



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - YEAR A

25TH 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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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
(Tarcisus: 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	Christmas/New Year Liturgical Ministry Roster				Next Week 27/28 December 2025		
	Wednesday 24th - 6.00pm	Thursday 25th - 12.00am	Thursday 25th - 9.30am	New Year 2026 1st Jan - 9.30am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	F. Le Clerc	A. Winton	M. Maclou	A. Winton	C. Bourne	M. Maclou	F. Rodrigues
Commentator	L. D'vine	F. Rodrigues	M. Moya		Youth	C. Bugeja	S. Cullen
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Reader 2	V. Adams	F. Lette	S. Benjamin	F. Rodrigues	Youth	D. Fernandes	E. Chand
Data Projectionist		N. Lette			Carol		Jedd
Junior Server					A	C	G
Children's Liturgy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			School Break

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Edmond PAUL	Angelo ALEXANDER	Gabby ABOUD	Emma NONEY	John TYNAN
Maria VELLA	Aidan ALEXANDER	Lylette MATHIEU	Joe (Joseph) BORG	Noe ISOTTEN
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Anthony AL HADDAD	Anith THURAIRATNAM	Ajith SEEMAMPILLAI	Joseph MACDERMID	
Anna FERNANDES	Maureen HANVEY	Ranjith CHELLAPPA	Rita DAVID	
Sarah MARLIN	Rosa DI CHRISTOFORO	Simon SHERVILLE	Lesley MYERS	

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.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:1-7

A son is given to us.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 95:1-3. 11-13 R. LK 2:11

Response : Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. (R.)
4. With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

SECOND READING

TITUS 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed to all people.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

LUKE 2:1-14

Today a saviour has been born for you.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING

HEBREWS 1:1-6

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

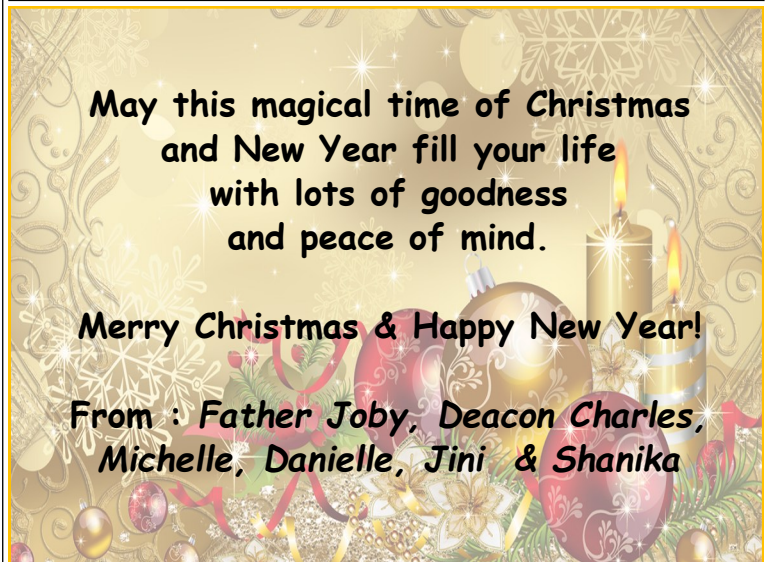
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**May this magical time of Christmas
and New Year fill your life
with lots of goodness
and peace of mind.**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**From : Father Joby, Deacon Charles,
Michelle, Danielle, Jini & Shanika**



Heaven touches earth and love become visible in the face of a Child.

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us." (Lk 1:23) Christmas is indeed our assurance that God is with us. Our God comes to us with a human face, as a descendant of a long line of human beings, great and not so great, the prominent and obscure, saints and sinners alike. In Jesus, God identifies with us and we can identify with him, he is one of ours. At this Christmas season let us welcome Him to our hearts and family like Mary and Joseph with great joy. Let us join the angles in singing "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours." Let us unite with the Shepherds in love and worship of the Holy Child who smiles from the manger.

As a parish community let us pray that may Christ be born anew in our hearts, in our acts of kindness, our patience with one another, and our willingness to bring light where there is darkness. Let us walk together into this holy season, renewed in faith, strengthened in hope, and filled with joy, proclaiming through our lives, God is with us.

I wish and pray, that His peace and love surround you and your loved ones at this Christmas and each day of the coming year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Fr. Joby Kadambattu MS



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.

REFLECTION

Christmas Music

The glory of God and profound peace reaching out to embrace the whole of humanity are dynamically related in the baby in the manger. This is the song of the angels, and it is our privilege to join in that song at this Christmas Mass.

Every baby is a promise of a new future which fills one with hope. But this baby is unique. This Jewish boy baby is the body language of God. This baby is the sonburst of God entering our dark world. This baby shows us that God is not impossibly remote but, rather, God is as intimately close as a vulnerable infant.

And this baby fulfils all the yearning of the human heart. We want to love to the utmost. We want to be loved to the utmost. This baby enables both because he is without any finite boundaries or restraints: He is in-finite love reaching out to us. Can we grasp all this? Probably not. So, like the little lambs nuzzling up to the manger, we just follow some deep intuition which says: 'I must kneel in adoration, it is good to be here.' We could pause for a moment to pray for the resolve to do our bit to echo the angel's message: 'I bring you good news of great joy to be shared by all peoples.'

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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

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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.

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