



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

21ST DECEMBER 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
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St Anthony's School

School Principal: Patricia Reilly
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St Anthony's 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 10am 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 20/21 December 2025			Next Week 27/28 December 2025		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	F. Le Clerc	T. Dalmati	K. Steele	C. Bourne	M. Maclou	F. Rodrigues
Commentator	M. D'Souza	C. Bugeja	A. Prabaharan	Youth	C. Bugeja	S. Cullen
Reader 1	V. Adams	H. Menezes	C. Bernard	Youth	F. Lette	C. Pereira
Reader 2	J. Buttigieg	M. Palmer	F. Rodrigues	Youth	D. Fernandes	E. Chand
Data Projectionist	Soballa		Sofie	Carol		Jedd
Junior Server	B	D	F	A	C	G
Children's Liturgy			School Break			School Break

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 SEEMAPPILLAI
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 ISOTTEN
Sarah SHEEHAN
Jan SALMON
Colleen DAVAR
Richard TOOKER

Please advise the parish office if you know of anyone on the sick list whose name could be removed.

Acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of this land

Our Parish is located on the traditional country of the Darug Nation. We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land and waters. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and join with them in working to build a brighter future together.



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.

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- **Final rehearsal**, with costume - Monday 22 December from 6.30pm to 7.30pm



Parish office will be closed for the Christmas/New Year holiday break from the afternoon of 24th December 2025 to 5th January 2026. Weekday and weekend Mass will continue as usual.

For any emergency please call the emergency contact number **02 9631 6420** or speak to Father Joby after any Mass.

Parish Sacramental Calendar 2026

The parish Sacramental Calendar for next year is up on the notice boards. Please note date for registration for the Sacrament First of Reconciliation. Program commences on 11th February 2026 with the enquiry night.

ROSTERS: Rosters for Acolyte/Senior Servers & Data Projectionist - January to June 2026 and Commentator/Lectors from January to March 2026 have now been emailed and printed copies are available in the sacristy.

Positions Vacant

- Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Migrant Jubilee Cross visits the Diocese of Parramatta



To mark the end of the Jubilee Year, the Vatican's Migrant Jubilee Cross will be visiting several parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta from 5-11 January. For one week, the Diocese of Parramatta will come alive with celebrations that recognise the faith, gifts and resilience of migrant communities who have enriched our parishes, schools and communities. Bring your friends and family to experience the Migrant Jubilee Cross Pilgrimage at a parish near you. Learn more at parracatholic.org/migrant-jubilee-cross.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course returns for 2026 -
The Liturgical Ministry Formation Course will be returning in February 2026. To avoid disappointment, please send signed enrolment forms to ofw@parracatholic.org before Friday 23 January. Please visit parracatholic.org/liturgical-ministry-course for more information about this course. **Forms are available in the foyer.**

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

You can also support the parish by using the:

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.

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

<u>Christmas/New Year Liturgical Ministry Roster</u>				
	Wednesday 24th - 6.00pm	Thursday 25th - 12.00am	Thursday 25th - 9.30am	New Year 2026 - 01st - 9.30am
Senior Server	F. Le Clerc	A. Winton	M. Maclou	A. Winton
Commentator	L. D'vine	F. Rodrigues	M. Moya	
Reader 1	J. Buttigieg	T. Sebastian	M. Hili	M. Moya
Reader 2		F. Lette	S. Benjamin	F. Rodrigues
Data Projectionist		N. Lette		

Parish Christmas Carols 2025 - Thank you to everyone who attended our Parish carols last Saturday. A huge thank you to the performers and to all who supported and helped in various ways to make it a great night enjoyed by all.



FIRST READING

ISAIAH 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6. R. SEE V 7. 10

(R.) *Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.*

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Just Man Dreaming

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him. If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted. In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message.

We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night!

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The Christmas Mass time flyers for post box drop - is available in the foyer. Please take a bundle of 25 and distribute in your area. Thank you.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025



Wednesday 24/12/25	Christmas Eve Family Mass (with Children's nativity play)	6.00pm
Thursday 25/12/25	Midnight Mass	12.00am
	Christmas Day Mass	9.30am
Thursday 01/01/26	New Years Day Mass (Mary, the Holy Mother of God)	9.30am



4th Week of Advent

Candle Name : **Angels' Candle**

Candle Symbolizes : **Love**

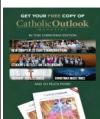
Reminds us : **The message of the Angels - "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward men.**

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



Catholic Outlook - the Christmas Edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available at the foyer. Please take your free copy.

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.

**He will be called
Emmanuel**

4th Sunday of Advent, Year A

Colour in the shapes with dots to reveal a special name.



One night, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. What were some of the things the angel told Joseph?

Follow the branch that extends from King David to the birth of Jesus.

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

