



# 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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The Parish Office is currently closed to all visitors. Please call 9631 3316 for all enquiries. For emergencies please

### **SICK IN THE PARISH:**

Shanji ANTHONY	Angelo ALEXANDER	Aninth THURAIRATNAM
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Malia NIKO	Sarah MARLIN	Lylette MATHIEU
Edmond PAUL	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILE
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Cecilia FERRER	Anthony AL-HADDAD	Joseph MAC DERMID
Gabby ABBOUD	Aidan ALEXANDER	Ajith SEENOMPILLAI
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.*

### **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

### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

#### **Deceased**

Philomena GABRIEL(RIP),

Patrick BALLARD (RIP)

Dominic and Conception D'SOUZA (RIP),

Dolly, Susan and Joseph PAUL (RIP)

Frances AZZOPARDI (RIP)

Yvonne BANERJEE(RIP)

Cherry SING(RIP)

Reny MUSCAT(RIP)

#### **Special Intentions**

Anthony, Aidan and Angelo ALEXANDER

KOLAK Family

*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.*

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.

## **Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Today, Sunday 8th August is the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint.



## **Office**

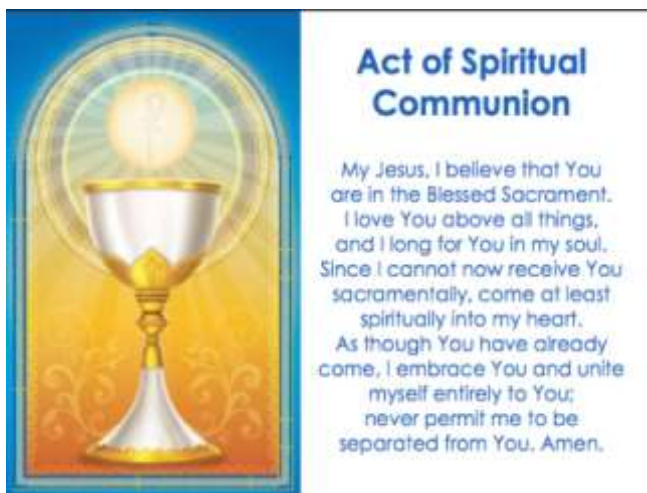
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## Homelessness week

This week is "Homelessness Week". In Australia there are over 116,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night. Homelessness Week aims to raise awareness of the impact of homelessness on Australia, including providing information on the importance of housing as a solution and educating communities on how they can make a difference. Ask the Federal Government to make an urgent investment in social housing for survivors of domestic violence: <https://everybodyshome.com.au/build-more-homes-for.../>

## **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



## **Vinnies Winter Appeal is online**

We can't hold our Winter Appeal at mass, but we still need your support. Please support us by donating here. [https://bit.ly/toonie\\_winter2021](https://bit.ly/toonie_winter2021)

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

"Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well" Matthew 6:25-34

The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God's kingdom. This calls all members of the Church to continual conversion from self-serving egoism to self-giving love and a willingness to "bear each other's burdens

(Gal 6:2). (Instrumentum Laboris #83)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://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, the second session will be on the 9th August at 7.30pm and is entitled 'Debunking the Myths around Palliative Care. Information and registration can be found at [parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/](http://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](http://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](http://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.

# ***Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Sunday 08 Aug 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 are the sacrifice that takes our sins away: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you have shown us the way of love: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the saviour of the world: 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, source of all goodness, who have shown us in Saint Mary a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross, teach us, we pray, by her example to live the Gospel in changing times and to respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land. 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.

**Amen**

## **First Reading**

***1 Kgs 17:7-16***

**A reading from the first book of Kings**

**The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.**

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 62:1-8*

**My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

**R:**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

**R:**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

**R:**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

**R:**

### **Second Reading**

*Col 3:12-17*

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

**Bear with one another, forgive each other.**

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**Mt 6:25-34**

### **Do not worry about your life.**

Jesus said to his disciples: I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **REFLECTION**

A "one hit wonder" from 1989 was the song by Bobby McFerrin, Don't Worry, Be Happy. It was a laid-back, a cappella song that still frequently appears in film and television soundtracks. In some ways, the song became the catchcry of a generation who were overwhelmed by the pace of change that was occurring in society, technology and the world in general. A glance at today's gospel may leave the reader thinking that Jesus, too, is basically saying to us, don't worry, be happy. But the message of Jesus is not as simplistic as that. Instead, he says to us, set your hearts on God's kingdom first and on following God's will for justice in the world and, then, don't worry, be happy. It is not the same throwing of one's hands into the air as the 1980's song. It is not an abandonment of responsibility. Jesus says to us, trust in God, work to bring about the kingdom in our lives and in our world and only then leave the rest to God.

This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today's gospel is, "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891) Surely this is a more energising and empowering motto for life than don't worry, be happy?

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Let us bring our prayers to God our Father, knowing that he hears even the unspoken yearnings hidden in our hearts .

For Pope Francis, bishops and all Church leaders, that God will give them the wisdom and courage they need as they lead the Church during this pandemic,

We pray.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

For all essential workers, that God will protect their health as they continually put themselves at risk in service to others

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 of us yearning for the Sacrament of the Eucharist during this time, that God may bless our hunger with an ever increasing devotion and love of Christ that compels us to share that love with others

We pray

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

St Mary of the Cross lived a life of giving. Help us to care for those who are poor in a world that has plenty.

We pray

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those 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:** Loving Father, help us to love you more than life itself. May your Holy Spirit of love, living within us, help us to celebrate your gift of life, 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, we thank you for all our gifts. May we be ready to help those who need aid and to fight for justice and equality. 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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