Advent reflection will be hosted on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in St Enda's meeting room. All are welcome.

**Stay Awake! Be Ready!**  
First Sunday of Advent, Year A

During the season of Advent we prepare for the arrival of Jesus.  
What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this first week of Advent?

Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.

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 **of will come.**

Help Noah and the animals find their way onto the ark so they can be ready for the flood when it comes.

Matthew 24:37-44 © Creative Ministry Resources



### **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**

