



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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Deceased

Rose VELLA

William LAYSON

Mary BUGEJA

Dolly, Susan and Joseph PAUL

Frances AZZOPARDI

Douglas and Phyllis TURNER

Roque MENDES

Vetti Mary THURAM

Special Intentions

Rocky CHUA CHAN

Chua SY SIU ENG

Angelo, Aidan and Anthony ALEXANDER

Carmen SCIBBERAS

SALIBA 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.

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

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Shanji ANTHONY	Angelo ALEXANDER	Aninth THURAIRATNAM
Gail GREENHILL	Fay ROBERTS	Kate MORTIMER
Malia NIKO	Sarah MARLIN	Lylotte MATHIEU
Edmond PAUL	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILE
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Gabby ABOUD	Aidan ALEXANDER	Ajith SEENOMPILLAI
Vicki CARAUANA	Patricia O'CONNOR	
Ranjit CHELLAPPA	Angelo VELLA	

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.

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.**

Safeguarding Sunday: 12 September

The Parish of St Anthony of Padua, Toongabbie and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

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!

Altera Refugee and Asylum Seeker Advocacy Group Meeting

The next meeting of our parish's 'Altera' Group is via Zoom at 7 pm on 14th September. The Altera Group (Latin for 'the other' or 'another') is our parish's refugee and asylum seeker advocacy focusing on awareness, advocacy, and assistance; walking with each other, founded on or relationship with God. All are welcome to attend our next meeting to review, discuss, and share ways that we can meet of those in our community who seek refuge in our local area. You may see some familiar faces. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend or have any questions: 9631 3316, secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au.

HSC Prayer Intentions

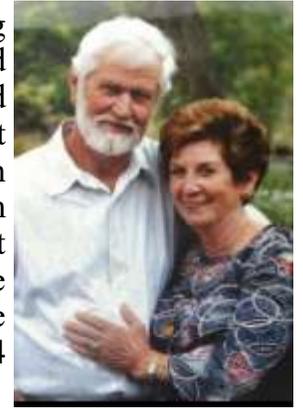


We are compiling a list of HSC students which we will print in the bulletin for the duration of the HSC so that we can pray for them. If you know someone who is studying the HSC this year and would like to add them to our list please email their names to :

secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Congratulations

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary to Alf and Carmen Lette. Alf and Carmen were married at St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie on the 10th September 1966. They built their life here in Toongabbie with their 8 children and are blessed to have 14 grandchildren.



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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Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' Mark 8:27-35

There can be no shortcuts, no bypassing the cross or the tomb, to encounter the resurrection. For new life and new hope to emerge, we need to acknowledge that we are a broken, hurt and traumatised Church... by standing in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised. (Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18)

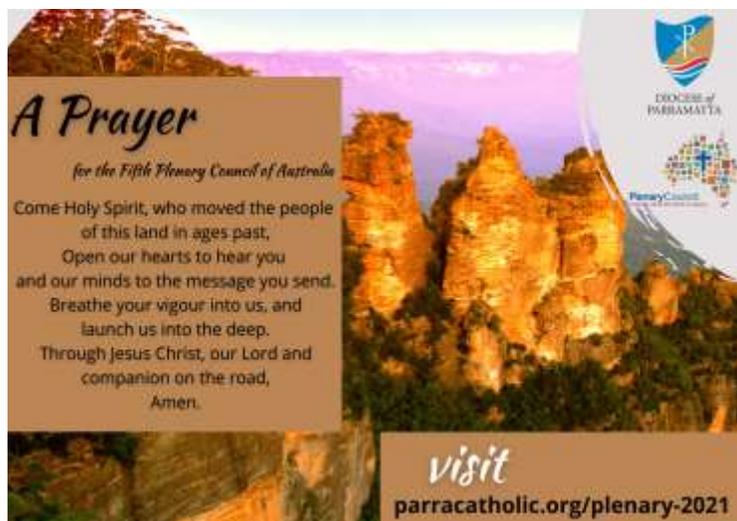
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

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Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the Clergy Support Foundation can continue to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well. Donations for the Father's Day Appeal can be made at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482

Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.



Sign the petition to welcome 20,000 refugees fleeing Afghanistan

In a sign of unity, major Australian church denominations and Christian organisations have come together to urge the Prime Minister to provide a special intake of an additional 20,000 refugees fleeing Afghanistan and support the ongoing wellbeing of all Afghan refugees and their families. For more information and to sign the petition go to:

www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=dioceseparramatta

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Online Discernment Retreat: 25 September

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting single women aged 18-35 to an online discernment retreat on Saturday 25 September from 4pm. The retreat will include a reflection and talk, a Q&A session and Evening Prayer. If you would like to participate in the Zoom meeting, or for more information, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsfn@gmail.com

Campion College Virtual Open Day: 28 September

Campion College, Australia's leading liberal arts college based in Toongabbie are holding a virtual open day on Tuesday 28 September from 10am to 5pm. This is the perfect opportunity for prospective students to find out more about the College and their liberal arts degree. For more information, and to register, please visit <https://www.campion.edu.au/virtual-open-day/>

Volunteer in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

Update from the Community Engagement and Education Officer on: Safeguarding Sunday

The Australian Catholic Bishops conference has designated the second Sunday in September each year as Safeguarding Sunday. This Sunday falls at the end of Child Protection Week.

Today is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the Diocese of Parramatta's Commitment to Safeguarding:

*We are committed to being a community of Safeguarding

*We will have zero tolerance to abuse of any form

*We are committed to ensuring children and vulnerable adults under our care are safe, protected and enabled to flourish.

And I am excited to confirm that parishes around the diocese are demonstrating this commitment in volumes! Our September dates for zoom sessions are close to full. The October sessions are filling fast. Many others are inquiring about and registering for the online Modules. Others are looking forward to restrictions easing and the opportunity for face-to-face training within their parish. In recent weeks I have had wonderful conversations with priests, parish managers and parish volunteers who are all so committed to their parish ministry and to this training. I am grateful and energized by each one of these conversations.

In gratitude for the work, you do in your parish I would like to offer this prayer for you on this Safeguarding Sunday.

Let us pray for our parish communities as they seek to follow the example of Christ and the teachings of his Church: that we will be strengthened in our commitment to ensure that policies and procedures are implemented to protect children, young people and the vulnerable in our society.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 12 September 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 built your Church on a firm foundation: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, your love is eternal: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Christ, the son of the living God: 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

God of mercy you give pardon and peace to sinners for your love knows no bounds. Give us hearts that remember your mercy. May we always be ready to forgive others when they do wrong. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Is 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

R:

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me!

R:

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.

R:

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

R:

Second Reading

Jas 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him,

‘You are the Christ.’ And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, ‘Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

‘But you, who do you say I am?’ This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you’ve never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, ‘Who do you say I am?’ It’s confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It’s confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. ‘Who do you say I am?’ You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn’t ask ‘Who do you say I was?’; it asks, ‘Who do you say I AM?’ The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: ‘Who do YOU say I am?’

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Conscious that the life and death of each person is precious in the eyes of the Lord, let us place our prayers before God who is kind and merciful, and rich in compassion.

For Church leaders, especially Pope Francis, Bishop Vincent, Leaders of Religious Congregations, lay leaders of Church organisations and all entrusted with ministry and pastoral care in the Church: that they will continue to help build stronger faith communities that will promote the safety of children and adults at risk.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For our community as it seeks to follow the example of Christ and the teachings of his Church: that we will work to ensure that policies and procedures are implemented to protect children, young people and the vulnerable in our society.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For families: that they may grow stronger and more resilient in their love and care for one another so that children are raised in safe and nurturing environments.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For children in our parishes: that we may all work collaboratively to ensure the happiness and confidence of every child, and foster an environment of safety and protection where children flourish.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those whose lives have been traumatised through abuse: that they may find the courage to share their story and to find lasting peace and healing. We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all those who have died in Christ: that they will have eternal life

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: Gracious and loving God, source of all truth, justice and healing, we implore you to hear the prayers we offer and to look favourably on the pleas of your people. 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, help us to follow your call and to be faithful disciples. 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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