



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

Monday and Wednesday 9am-3pm

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm

St Anthony's School

School Principal:

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Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 9.00am 10.00am

Tuesday 7.00pm

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9.30am

As of 18 October-

Maximum 100 Worshippers per Mass

Bookings no longer necessary for weekend

Masses but you must give contact details

before entering and adhere to social dis-

tancing rules. Masks are mandatory

Baptisms & Weddings:

By arrangement.

Ring parish office for more information

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.45pm to 5.15pm or by arrangement

Rosary

Week days 9.10am

Exposition

Friday 10am to 10.30am
(special intention for Vocations)

Novena

Tuesday - after 7pm Mass to
St Anthony

Prayer Groups:

Christ the King

Tamil - Friday, 7.30pm in the Marian room

Legion of Mary - Weekly Meetings:

Monday 6.45pm Marian Room

(Ben 9863 1723)

Tuesday 10am St Enda's room

(Peter: 0417 613 737)

Mass Roster

	This Week 30/31 October			Next Week 6/7 November		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Acolyte/ Senior Server	F Le Clerc	E Opena	A Winton	C Bourne	T Dalmati	K Steele
Commentator	V Adams	M Palmer	G Touma	N Nakhoul	C Molloy	G Cosio
Reader 1	C Laurie	C Worthington	D Touma	E Opena	S Benjamin	S Cullen
Reader 2	C Laurie	C Worthington	C Pereira	E Opena	S Benjamin	B Ryan
Data Projectionist	L Soballa	J Kennedy	L Touma	K Soballa	A Lette	M Brazell
Junior Server	A	C	E	B	D	F
Children's Liturgy						

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Malia NIKO	Fay ROBERTS	Anith THURAIRATNAM
Edmond PAUL	Sarah MARLIN	Angelo ALEXANDER
Maria VELLA	Leina MARCUS	Aidan ALEXANDER
Joan WRIGHT	Carole O'HARA	Adrian NOCEVSKI
Mary CAUCHI	John GAUCI	Tanya AMBROSE
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Ranjit CHELLAPPA	Patricia O'CONNOR	Kate MORTIMER
Shanji ANTHONY	Joseph MAC DERMID	
Ajith SEENOMPILLAI		

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

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

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-

Fr Renato PARAS



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	Katerina Pegios
Hannah Hamilton	Emma Dunbar
Charlie Horner	Daniel Murphy
Maddy Ross	Hannah Berman
Gina Ivan	Olivia Jones
Tiann Petriana Peiris	Louie Bazouni
Zac Palmer	Kevin Kandiah
Calvin Kandiah	



HSC Blessing

All students studying for their HSC exams are welcome to Masses on the 30th/31st October. There will be a special HSC blessing at all Masses this weekend.

Working Bee

The 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.



Creative Arts Group

The Creative Arts Group will be returning on Friday 5th November in the Hall at 10am. We will be following COVID Guidelines and ask that only those who are double vaccinated attend. Please contact Vicki 0414 671 514, Jane 9688 1682 or Helen 9631 7241 if there are any questions.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (NSW), will begin to be debated in NSW Parliament as early as 12 November 2021. The Diocese of Parramatta and Bishop Vincent have issued a flyer addressing the concerns in regards to this bill. Copies of the flyer are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one.

Rosters

Hard copies of the Reader, Acolyte, Junior server and projectionist rosters are now available in the work sacristy.

All Saints Day

There will be Mass on Monday 1st of November at 9.30am to celebrate All Saints Day



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 Remembrance there are envelopes available on the offertory table. Please place envelopes in the box provided. Alternatively, you can email secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au.

All Souls Day

Masses for All Soul's Day will be held at 9.30am and 7pm on Tuesday 2nd November. The 7pm Mass and Novena will be live streamed on Facebook and our website.

Mass for the Deceased

It has been our tradition during November to hold a special Mass for those loved ones who have died in the last twelve months. We will be having this Mass on Friday 5th November at 7.30pm. If you would like to light a candle in memory of your loved one who has died this past year, either contact the Parish office or let Bill Ryan know.

Vinnies—One in the Basket

Now that we are out of Lockdown we need to restock our food cupboard. At the moment we are short of everything, so all donations of non-perishable food are welcome.

Vinnies Support Centres are 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 or visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

Office for Safeguarding of online training

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 October and November. If you are interested or have any questions please email : safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Synod of Bishops

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Sign the petition to welcome 20,000 refugees

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 visit www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=dioceseparramatta

Donate to Caritas' Emergency Response Appeal

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of 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.

Positions Vacant:

Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta. Go to: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

Divine Retreat Centre One Day Malayalam Retreat: 6 November

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a one-day Malayalam pilgrimage from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 6 November. All retreats are held with NSW COVID-Safe compliance and masks are mandatory. Bookings are required . Please call (02) 4372 1598 or email drcretreatrego@gmail.com .Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

Divine Retreat Centre Divine Youth Ministry: 6 November

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a divine youth ministry program for young adults aged 18+ from 5.30pm to 9pm on Saturday 6 November. All retreats are held with NSW COVID-Safe compliance and masks are mandatory. Bookings are required. Please email drcretreatrego@gmail.com .Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

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/

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 31st 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

Lord Jesus, you are our strength and our help. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you have given us your commandments of love. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us at the right hand of the Father. 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.

O God, you welcome the sinner who seeks your mercy and forgiveness. Make our faith strong and guide us so that we may do what is right and good. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

R:

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed.

R:

Second Reading

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no

other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength – is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment – ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself.’ The scribe agrees with Jesus’ teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practised in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbour are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice – the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims – that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be ‘not far from the kingdom of God.’

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: “ God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.....not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved,” And so it is with great assurance that we bring the world’s needs to the Lord.

For the whole Church, for all who bear the name of Christian: that the world will know who we are by the love that we show.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the nations of the earth: that all peoples may learn to live together in peace and love each other as sisters and brothers.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who find it hard to love or to look beyond their own needs: that their hearts may be melted by a genuine experience of human and divine love.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have not known much love in their lives, or who have been let down by those they love: that their wounds may be healed and their self confidence renewed.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have died: that they may be brought to the fullness of God's love.

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 our Father, your love is the bedrock of all that we are and all that we aspire to be. Hear our prayers and help us to grow in that love, through your Son, 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, grant us the courage, to live by your commandments, to love others as you love us. 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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