



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

9:00—3:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

9:00—4:00pm

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

Communion Service:

Tues 9.30am

As of 1st January-

There is a maximum of 100 people allowed at Mass. Bookings are no longer necessary for weekend Masses but you must give contact details before entering and adhere to social distancing rules. Masks are mandatory, you are not allowed in Church without a mask

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, 8.00pm in the Marian room (Tarcisius 0423699146)

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 23/24 January			Next Week 30/31 January		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Acolyte/ Senior Server	F Leclerc	T Dalmati	AM	C Bourne	M Maclou	K Steele
Commentator	Youth	S Benjamin	B Ryan	M D'Souza	E Pasikale	J Thomas
Reader 1	Youth	C Worthington	F Rodrigues	A Yogarajah	H Menezes	T Jose
Reader 2	Youth	C Molloy	P Comia	V Adams	C Bugeja	J Basco
Data Projectionist	L Soballa	J Kennedy	Sofie	K Soballa	A Lette	L Touma
Junior Server	A	C	G	B	D	E
Children's Liturgy						

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Shanji ANTHONY	Angelo ALEXANDER	Aninth THURAIRATNAM
Gail GREENHILL	Fay ROBERTS	Kate MORTIMER
Malia NIKO	Sarah MARLIN	Lylette MATHIEU
Sheila ASHBY	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILE
Maria VELLA	Carole O'HARA	Gerald O'CONNOR
Joan WRIGHT	Tanya AMBROSE	Ranjit CHELLAPPA
Mary CAUCHI	Carmel FERGUSON	Adrian NOCEVSKI
Cecilia FERRER	Anthony AL-HADDAD	Joseph MAC DERMID
Gabby ABBODD	Aidan ALEXANDER	

ROSARY IN THE HOME

Rosary in the home has been suspended. Please continue to pray the rosary within your own house.

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-
Michelle Makin
Faye Roach



COVID Update

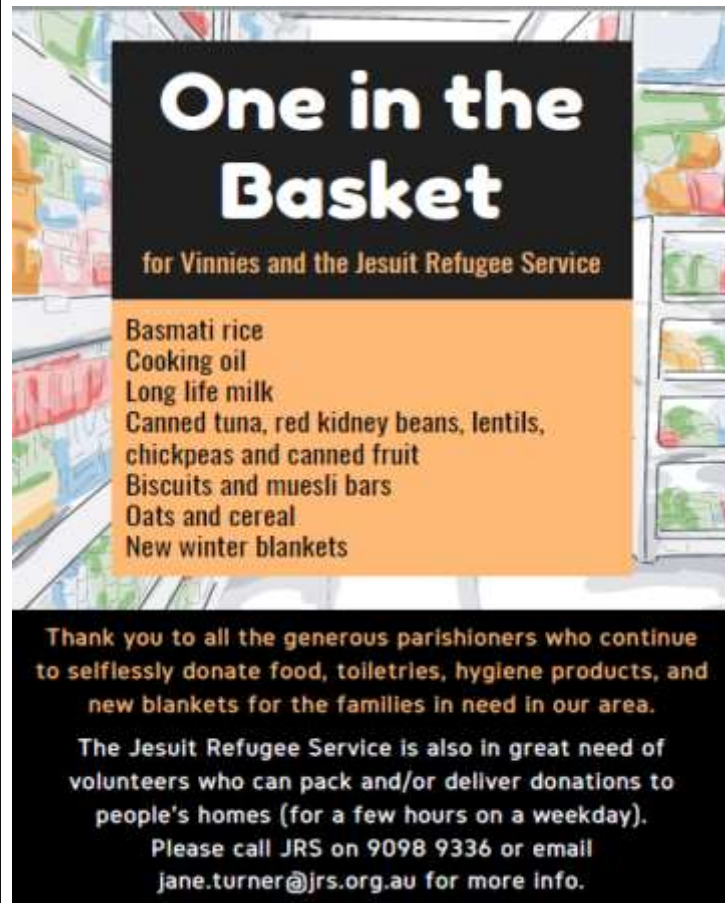
As of the 2nd of January, the maximum amount of people allowed in the Church for Mass is 100. Masks are now mandatory in places of Worship. Please remember to wear a mask in Church. If you are unwell or have recently been to a hotspot please stay home.

Hall Renovations

St Anthony of Padua Parish has been very fortunate to receive a grant to refresh our hall. Towards the end of February we will begin renovations to the Hall Kitchen and meeting rooms. We request that if you have any items in cabinets that you could please come and retrieve them prior to the 14th February. All keys are also to be returned prior to the 14th of February.

Australia Day

There will be Mass at 9.30am on the 26th January to celebrate Australia day.



One in the Basket
for Vinnies and the Jesuit Refugee Service

Basmati rice
Cooking oil
Long life milk
Canned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas and canned fruit
Biscuits and muesli bars
Oats and cereal
New winter blankets

Thank you to all the generous parishioners who continue to selflessly donate food, toiletries, hygiene products, and new blankets for the families in need in our area.

The Jesuit Refugee Service is also in great need of volunteers who can pack and/or deliver donations to people's homes (for a few hours on a weekday).
Please call JRS on 9098 9336 or email jane.turner@jrs.org.au for more info.

Palm and Palm Crosses

All parishioners are invited to return any palms and palm crosses from last year, so that they can be burnt and used in this year's Ash Wednesday Ceremonies. Palms and Palm crossed may be left in the basket in the courtyard.



Piety Shop News

There are 2021 Calendars still available in the Piety Shop.

CREATIVE ARTS' GROUP

Our classes will resume on Friday 29th January, 2021 at 10.00am finishing at 12.30pm. We will be in the hall itself following Covid Guidelines. The dates for the rest of the term are: February 12th and 26th, March 12th and 26th.

Please contact Vicki: 0414 671 514, Jane: 96881682 or Helen: 9631 7241 if there are any questions

Volunteers Needed

The children in our state schools are in need of volunteers to teach the faith. If you can spare some an hour a week and you enjoy talking about your faith, please contact Kris Borg for further information about this ministry on:

0404820625



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

Office For Worship 2021 Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again in 2021 in early February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar at your parish. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

Ignatian Spirituality in a time of Engagement Conference: 25 – 27 January

Jesuit College of Spirituality and Newman College invite you to the 'Ignatian Spirituality in a time of Engagement' three-day online conference from 25 to 27 January. The full conference pass is \$200, with a single day pass at \$75 per day. Registrations are now open, so visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BMYUO>. For enquiries, please contact enquiries@jcs.edu.au or phone (03) 9448 8276.

Jesus said:

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Colour in the boxes with a * to reveal Jesus' message in today's Gospel.



Then JESUS called 4 men to FOLLOW HIM

Listen to the Gospel reading and complete their names in the spaces below:



S _____

and his brother

A _____



J _____

and his brother

J _____



PRAYER SERVICE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Extracted from Liturgy Help)

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 us to follow you: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you teach us to walk the way of truth: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, your kingdom will last for all time: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray.

(All pause for silent prayer.)

God of all peoples, you call each of us to follow you and build your kingdom on earth. Help us to see your light and hear your call so that we may walk together, united in your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Let us listen to God's Word.

First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

R:

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

R.:

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

R:

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word– (Extracted from Liturgy Help)

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: We turn in prayer to God, asking the Lord to be with us at every moment of our lives.

For our Church, and especially for all those who are training for the priesthood or religious life, may the person of Christ himself inspire and guide them.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For our world, especially for all who feel lost or abandoned, those who are homeless and those seeking employment: may they find support in those who garner round them and listen to their plight.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all our young people as they try and discern a way forward in their lives: may they experience the presence of Christ and his Holy Spirit as a loving inspiration and support in their deliberations.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all those in our parish who are sick or homebound and those suffering from any illness, physical or mental: may they be touched may they be touched by the healing power of Christ in their lives.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all those we love who have died and for all those who have no one to remember them or pray for them: may they be blessed by the peace and love of their Lord.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God our Father, we bring all our prayers and needs to you, for you are the source of love and strength in our lives, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sign of Peace

Let us seal our prayer with a gesture of unity and reconciliation and offer each other a sign of peace.
(All exchange a sign of peace.)

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.

Amen.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, may we be ever diligent in proclaiming the good news of God's love and salvation. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.



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
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