



# 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
Malia NIKO	Sarah MARLIN	Lylette MATHIEU
Edmond PAUL	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILE
Maria VELLA	Carole O'HARA	Gerald O'CONNOR
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Cecilia FERRER	Anthony AL-HADDAD	Joseph MAC DERMID
Gabby ABBOUD	Aidan ALEXANDER	Ajith SEENOMPILLAI
Vicki CARAUANA	Patricia O'CONNOR	Joan HIGGINS
Ranjit CHELLAPPA	John GAUCI	

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

### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

#### **Deceased**

Monica D'SOUZA( RIP),  
Joy and Peter VELLA (RIP)  
DEVOTTA Family (RIP),  
Clement PEREIRA(RIP),

#### **Special Intentions**

Ajith Antony Seemapillai

### **Recently Deceased**

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-



*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.*

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.

### Prayer in A Time of Pandemic

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice, and the strength to continue working for your kingdom in this time of pandemic. Do not allow us to be indifferent to those who today suffer the loss of a loved one, or who suffer from the absence of work. But give us the courage to accompany and side with those who suffer violence or injustice.  
Amen.

### Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

“You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while” Mark 6:30-34  
Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of dadirri (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear. (Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, “Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness”, Miriam-Roes Foundation, accessed 23 April 2021, <https://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-dadirri>.)  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/)



### FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION



**POSTPONED**

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

First Eucharist Information Session and classes have been placed on hold until further information regarding COVID –19 becomes available.

### Walking With Refugees During COVID Lockdown



We are all staying home during lockdown so please don't bring contributions to Luisa in the office at present. We will let you know when we will be collecting groceries and NEW BLANKETS when we resurface. Thank you again for your ongoing generosity. Joan Wharton

### 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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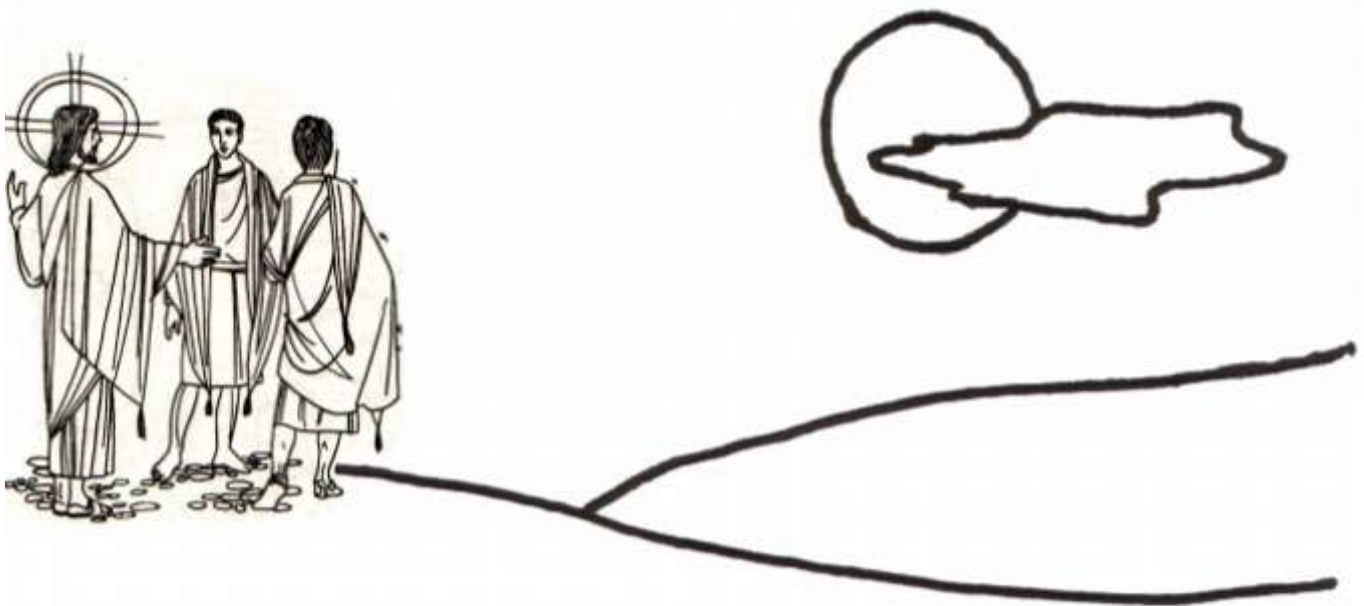
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# THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

When the 12 apostles came back from preaching they were tired. They went with Jesus to rest. But many people still came to listen to Jesus!



Jesus took pity on the crowd because they were like sheep without shepherd.

## HE STARTED TO TALK TO THEM

Draw more people in the crowd listening to Jesus.

# ***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 18 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 Jesus, you came to bring the good news of peace: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have united us with your Spirit: 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**

Lord Jesus, lead us along the true path, so that we, through our faith, may come to know the Father.

We make this prayer through our Risen Lord Jesus.

**Amen**

## **First Reading**

***Jer 23:1-6***

***A reading from the prophet Jeremiah***

**The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.**

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 22. R. v.2*

**R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

**R:**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort.

**R:**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

**R:**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**R:**

## **Second Reading**

*Eph 2:13-18*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

**Christ, our peace, has made us one.**

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father. The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!



## **Gospel**

*Mk 6:30-34*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

**They were as sheep without a shepherd.**

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **REFLECTION**

Fifty years ago the word 'stress' was only ever applied to materials like steel and the wings of planes. But since then, along with 'pressure', it has first crept into our language and more lately become an everyday term. Everyone experiences stress now. You can even hear Grade One students talk about the stress they're under at school! Perhaps it's the ever-growing pace of life or an innate competitiveness but pressure and stress have become part of daily life for most people in the so-called civilised world. Although he may never have used the words 'stress' or 'pressure', Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves. He ordered them all into a boat and they headed for a lonely place where they could be by themselves and rejuvenate. Jesus recognised the importance of taking time out. If you are engaged in a vocation or ministry that sees you meeting the needs of others, you need some time out to reflect on your experiences; time to hold those people up to God in prayer; time to make sense of your work and the interactions you've shared; time to simply recharge your batteries so that you can once again give fully of yourself.

Unfortunately, when Jesus arranged for himself and the disciples to have some time out, the crowd anticipated where they were going and actually beat them there! When the disciples arrived at their lonely spot, they were once again overwhelmed by the crowd. However, Jesus recognised the demands of the crowd as being more urgent than the demands of the disciples and himself. He took pity on them – he was moved by compassion – and responded to their need.

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** We turn to God our Father for guidance in our hope of becoming more like his Son.

For the Church: may she always be a beacon of hope and care for those who are searching for truth and recognition.

We pray.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

For our world: may we continue to develop the bonds that strengthen us as we strive for justice and peace for all.

We pray.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those enslaved in so many different ways throughout the world: may we work ceaselessly for their freedom and well being.

**We pray.**

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick and suffering in any way: may they experience the care of Christ in the support and love they receive for those who care for them.

**We pray.**

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

For all who have died: may they be received into the loving kindness of their Lord.

**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:** God our Father, receive our prayers, and be with us as we search to make your presence felt throughout the world. We ask this 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.**

**Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep your flock safe; protect us from harm. We make this prayer 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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