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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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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
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Vicki CARAUANA	Patricia O'CONNOR	
Ranjit CHELLAPPA	Angelo VELLA	

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 SAVERIMUTHU(RIP),

Dominic and Conception D'SOUZA (RIP),

Peter and Joy VELLA (RIP)

Deceased members of the Sacred Heart Sodality

Special Intentions

Ajith Antony SEEMAPILLAI

Thanksgiving

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.

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-



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.**

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First Eucharist

First Eucharist classes have been placed on hold until further information regarding COVID -19 becomes available.



Food and Blanket Donations for Vinnies and Refugees during COVID Lockdown.

We are all staying home during lockdown so please don't bring food and blanket contributions to Luisa 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 – Altera Group



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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:

Please add a reference of donation (e.g.: PG..... your envelope number)

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BSB- 067 950

Account Number- 000586

Account Name- Toongabbie Catholic Church

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.” Matthew 28:16-20

The ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church’s communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for “we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want”. (Pedro Arrupe, “Address prior to Eucharistic Congress 1976”, The Portal to Jesuit Studies, accessed 23 April 2021, https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976_arrupeeucharist/)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

Euthanasia, Dying and the Dignity of the Human Person Talks

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting a series of talks on euthanasia with the Diocese of Broken Bay ahead of the expected introduction of a draft bill in NSW Parliament to legalise euthanasia. The series of talks will be held via Zoom over three Monday nights starting 2 August at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Information and registration can be found at parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/



The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

Join us on 'Home Ground' over the next four weeks

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight for the next four weeks, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. See the free line-up at parracatholic.org/homeground. The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AHEAD OF THE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Sydney Alliance are holding online community events for the Cumberland, Parramatta, and Blacktown Local Government Areas with candidates for the upcoming Council election. The events will involve local candidates as part of the campaigns of the Sydney Alliance for community and family support, affordable housing, and clean, affordable, and inclusive communities. Please join some members of our Altera refugee and asylum seeker advocacy group by attending. The registration info is the following:

Cumberland for the Common Good!

When: Tue Aug 10th, 6:50pm for 7pm-8:30pm

Where: On Zoom - details will be sent to registrants

The Cumberland team is campaigning for the return of \$700,000 of critical community support funds and its family violence worker (cut by the Cumberland City Council in 2019-2020), the instituting of an emergency relief coordinator and for affordable housing across the LGA.

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/cumberland-for-the-common-good>

Parramatta for the Common Good (All Wards)

When: August 11th, log on 6:50pm for 7pm-8:30pm

Where: On Zoom - details will be sent to registrants

A key focus of the Parramatta City Council Candidates Forum will be affordable housing.

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/parramatta-city-council-candidates-forum>

Blacktown Local Candidates Forum 19th August

Hosted by: Voices for Power North West Caucus + People Seeking Asylum Team (Parramatta Diocese)

When: Thursday August 19th, 2021 log on 6:50pm 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Where: On Zoom - details will be sent to registrants

We will be engaging Blacktown Candidates from all wards in an assembly with 140 of our diverse leaders and community members. Our leaders will be presenting a list of 4 asks from each team (VfP + PSAT) and we will be pinning our candidates on commitments to our asks. We will also be sharing community stories and displaying our solidarity in pushing for a cleaner, affordable, and inclusive Blacktown.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1 August 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 ask us to put aside our old selves: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the true Bread from heaven: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, all who come to you will never be hungry: 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, you bring life to the world. Help us listen to your word with open hearts and minds. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading

Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might.

R:

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

R:

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

R:

Second Reading

Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,

you are not looking for me

because you have seen the signs

but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,

but work for food that endures to eternal life,

the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,

for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this

answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.' them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

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The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch 6 that began last week and will continue for another few weeks. Today's passage begins the extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' image that runs throughout this chapter. Last week's reading finished with Jesus virtually fleeing the scene when the crowd wanted to make him king. At the start of today's reading, the crowd has caught up with him again and appears to be looking for a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me! In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God's gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus. In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that 'gives life to the world'.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Let us bring our petitions before the Lord who understands our every need before we even ask.

For our Pope, who understands the spiritual hunger of Christ's flock; that the Church be nourished and renewed in his care.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all of us, that God will give us the grace to know his presence in our everyday lives, and to know him as our constant companion in times of loneliness, our gladness in times of suffering, and our sure hope in times of uncertainty, We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all who feel empty inside: that believers may reach out with new hope and meaning to those who are spiritually impoverished in our world.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those most susceptible to the Coronavirus, that God will protect them from illness and surround them with the peace of knowing that they are loved and cared for beyond measure,

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For ourselves: that in serving those in need, we, too may be bread for the world.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those that have died, that they be nourished by the Bread of life and will never again be hungry or thirsty.

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: Loving Father, hear the prayers of your people, 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, you are the Bread of Life. May we be always open to receiving you more fully into our lives.

In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.



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