



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

William "Biya" UY

Dolly, Susan and Joseph PAUL

Frances AZZOPARDI

Elizabeth and Joseph FONSECA

Esperance MENDES

Patrick BALLARD

Special Intentions

Anthony, Aidan and Angelo ALEXANDER

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

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Shanji ANTHONY	Angelo ALEXANDER	Aninth THURAIRATNAM
Gail GREENHILL	Fay ROBERTS	Kate MORTIMER
Malia NIKO	Sarah MARLIN	Lyllette MATHIEU
Edmond PAUL	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILE
Maria VELLA	Carole O'HARA	John GAUCI
Joan WRIGHT	Tanya AMBROSE	Joan HIGGINS
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Gabby ABOUD	Aidan ALEXANDER	Ajith SEENOMPILLAI
Vicki CARAUANA	Patricia O'CONNOR	Emma Noney
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.

Information regarding the Reopening of the Church

After much reflection Bishop Vincent has decided that the Churches within the Diocese of Parramatta will reopen once NSW reaches 80% vaccination rates. When that target is reached the Churches will open to both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Once a date has been finalised by the NSW Government as to when 80% fully vaccinated has been achieved an advice to reopen will come from the Chancery.

Virtual Coffee

Due to the success of Virtual Coffee, it will continue during October. Please join other parishioners for an informal chat in a Zoom "Virtual Coffee" after mass on Sunday.



Feel free to join for five minutes or half an hour. It will be great to say hello.

Follow the link below to join.

<https://bit.ly/toonimorningtea>

Meeting ID: 817 7054 1446
Passcode: Sunday

HSC Prayer List

The HSC exams begin on the 9th November. Please remember the students as they sit these exams, especially those students from our Parish and those students listed below:

Regan Soballa
Hannah Hamilton
Charlie Horner
Maddy Ross
Gina Ivan
Tian Peris
Louie Bazouni



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.

November Mass Intentions

November is the month dedicated to all our deceased. Each year we compile a book of deceased loved ones who we pray for during the month of November. If you would like to add your loved ones names to the book of the deceased please contact Luisa at secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au. Donations can be deposited directly to the following account:

Direct Deposit

BSB- 067 950

Account Number- 000586

Account Name- Toongabbie Catholic Church

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.

FOR WE CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

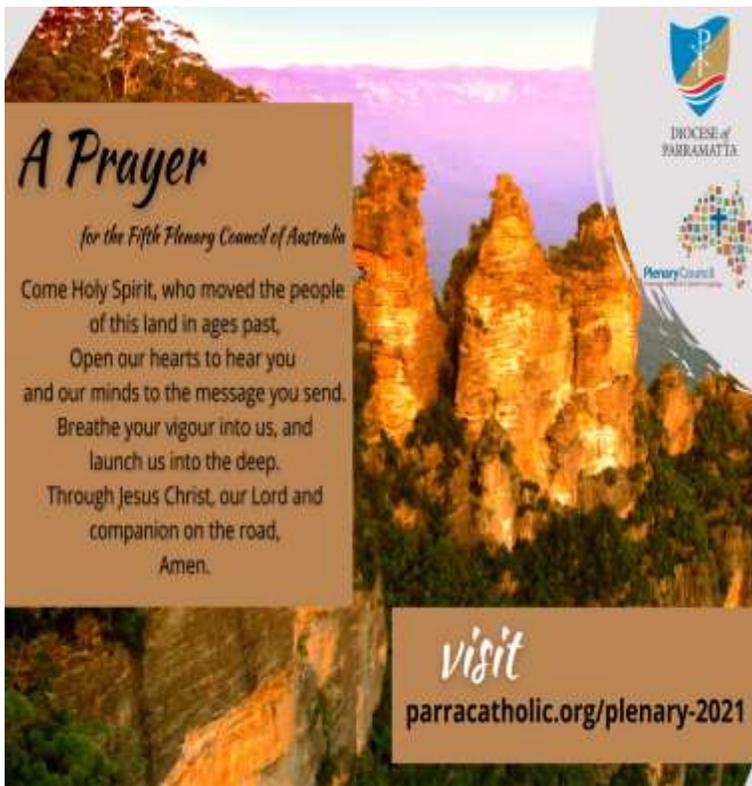
Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand





Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Enrichment Weekend: 22 – 24 October

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is hosting a virtual Marriage Enrichment Weekend on 22 to 24 October via Zoom. Open to married couples, priests and religious, this is an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Caring for the Earth Retreat: 29 – 31 October

You are invited to attend a Caring for the Earth retreat at the Guntawang Environmental Bush Retreat in Oakdale, NSW, from 7pm Friday 29 October to 2pm Sunday 31 October. The retreat, ‘Quantum Spirit in Creation’ will explore the ecological approach, called for by Pope Francis, to transform our way of living in the world. The retreat is \$95 for adults. For a camp brochure or enquiries, visit www.guntawang.org.au or contact Br Frank Richardson fms on 0429 595 231 or antiphon1@gmail.com

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 13 – 14 November 2021

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 13 – 14 November. If COVID restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, it will be held via Zoom. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Catholic Outlook book giveaway

You have a chance to win one of three copies of “Opening Doors: A Seeker’s Reflections on the Rooms of Christian Living” by Kevin Treston. ‘Opening Doors’ has been described ‘an easy read that asks hard questions’, designed to help us create a better life and a better world. Entries are now open until Monday 11 October. Enter today via catholicoutlook.org and fill out the form under ‘Book Giveaway’

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 about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 10 October 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 summon all to follow you: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the promise of eternal life: 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

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, through God's grace may we answer your call with open hearts, and follow wherever you lead us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. God our Father, you open the doors and welcome all to your feast of love. May we ready and worthy when you call our names. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants.

R:

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.

R:

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

R:

Second Reading

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 10:17-30

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said

to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfil all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood – a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him' – he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man's life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn't necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man's inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He's sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.

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 the bishops, priests and leaders in the Church: that they may foster love in the Church, that the Church may inspire the world.

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 the sick in our parish, in our community and in our families: that the Lord may send his healing power to restore their health.

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 all the faithful, that they may be inspired by Christ's example to be agents of love and service to those in need during this pandemic,

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.

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, hear all these our prayers, and what we ask in faith may you grant through your Son, Jesus 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 make wise choices that place God at the centre of 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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