



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

18TH 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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Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9am - 3pm
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St Anthony's School

School Principal: Patricia Reilly
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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 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 17/18 January 2026			Next Week 24/25 January 2026		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	J. Ivan	T. Peiris	Anthony	P. Vella	M. Maclou	A. Winton
Commentator	M. Nakhoul	I. Gomes	E. Chand	Youth	K. Wilson	J. Wharton
Reader 1	J. Buttigieg	M. Palmer	C. Bernard	Youth	J. Suresh	M. Tan
Reader 2	V. Adams	C. Molloy	T. Sebastian	Youth	C. Bugeja	A. Rego
Data Projectionist	Carol		Geneva	Lauren		Rochelle
Junior Server						
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

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR 2026		
First Reconciliation	First Communion	Confirmation
1st Year: 10:00am - 11:00am 2nd Year: 11:00am - 12:00pm 3rd Year: 12:00pm - 1:00pm 4th Year: 1:00pm - 2:00pm 5th Year: 2:00pm - 3:00pm 6th Year: 3:00pm - 4:00pm 7th Year: 4:00pm - 5:00pm 8th Year: 5:00pm - 6:00pm 9th Year: 6:00pm - 7:00pm 10th Year: 7:00pm - 8:00pm	1st Year: 10:00am - 11:00am 2nd Year: 11:00am - 12:00pm 3rd Year: 12:00pm - 1:00pm 4th Year: 1:00pm - 2:00pm 5th Year: 2:00pm - 3:00pm 6th Year: 3:00pm - 4:00pm 7th Year: 4:00pm - 5:00pm 8th Year: 5:00pm - 6:00pm 9th Year: 6:00pm - 7:00pm 10th Year: 7:00pm - 8:00pm	1st Year: 10:00am - 11:00am 2nd Year: 11:00am - 12:00pm 3rd Year: 12:00pm - 1:00pm 4th Year: 1:00pm - 2:00pm 5th Year: 2:00pm - 3:00pm 6th Year: 3:00pm - 4:00pm 7th Year: 4:00pm - 5:00pm 8th Year: 5:00pm - 6:00pm 9th Year: 6:00pm - 7:00pm 10th Year: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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

18th January, as we need to collate and deliver them to the families by the following weekend. A list of suggested items for donation are displayed on our notice boards.



Australia Day Mass - will be celebrated on Monday 26th at 9.30am

Parish office will remain closed on Monday 26th January for the Australia Day long weekend.



Creative Arts' Group - Our classes resume on Friday 30th January in our Parish Hall commencing at 10.00am and concluding at 12.30pm.

Our dates for this term are: 30th January, 13th & 27th February, 13th and 27th March 2026.

We welcome newcomers to join us. Any enquiries please phone Debbie 0410 302 739, Jane 9688 1682 or Vicki 0414 671 514

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



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



Parishioners are invited to return any palms and palm crosses (not wooden) from last year that can be burnt and used in this years Ash Wednesday Mass. Place them in the baskets in the courtyard by **11th February**.

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.**

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

REFLECTION

The Perfume of Holiness

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God. So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the official role of the Pope.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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FIRST READING

ISAIAH 49:3. 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. ***(R.)***
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. ***(R.)***
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. ***(R.)***
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

JOHN 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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/>

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St Patricks Church
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Mon 19 Jan '26 6 - 8pm

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John 1:29-34

Use the code key to decipher what John the Baptist knew about Jesus

Here is the Lamb of God

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus baptised his disciples with the Holy Spirit. Draw yourself being baptised by Jesus.

John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God, because he was the pure and spotless gift to God the Father. What can we do to be pure and spotless in the eyes of God?

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