



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A

11TH JANUARY 2026

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

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 10/11 January 2026			Next Week 17/18 January 2026		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	C. Bourne	T. Dalmati	F. Rodrigues	J. Ivan	T. Peiris	Anthony
Commentator	M. D'Souza	H. Menezes	J. Thomas	M. Nakhoul	I. Gomes	E. Chand
Reader 1	L. D'vine	S. Benjamin	J. Wharton	J. Buttigieg	M. Palmer	C. Bernard
Reader 2	J. Buttigieg	F. Lette	C. Pereira	V. Adams	C. Molloy	M. Hili
Data Projectionist	Soballa		Jedd	Carol		Geneva
Junior Server						
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

As we gather on the land of the Tugagal people of the Darug Nation, we honour the spiritual presence of their ancestors and with the grace of God, we commit ourselves to journeying with them towards greater understanding, peace, justice and reconciliation.



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 of First Reconciliation. Program commences on 11th February 2026 with the enquiry night.



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.



Wedding Anniversary Blessings - We celebrate the gift of marriage next weekend. If your wedding anniversary falls in January and you would like a blessing during the weekend Mass on 17th/18th January, please contact the parish office by Wednesday 14th January.

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.



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.

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

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REFLECTION

A Whisper Echoing Heaven

Let us focus on Jesus' mystical experience as he emerged from the waters of the River Jordan.

'Suddenly the heavens opened.' Heaven and earth are communicating again! If heaven appeared closed to humankind it is now open again. 'And he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him.' Jesus experienced a sense of being hovered over by the Divine presence 'in dove-like fashion'.

'And a voice spoke from Heaven: "This is my Son, the beloved, my favour rests on him".' In the Jewish tradition this sort of intuitive sensation is called the bat qol, the daughter of a voice, a whisper echoing heaven. Each of us has shared in the baptism of Our Lord, been incorporated into His baptism. Divine love and power streamed from heaven to earth into each one of you; the Holy Spirit hovered gently over you; and deep down, at the intimate wellspring of your life, the Divine voice was heard whispering:

'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son,' 'My favour rests on you.'

We could pause for a moment to resolve to recall each morning the heavenly whisper at our baptism and then re-echo it in our lives.

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FIRST READING

ISAIAH 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened
and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sing a New Song Music Workshop for Children: 21 January

Do you have a child in Year 4-12? Invite them to come along to our 'Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop', for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. The workshop will be held on Wednesday 21 January from 9:30am to 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Morning tea and lunch provided. Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 25 January at 11am. To register, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/0URuFAeThA> or scan the QR Code



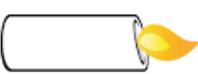
Rosary Making Workshop: 9 February - Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on Monday 9 February at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Diocesan World Day of the Sick: 11 February - A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on 11 February 2026 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/

Santo Nino Fiesta Sinulog 2026: 18 January - The Devotees of the Holy Infant Jesus – Santo Nino – invite you to attend the 2026 Fiesta Sinulog on Sunday 18 January at St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown at 2pm. All devotees, please bring your Santo Nino statues. Novena Masses will be held between 8-16 January at 7pm at the parishes of St Clair-Erskine Park, Penrith, St Marys, Rooty Hill, Winston Hills, Plumpton, Marayong, Quakers Hill and Kellyville. For more information, please contact the Blacktown Parish on (02) 9622 1125 or email blacktown@parracatholic.org

Be a stronger you – Free empowerment course for women: Beginning February 2026 - Catholic Care has partnered with Survivor Voice Australia to run a free six-week empowerment program for women who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. The program will start in February 2026 in the Blue Mountains. Contact Catholic Care to express your interest: (02) 8843 2500.

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for Youth and Young Adults - Join us for Monthly Holy Hour for youth and young adults at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, every fourth Sunday of the month for praise, worship, silence, prayer, reflection and benediction at the Shrine. There is the opportunity to go to confession and there is a small social gathering afterwards. For further information please contact Sr M Rita via srrita@schoenstatt.org.au or 0493 026 628. Web: <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>



Candle

Symbolises the emergence from darkness into the light

Symbolises purity and freedom from sin



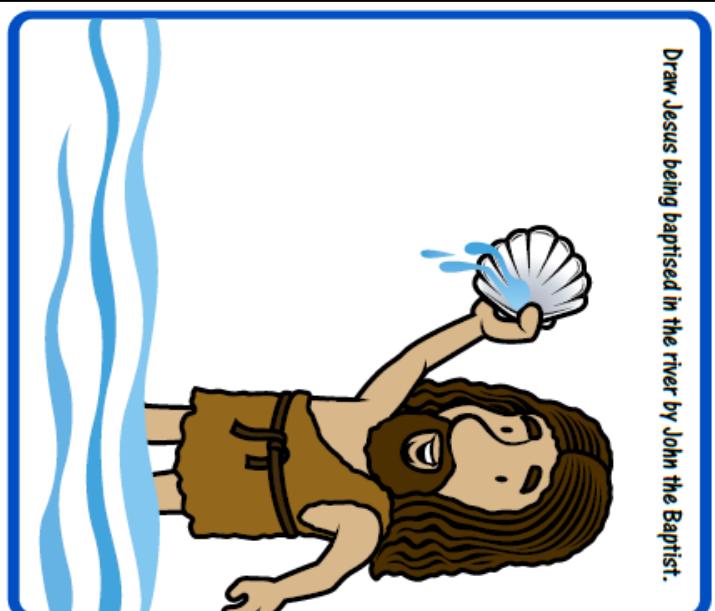
Draw a line to connect each symbol with its correct meaning.

Symbolises the Holy Spirit

Symbolises life, cleansing and growth



White gown



The Baptism of the Lord

You are my own dear Son

Find Out



When were you baptised?

Where were you baptised?

Who are your Godparents?