



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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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

The Parish Office is currently closed to all visitors. Please call 9631 3316 for all enquiries. For emergencies please call Fr Joby on 9631 6420.

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Shanji ANTHONY	Angelo ALEXANDER	Aninth THURAIRATNAM
Gail GREENHILL	Fay ROBERTS	Kate MORTIMER
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Vicki CARAUANA	Patricia O'CONNOR	Joan HIGGINS
Ranjit CHELLAPPA		

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Deceased

Mary Colletta Saverithu Carvalho Family

Jackie McLeod & Harry Agnelo Mendes

Mary Cowley Matthew Kurian

Leon Vivier

Marcel & Claire Maya

Francis and Mary Pillai Xavier

Special Intentions

Kolak Family Ajith Seemapillai

Although we as a Parish are unable to physically attend Mass at the moment, Fr Joby is saying Mass daily. All Mass intentions that have been received are being said.

ROSARY IN THE HOME

Rosary in the home has been suspended. Please continue to pray the rosary within your own house.

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

The Church and all Church buildings are currently closed in order for us to do our part to help curb the spread of COVID 19. All Catholics within the Diocese of Parramatta continue to be dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice. We encourage you to undertake your own devotion at home during this time.

We will continue to Live stream our Sunday Mass from our Parish at 10am and our Tuesday Evening Mass and Novena at 7pm. You can access our livestream though our website or our Facebook page. You all are welcome to join.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary
during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, health of the sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, salvation of all people, know what we need, and are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are closed. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

“What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?” Mark 6:1-6

Catholic Education at all levels plays a key role in enabling an encounter of worldviews and perspectives in the shared quest for truth, wisdom and the common good. (Congregation for Catholic Education, *Educating to Intercultural Dialogue in Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony for a Civilisation of Love* (2013)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION



INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday 22nd July 7pm in the Church

SIGN UP MASSES

Saturday 24th July 530pm Mass OR Sunday 25th July 10am Mass

PARENT AND CHILD LESSONS IN THE HALL

Saturdays 415-515pm followed by 530pm Mass OR

Sundays 845-945am followed by 10am Mass

Week 1: 31st July OR 1st August

Week 2: 7th August OR 8th August

Week 3: 14th August OR 15th August

Week 4: 21st August OR 22nd August

REHEARSAL AND RECONCILIATION

Thursday 26th August 7pm in the Church

CEREMONY MASSES

Friday 27th August 7pm OR Saturday 28th August 7pm

Planned Giving

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Parish Planned Giving Program by using direct debit. Your contributions help to maintain our church building and pay our bills. For those who would like to contribute via direct debit:

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JESUS IN NAZARETH HIS OWN TOWN

Complete the following crossword.

1	People said, "This is the C_____."	→						N			
2	"He is the son of _____."	→						A			
								Z			
3	Jesus could work no m_____ there.	→						A			
4	Most people were astonished when they h_____ Jesus.	→						R			
5	The people of Nazareth did not a_____ him.	→						E			
6	Jesus said, "A prophet is not welcome in his own c_____."	→						T			
7	He was amazed at their lack of f_____.	→						H			

DEAR JESUS
I BELIEVE
IN YOU

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 4 July 2021

(Extracted from Liturgy help.com)

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Penitential Act

The Lord is rich in mercy and kindness. Let us prepare ourselves to hear God's Word and praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, You are light in our darkness. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, You are strength in our weakness. Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, You are forgiveness in our sinfulness. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Ez 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

R: *Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.*

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

R:

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.

R:

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

R:

Second Reading

2 Cor 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Home town crowds and ‘mighty works’

I recommend viewing the film ‘Billy Elliott’ in which a youngster found that his body ‘went electric’ when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: ‘the carpenter’s son’. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in ‘mighty works’. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God’s plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don’t fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one’s unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his ‘mighty works’

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: In the words of today’s Responsorial Psalm, “our eyes are on the Lord”, for we know that he is listening to the prayers we now set before him.

For the Pope and the bishops, that they may remain humble, trustful followers of Jesus Christ, especially when they are faced with disturbing problems.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who struggle to remain faithful to Jesus may discover that it is when they are weak that they are strong.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are dying, that they may never lose faith in Jesus, who was himself faithful even unto death.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For our community, that we will remain strong in faith when faced with trials and difficulties

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the gift of life and pray that the Lord will comfort those who are sick and dying.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church:

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we offer our prayers to you with the hope given to us by Christ your Son and ask for wisdom of the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



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