



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	Emma Noney
Ranjit CHELLAPPA	Angelo VELLA	

Please advise the office if you know of anyone on the sick list whose name could be removed.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Deceased

William "Biya" UY

Alessandro, Maria and Nina CIACCIA

Claude MACLOU

Special Intentions

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.

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.

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

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.

Reopening of the Church

As previously discussed it was agreed that the Churches would reopen once the state reached 80% double dosed vaccinations. It seems that this target should be reached over the next few days. Therefore St Anthony of Padua will re open on Tuesday 19th October and there will be Mass and Novena that evening at 7pm. Morning Masses will return from Wednesday 19th October at 9.30am. Weekend Masses will return as at Saturday 23rd October. Weekend Masses will be Saturday Vigil at 5.30pm and Sunday Morning at 8am and 10am. The Church must adhere to the 4 squared meter rule and therefore there will be a maximum of 100 people allowed in the Church per Mass. No bookings will be taken, so please arrive early to guarantee a spot. Parishioners are required to wear a mask and sign in to the Church. We thank you for your support and patience during this time and can't wait to see you again. Livestreaming will continue at this time.

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

Working Bee

The next monthly working bee will be on the 13th of November from 8am to 9.30am. If you can spare some time, please come down with your gardening tools, brooms and gloves and help to keep our Church looking lovely.



For We CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:29

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Chural*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

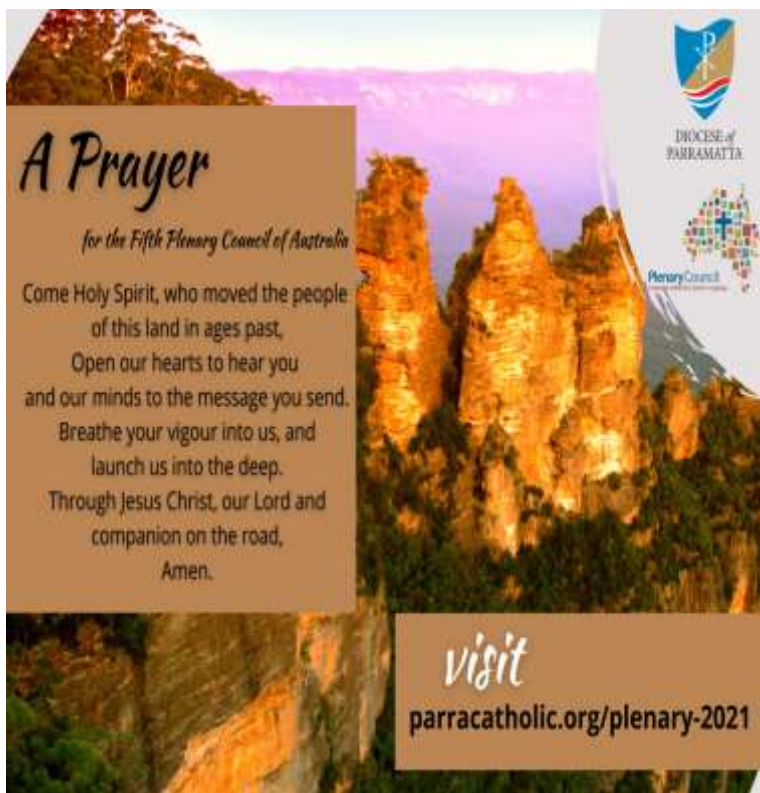
Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



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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.

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

La Valette Social Centre

La Valette Social Centre in Blacktown, NSW is to again open to the public on Thursdays and Saturdays from 14th October 2021. Those attending will need to provide proof of having been given a double dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, or having an official exemption. For the moment, mass will not be said at the chapel, but on Thursdays the rosary will be recited from 10:15 onwards. For further details, look up the La Valette page on

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.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 17 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 came to serve: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you suffered for our sake: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you show us mercy and love: 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.

God most holy you are the Lord of all. We are made in your likeness and your name is written on our hearts. Guide us in your ways and make our faith strong. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Is 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

R:

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

R:

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

R:

Second Reading

Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their

great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

James and John are effectively calling 'shotgun' on the best seats at the table! When they ask to sit at the left and right hand of Jesus, they are asking Jesus to name them as his deputies. They're looking to secure for themselves positions of power and authority. The only problem is that they have a completely messed up idea of what it means for Jesus to enter into his glory. For several weeks now, we have been exploring a theme from the Gospel of Mark that follows a physical journey towards Jerusalem as well as a symbolic and theological journey towards what is going to occur in Jerusalem – Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Throughout this journey, Jesus has been trying to prepare the disciples for what is to come and educate them about what it really means to be a disciple of his. Three times Jesus tells the disciples explicitly what lies ahead. Each time the disciples fail to grasp what Jesus tells them. Despite occasional glimpses of insight, the disciples still believe that Jesus is going to rise up as a political or military figure. In a complete dismissal of this sort of thinking, Jesus declares quite forcefully that leadership of this sort is not what he intends for himself, nor for those who follow him.

Leadership in the Jesus model is about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don't demand it; they don't bully; they don't play power games. People simply want to follow their example.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: We come before God the Father in faith and hope, asking him to listen to our needs and those of our suffering world

For our Pope: may the Lord strengthen him in his mission of service to those most in need of love. May its openness and compassion be an encouragement to all Christians.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For our world: may we continue to develop the bonds that strengthen us as we strive for peace and justice for all.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For our Faith community, remembering that each one of us has been blessed in Christ. We ask that this truth finds expression in our love for, and care of, one another.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are sick and suffering in any way: may they experience the care of Christ in the support and love they receive from those who care for them.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all those who have died: may they find rest in God's peace, and joy in the promise of 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: Father, as your adopted children we confidently place our needs and the needs of our world before you. In your love grant us what we need 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 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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