

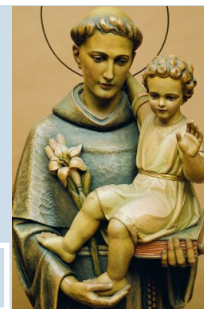


St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

31st March 2024

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: Patricia Reilly
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Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil
Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am
Tuesday 7.00pm
Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9.30am

Malayalam Mass 5pm every 4th Sunday

Baptisms & Weddings:

By arrangement.
Ring parish office for more information

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.45pm to 5.15pm or by arrangement

Rosary:

Wednesday to Saturday – 9am

Exposition

Friday 10am to 11am

Mass & Novena to St Anthony

Tuesday -7pm

Legion of Mary - Weekly Meetings

Monday 6.45pm Marian Room
(Ben: 0407 223 879)

Tuesday 11am St Enda's Room
(Marie: 0457 126 044)

If you wish to Support the parish Via Direct Deposit:

BSB - 067 950
Account Number - 0000 0586
AC Name -Toongabbie Catholic Church

MASS ROSTER	This Week 30th/31st March 2024			Next Week 06th/07th April 2024		
	7.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	F. Le Clerc	M. Maclou	K. Steele	C. Bourne	E. Opena	F. Rodrigues
Commentator	B. Ryan	C. Molloy	S. Cullen	P. Reid	C. Molloy	S. Cullen
Reader 1	N/A	C. Bugeja	E. Chand	V. Adams	S. Benjamin	B. Ryan
Reader 2	J. Buttigieg	I. Fernandes	C. Pereira	C. Laurie	E. Pasikale	P. Lim
Old Testament Readers	G. Brazell, P. Reid O. Saldanha, M. Hili	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Data Projectionist	Mary	Judy	Sofie	Liesel	Judy	Mary
Junior Server				A	C	F

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Edmond PAUL	Fay ROBERTS	Anith THURAIRATNAM	Molly GRIFFITHS	Dennis KUNDER
Maria VELLA	Sarah MARLIN	Angelo ALEXANDER	Alan LUMLEY	Kate MORTIMER
Joan WRIGHT	Peter RANEE	Aidan ALEXANDER	Maureen HANVEY	Ajith SEENOMPILLAI
Shanji ANTHONY	Carole O'HARA	Adrian NOCEVSKI	Rosa DI CRISTOFORO	Ranjit CHELLAPPA
Cecilia FERRER	John GAUCI	Tanya AMBROSE	Sue BARCLAY	Diosdado ROQUE
Gabby ABOUD	Joan HIGGINS	Simon SHERVILLE	Joseph MAC DERMID	Malek BECHARA
Lyllette MATHIEU	Emma NONEY	Anthony AL_HADDAD	Lesley MYERS	Gayda HERNANDEZ

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

Acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of this land

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist together, we acknowledge the Darug Nation, the Indigenous Custodians of the land on which our Parish is situated. We pay our respects to their elders, past and present.

Recently Deceased - Mr Alexander (Alex) Grech passed away on the 23rd of March and his funeral will take place here at St Anthony's on the 03rd of April at 10.30am followed by burial at Pine Grove Cemetery at 12.30pm. In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Alexander Grech and remember his family in your prayers.



Happy & Blessed Easter from the Parish office - Parish Office will be closed on the 1st of April for the Easter long weekend. If you have an emergency during this time please contact Fr. Joby on 02 9631 6420



Legion of Mary - Members of our parish's Legion of Mary visit the sick and the housebound and also takes Communion to them. If you know of anyone who would like a visit please contact the parish office.



Rosary in the Home - If you would like to have the statue of our Lady in your home for a week to pray the rosary with members of our parish, please contact the parish office.



Project compassion - Please return your donations to the parish office on or by the 7th April.



Easter | Autumn 2024 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now! Pick up your free copy or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine at the entrances to the Church.

Synod 2023 Update: Decree issued and Development of Diocesan Plan Begins - In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod

Free Online Formation on Synodal Spirituality - Dive into 'Synodal Spirituality' with this FREE online short formation course, taught by Sr Patty Andrew OSU. Part of the FaithLIFE series hosted by the Mission Enhancement Team, the course offers an exploration of communal discernment, active engagement, and creative faith responses to challenges in the mission of the Church today. Enrol now and take part in Pope Francis's vision for a synodal Church: <https://pfparra.thinkific.com/courses/synodal-spirituality/>

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities -

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, for Modules 4 and 5. More training opportunities will be available throughout May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training> For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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

MET FaithLIFE Theology Short Course: from 16 April



Considering learning about theology? Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith? Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Dr John Collins on Tuesdays 16 + 23 + 30 April! Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 21 April Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday 21 April for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on csfn.cristina@gmail.com

NEW Diocesan website - The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features. Check it out today!

REFLECTION

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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FIRST READING ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

Response : This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:

he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'



So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sacraments at St Anthony of Padua

The dates for the Sacramental Programs (Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation) are up on the notice boards.

Attendance at enquiry evenings for each sacrament are mandatory. Any questions, please email Erick Opena at thesacraments@stanthonyschurch.org.au.

Exploring Music for the Solemnities following Easter:

30 April and 2 May. All are invited to the next music workshop organised by the Office for Worship and presented by Eric Grella. This workshop is perfect for all parish musicians and also for anyone who wishes to learn more about music for the Solemnities after Easter. As there has been a large interest in these workshops there will be 2 locations!!

30 April at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm 2 May at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith from 7pm RSVP by 28 April

to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024 - Getting

married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email marriage@parracatholic.org or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Free English and Citizenship Classes - Catholic Care

Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

Get your feed on the Soul Food Podcast - Do you find

life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food



St Anthony's Padua Parish THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM Mass times 2024

Thursday 28/03/24	Thursday of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm
Friday 29/03/24	Stations of the Cross	10.00am
	Friday of the Passion of the Lord	3.00pm
Saturday 30/03/24	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	7.00pm
Sunday 31/03/24	Easter Sunday of the resurrection of the Lord	8.00am
		10.00am

Kids Corner



Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalm 117
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Speak, Lord

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Year B — Easter Sunday

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A VERY SPECIAL DAY EASTER SUNDAY

1. One of the disciples who saw the empty tomb.

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2. We remember this special day every _____.

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3. Easter is when Jesus _____ from the dead.

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4. All this happened on the _____ day of the week.

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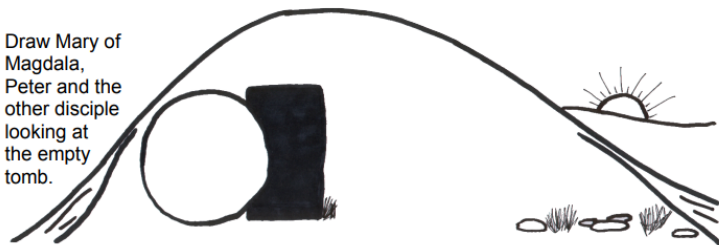
5. The tomb was covered by a big round _____.

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6. _____ of Magdala was the first person to see the empty tomb.

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Draw Mary of
Magdala,
Peter and the
other disciple
looking at
the empty
tomb.



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Sunday Gospel Activities

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Christ
Has Died,
**CHRIST IS
RISEN,**
Christ will
Come Again.

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