



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

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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 31st January-

There is a maximum of 110 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 6/7 February			Next Week 13/14 February		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Acolyte/ Senior Server	J Ivans	C Chetcuti	F Rodrigues	P Vella	E Opena	J Rodrigues
Commentator	J Buttigieg	J John	C Pereira	N Nakhoul	M Palmer	S Cullen
Reader 1	C Laurie	A Chacko	G Touma	D Bourne	C Molloy	B Ryan
Reader 2	E Opena	C Bugeja	D Touma	M Nakhoul	H Menezes	P Comia
Data Projectionist	N Britto	C Kandiah	Jocelyn	C Aitken	J Kennedy	M Brazell
Junior Server	A	C	F	B	D	G
Children's Liturgy						

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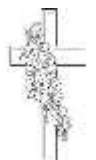
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Gabby ABBOUD	Aidan ALEXANDER	

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-



Working Bee

The monthly working bee will be on the 13th of February 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.



Planned Giving

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Parish Planned Giving Program. For those using direct debit please remember that when you are depositing directly into the Church's bank account to please use your envelope number and name as a reference, for example: PG1 A.Sample. This will assist to identify you. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on the 17th of February. Mass times are 9.30am and 7.30pm. The 7.30pm Mass will be livestreamed.

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year, the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year.



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.

Scam Alert

Please be aware that the Parramatta Diocese has been affected by a scam. Scammers claiming to be Parish priests are contacting people through whatsapp and emails asking for money and gift vouchers. This is a scam. Please do NOT respond to these text messages but call or contact the Parish Office to report the incident.

An advertisement for 'One in the Basket' for Vinnies and the Jesuit Refugee Service. The background is a photograph of a supermarket aisle. The text is overlaid on a black and orange background.

One in the Basket
for Vinnies and the Jesuit Refugee Service

- Basmati rice
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- 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.

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

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.

Young Adult Faith Formation: 7 February

Young Adult faith formation sessions recommence on Sunday 7 February at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury, at 7pm. Seminarian Adam Carlow will speak and lead discussion on the Church teachings concerning Mary, Mother of the Church. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

Glenbrook Parish Lenten Biblical Studies

Parish Priest Fr Joseph Lam will be running Lenten Biblical studies on the Passion of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Mark at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. The sessions will be held on:

The Trial of Jesus – 23 February at 7.30pm;

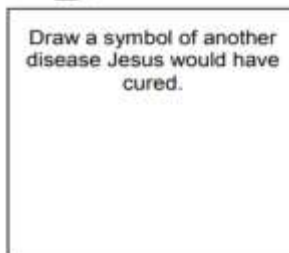
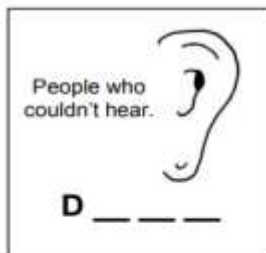
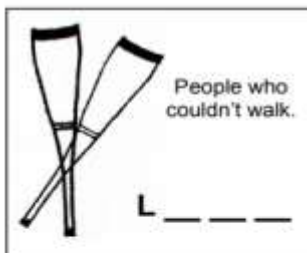
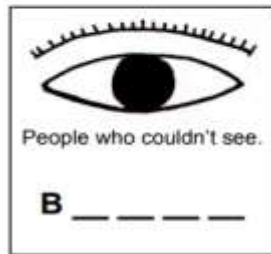
The Death of Jesus – 9 March at 7.30pm;

The Resurrection of Jesus – 23 March at 7.30pm

Due to COVID restrictions, places are limited. To register, please contact secretary@stfinbars.org.au or call the parish office on (02) 4739 8928.

JESUS CURES THE SICK

Jesus helped people who suffered from all sorts of illnesses. Write the examples of the illnesses using the symbols.



DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS SICK NOW?
WRITE A PRAYER ASKING JESUS TO HELP THEM.

PRAYER SERVICE

Fifth 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 show compassion to those in need: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to preach the good news to all: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray.

(All pause for silent prayer.)

Almighty God your light shines brightly like a city on a hill-top. May our good works light up the world with your goodness and 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 Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.

R:

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name.

R:

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

R:

Second Reading

1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!!

Gospel

Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of

one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word– (Extracted from Liturgy Help)

This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: We turn with confidence to God our Father, knowing that when we come to him in our need, he will help us.

For the Church, especially in those areas of the world where Christ's followers face opposition and even open persecution.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the proclamation of the Good news, that it will lead men and women to turn to Jesus of Nazareth.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For children who are orphaned and without adult support: that Jesus, friend of the little ones, will comfort and sustain them.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who suffer from the effects of drinks, drugs or other addictions: that the Lord will deliver them from the things that imperil their life and happiness.

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 peace and the love of their Lord.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

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

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: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers, and may what we ask in faith and hope be granted to us through the love of 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, in faith may we share the joy of salvation with all people In your name we pray.

All: Amen.



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
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