



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
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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.

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-

Bridget CASH



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 through our website or our Facebook page. You all are welcome to join.

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Deceased

Anthony VICTORIA

Cruz GOMEZ

Mr SURHARMIN

Magdalena BAJADA

Special Intentions

Mark DEADY

Although we as a Parish are unable to physically attend Mass at the moment, Fr Joby is saying Mass daily. All Mass

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.

Vale Bridget Cash

Sadly a little Leprechaun who was part of our Parish for over 50 years passed away on Saturday 14 August.

Brigid Cash, a native of Northern Ireland came to Australia in 1951 and soon took up residence in Ivy Street and then subsequently in Rudolf Road. After completing a full life in paid employment, Brigid then gave whatever time she could to the service of St Anthony's Church at Toongabbie. Along with her very good friend Molly Hope, Brigid was a most beloved Catechist at the Meadows Public School for many years. Brigid's children went to St Anthony's School and wherever possible Bridget was involved in School and Parish activities.



Naturally in the Liturgical Year, St Patricks Feast day was a great time of joy for Bridget, but many parishioners remember her smiling greetings at all times

Bridget commemoration of her life will be held on Wednesday 25 August at 1:30pm, The Mass will be lived streamed from St Andrew's Parish, Marayong <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/>

Father's Day



This Year Father's Day is on Sunday 5th September. In order to celebrate our fathers we will be doing the following:

1. Mass Intentions— We will compile a book with all the names of our fathers to be placed on the altar on Father's Day. If you would like to add your father's name to the book, email secretary@stanthonyschurch.org (Please indicate whether your father has passed). Donations for Father's Day Mass Intentions can be deposited directly to the Church Account

2. Father's Day Presentation— We will organise a presentation of our Toonie Dads to be livestreamed on Father's Day and put on our Facebook page. Please send a photo of your Dad to :

secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au. Please remember that this presentation is for our parish, and for the fathers of our parish.

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

Due to the COVID lockdown, the Clergy Support Foundation is postponing the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal in-Parish collection to a later date, when Churches will once again be open. Parramatta Catholic Foundation is assisting us with a mail and online appeal around the beginning of September. Your thoughtful gift to the Appeal will mean so much to our retired priests who have put the care of others before themselves. For more information on the Clergy Support Foundation's work or to make a kind donation today, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you, Clergy Support Foundation



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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Direct Deposit

BSB- 067 950

Account Number- 000586

Account Name- Toongabbie Catholic Church

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One

“The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.” John 6:60-69

Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ. (Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 5)

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

Contribution to 1st Collection while in lockdown

With the continued lockdown of our Church, you may wish to make an EFT contribution to support your Clergy, i.e. what you would normally place on the first collection. To do, please use the following details:

BSB 067950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference 6037 (followed by your name). This will enable us to credit your donation to your parish. Thank you for your contributions – they are much appreciated.

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



Mission: One Heart Many Voices Virtual Conference

The fifth biennial Mission: one heart many voices conference will be held online from 1 to 3 September, with an additional day with young people on 4 September. The conference, convened by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, directly identify and explore the challenges of living the Gospel and Leading Mission Now in Australia and globally. To view the program and to register, visit www.mohmv.com.au.

Vinnies Support Centres are still available to those in need

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

Building Safe Parishes Together



Our Church and Parish life exists within the wider community. This means that those staff and volunteers who minister within parishes also have a very real role and responsibility in meeting the challenges and expectations given to us by government and legislation. One example that we have been used to for many years is the 'Working With Children Check'.

The Diocese of Parramatta's Safeguarding Training has been designed in response to the Children's Guardian Act (2019) which was expanded to include religious organisations and volunteer workers. Safeguarding Training will help staff and volunteers understand their role and responsibility in ensuring the dignity and safety of all people is upheld.

The Training will help parishioners: build knowledge of Safeguarding Principles, develop skills in ensuring Child Safe Standards are embedded within our ministries, and support understanding of how to recognise and respond to incidents of 'reportable conduct'.

At the present time Safeguarding Modules can be presented online or via zoom presentations.

The Safeguarding Office has scheduled a series of dates for zoom training of the Mandatory Modules. The Zoom dates for Modules 1-3 are listed below:

- *Tuesday 21st September – Module 1: Introduction to Safeguarding - 9.30am to 10.30am
- * Tuesday 28th September – Module 2: Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct - 9.30am to 11.00am
- *Tuesday 5th October – Module 3: Safeguarding Adults at Risk - 9.30am to 11.00am

Once restrictions ease there will also be opportunities for face-to-face training.

Let your Parish Office know how you would like to participate in the training. If you would like to get started the Parish Office will help you register for the upcoming Zoom training or online modules.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sunday 22 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 have shown us how to love: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you call us to serve you: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of everlasting life: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, through the grace of God may we overcome all our difficulties which prevent us from being your faithful servants. We make this prayer through our Risen Lord Jesus. God on high your son Jesus inspired Peter to be a rock of faith for the Church. Increase our faith in you. When we are unsure of the right path give us strength to follow in your way. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

R:

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal.

R:

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

R:

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken.

R:

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

R:

Second Reading

Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

For the last few weeks we have heard a number of readings from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John focusing on the teaching of Jesus that he is the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. This reading is the last in the sequence and shows the reaction to Jesus' teaching. What Jesus has been saying in this discourse is incredibly confronting to his Jewish audience. Jesus asserts that he has come down from heaven – from the Father – and that through knowing him one can know the Father. Jews were the first people to have a concept of one God. This belief did not allow for any spouse or child of God, nor any personal manifestation. They struggled with what Jesus was saying because his claim to have come down from heaven could be seen as blasphemous. No wonder many of them walked away from Jesus and wanted nothing more to do with him!

Jesus gives an interesting response to them. He tells them that it is the spirit that is important, not his human flesh, and that the spirit is what he has been sharing with them through his words and actions. He is trying to say to these faithful Jews, don't be hung up about the fact that I'm here in person, listen to my message as you've never heard it before. It is an interesting thought for our modern audience as well. How often do we fail to hear the message of Jesus because we are dismissive of the way in which it comes to us; the messenger; or the circumstances in which we hear it? The message is all the more confronting when it comes from an unlikely (or even un-likable) source. The message of Jesus is to be found in our everyday encounters with everyday people.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, God is the source of all life. Let us bring our needs before the God of all.

For Pope Francis, our Bishops, and all those who minister in the Church. That they may guide the Church with wisdom and holiness through the works of Faith, hope and charity.

We pray:

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 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 young people as they look to the future: that they may see how they can play their part in building God's new world.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are sick and those who care for them: that the Lord may give them healing and hope.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have died, may they experience the treasures of the kingdom of heaven.

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 most holy, in Jesus you have revealed the depths of your love for us. Hear these prayers that we may follow your message of eternal life. We make this prayer 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, may we find strength in our faith, as you lead us to eternal life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



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