



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 call Fr Joby on 9631 6420.

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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-



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

George and Matthew DANIEL

Philo MEENA

Mary Colletta SAVERIMUTHU

Alan CORDEIRO

Maria CARLINO

Edgee LE CLERC

Margaret ROBINS

Cherry SING

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.

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.

Social Justice Sunday

The 29th of August is Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. For more information please contact ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology & Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or (02) 6201 9845."

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.au (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.

Can't donate food to Vinnies & JRS, but still want to?



Due to lockdown, the parish is unable to accept food donations and new blankets for Vinnies and the Jesuit Refugee Service. However, these services are in serious need of your regular generous assistance, so please consider donating the usual amount of money you might spend on food donations, directly to the charities instead:

Vinnies: https://bit.ly/toonie_winter2021 (13 18 12)

JRS :<https://aus.jrs.net/en/donate/> (9356 3888)

Thank you for your selfless generosity!

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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Account Name- Toongabbie Catholic Church

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One

"This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me." Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey? (Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013)

Caring for the Health & Wellbeing of our Retired Priests

The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, traditionally held on Father's Day, raises much needed funds for the Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work supporting retired clergy and those in ill health. Due to the current lockdown, the Appeal will be held via mail and online. Your thoughtful donation will mean so much to those who have put the care of others before themselves. Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal



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.

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 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>

Donate to Caritas' Emergency Response Appeal for Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. Donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal by visiting www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll-free.

Caritas Australia responds to humanitarian crises in Afghanistan and Lebanon

In Afghanistan, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection. In Lebanon, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Please donate to Caritas Australia respond to crises like these by visiting caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much needed support.

HOME Ground Fertility Awareness Zoom Session: 7 and 14 September

Are you looking for a new method of family planning that will empower you to understand how your body works? Join a private Zoom event at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 September as part of our HOME ground initiative. This session, which will be repeated on 14 September, will cover The Sympto-Thermal Method, and hear from couples that are using it. To register, Please contact Catherine Bourne at catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.



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 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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 29 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 the way of love and service: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you call us to worship you with pure hearts: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, the just will live in your presence: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, guide us to the path of holiness, so that our words may be matched by our loving deeds. We make this prayer through our Risen Lord Jesus. God, our Father Jesus gave his life for us and showed us the pathway to heaven. Help us to give all we have and, in the footsteps of the cross, follow Jesus every day. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart.

R:

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

R:

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

R:

Second Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoil religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the

washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them – somewhat forcefully – that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. It is a criticism of them that the gospel writers attribute to Jesus quite frequently. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not abide those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims. His chastisement of the Pharisees – calling them hypocrites – was a challenge to their observation of external practices and rituals instead of seeking to understand the Torah as a call to a change of heart. Jesus points out that no amount of ritual cleansing will make a person clean within. Similarly, evil and uncleanliness come from within a person – one doesn't 'catch it' from contact with strangers.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Let us bring our prayers to the God of all creation and accompany in prayer all those who most need God's mercy and healing .

For the church: That the Body of Christ listens attentively and responds with transformative practical action to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For our church and civic leaders: That all leaders respect and partner with the lived wisdom of First Nations people in actively caring for country and nurturing healthy, integrated communities.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For environmentally degraded parts of the earth, and for those living in poverty: That government, business, and community policies and practices at the local, national, and international level honour, reflect and protect the sacredness of all places, creatures, and people.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all of us here: That we be trustworthy stewards, active protectors, and reverent carers of our earth and her people through conscious and just living

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the sick, that they may experience God's healing power in body, mind, and spirit, and be surrounded by the love and support of others, we pray to the Lord.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all those who have died: may they experience for all eternity the fulfilment of the Good News in the eternal kingdom of God.

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 of the universe, you are the living Word, planted deep in our hearts. Grant us the wisdom, courage, and commitment to love and care for your magnificent world of never-ending wonders. Direct our ideas, discernment, and action so that all can fulfil their sacred promise and purpose, according to your law. 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, open our hearts, that they may be cleansed. 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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