



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - YEAR A

28TH 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

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St Anthony's School

School Principal: Patricia Reilly
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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 27/28 December 2025			Next Week 03/04 January 2026		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	C. Bourne	M. Maclou	F. Rodrigues	F. Le Clerc	M. Maclou	K. Steele
Commentator	Youth	C. Bugeja	S. Cullen	V. Adams	D. Fernandes	S. Cullen
Reader 1	Youth	F. Lette	C. Pereira	A. Lahood	A. Gomes	P. Lim
Reader 2	Youth	D. Fernandes	E. Chand	J. Buttigieg	E. Pasikale	B. Ryan
Data Projectionist	Carol		Jedd	Soballa		Sofie
Junior Server	A	C	G			
Children's Liturgy			School Break			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
Peter RANEE	Adrian NOCEVSKI	Teresa GALEA	Dennis KUNDER	Sarah SHEEHAN
Carole O'HARE	Tanya AMBROSE	Geraldine HALLIWELL	Kate MORTIMER	Jan SALMON
John GAUCI	Katherine S. SHEEHAN	Mary CAMELLERI	Shanji ANTHONY	Colleen DAVAR
Rene NEMORIN	Alexsis PETRUCCELLI	Alan LUMLEY	Cecilia FERRER	Richard TOOKER
Anthony AL HADDAD	Anith THURAIRATNAM	Ajith SEEMAMPILLAI	Joseph MACDERMID	
Anna FERNANDES	Maureen HANVEY	Ranjith CHELLAPPA	Rita DAVID	
Sarah MARLIN	Rosa DI CRISTOFORO	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.



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.

**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, TOWNSHIRE
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CALENDAR 2026**

NOTE: Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please check the parish website and notice boards.

FIRST EUCARIST 2026		SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	
DATE	TIME	DATE	TIME
1st Jan	10:00am	1st Jan	10:00am
2nd Jan	10:00am	2nd Jan	10:00am
3rd Jan	10:00am	3rd Jan	10:00am
4th Jan	10:00am	4th Jan	10:00am
5th Jan	10:00am	5th Jan	10:00am
6th Jan	10:00am	6th Jan	10:00am
7th Jan	10:00am	7th Jan	10:00am
8th Jan	10:00am	8th Jan	10:00am
9th Jan	10:00am	9th Jan	10:00am
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16th Jan	10:00am	16th Jan	10:00am
17th Jan	10:00am	17th Jan	10:00am
18th Jan	10:00am	18th Jan	10:00am
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25th Jan	10:00am	25th Jan	10:00am
26th Jan	10:00am	26th Jan	10:00am
27th Jan	10:00am	27th Jan	10:00am
28th Jan	10:00am	28th Jan	10:00am
29th Jan	10:00am	29th Jan	10:00am
30th Jan	10:00am	30th Jan	10:00am
31st Jan	10:00am	31st Jan	10:00am

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.



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.



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Columban Art Calendar 2026 - is available for purchase at the Piety Stall, priced at \$11.00 each.



SVDP Back to School packs - Please support the SVDP by donating toward the back-to-school packs for families preparing for the new school year. If you can help with donations of stationery please bring them to the church by 20th January. A list of suggested items for donation are displayed on our notice boards.

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.

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

01st January 2026 - New Year Liturgical Ministry Roster

Senior Server	Commentator	Reader 1	Reader 2	Data Projectionist
A. Winton		M. Moya	F. Rodrigues	



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.



REFLECTION

Two Holy Families

Herod is seeking to annihilate all the male children in Bethlehem. The child Jesus is in mortal danger. 'Arise, take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt.' And Joseph did so. That night and by night, such was the urgency.

Have you ever thought: What if Egyptian border guards had turned back this refugee family? What if, instead of finding safe haven and sanctuary, this desperate family had been denied entry? The Divine plan to rescue Jesus from a murderous tyrant depended not only on Joseph but, also, on the Egyptian people.

And so we discover two Holy Families in this Gospel episode. One is the little Holy Family with Joseph, Mary and Jesus. The other is the larger Holy Family of humanity embodied in those Egyptians who provided sanctuary, who opened their land to allow Joseph, Mary and Jesus to settle out of danger.

We might pause for a moment to ask: Can we be as hospitable and open as the Egyptians of today's Gospel? Another baby in another family of refugees may depend on our answer!

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FIRST READING

SIRACH 3:2-6. 12-14

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5. R. SEE V.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ***(R.)***
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ***(R.)***
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! ***(R.)***

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:13-15. 19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Escape into Egypt

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Draw the angel speaking to Joseph in his dream.



Joseph listened to the angel's warning because he trusted in God. Write down some of the names of those who you trust.

DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

A		G		L		Q		V	
B		H		M		R		W	
C		I		N		S		X	
D		J		O		T		Y	
E		K		P		U		Z	
F									

