



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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Monday and Wednesday

9:00—3:00pm

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St Anthony's School

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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

Bookings are no longer necessary for weekend Masses but you must give contact details before entering and adhere to social distancing rules. Masks are not mandatory but are highly recommended in the Church.

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 20/21 March			Next Week 27/28 March		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Acolyte/ Senior Server	F Le Clerc	T Dalmati	AM	C Bourne	M Maclou	K Steele
Commentator		C Bugeja	F Rodrigues	Youth	A Chacko	B Ryan
Reader 1	V Adams	J John	J Basco	Youth	M Palmer	D Touma
Reader 2	M D'Souza	V Delany	C Pereira	Youth	C Worthington	G Touma
Data Projectionist	K Soballa	C Kandiah	Sofie	N Britto	J Kennedy	L Touma
Junior Server	A	C	F	B	D	G
Children's Liturgy						

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Shanji ANTHONY	Angelo ALEXANDER	Aninth THURAIRATNAM
Gail GREENHILL	Fay ROBERTS	Kate MORTIMER
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Gabby ABBOUD	Aidan ALEXANDER	Ajith SEENOMPILLAI
Edmond PAUL		

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-

Friday Evening Mass

There will be Mass every Friday evening during Lent at 7pm. This will be followed by Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday morning at 9am and every Friday evening at 7.30pm.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes on Wednesday 24th March at 7pm.

Reconciliation in the Parish

Reconciliation will be held in the Parish on Saturdays from 4.30pm to 5.15pm or weekdays by appointment.

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Vincent Long will be here at the 10am Palm Sunday Mass on the 28th of March.

Stations of the Cross Re enactment

We are looking for Children and Young Adults to help with a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross on the morning of Good Friday. We need readers, data projectionists, musicians, and children to play the people who were there on the first Good Friday. Rehearsals will take place this Thursday 25th March & Thursday 1st April @ 4pm in the Church. For more information, or to register your interest, please contact Kris Borg on 0404 820 625.

Palms

We require palm branches for Palm Sunday. If you are able to help please cut branches and bring them to the office on the 24th March. Thank you.

Can you sew?

The parish has a valuable opportunity for someone who would like to use their sewing skills to make our junior altar server albs (long white gowns). All materials are provided, as is guidance and support. Please contact the Parish Office for more information

St Vincent de Paul- One in the Basket

Thank you for your continued support for our Vinnie's Basket appeal. This week we need Coffee, Tea, Noodles and Milk.

13th-14th March -Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

Thank you to all of you who donated to the Good Samaritan Appeal. \$2,450 has been raised so far. Envelopes are still available for those who would like to donate.

Youth Mass

Next weekend the Youth Music Ministry will be providing the Music for the Saturday 5.30pm vigil Mass. If you are interested in joining the group, there will be rehearsals in the Church on Sunday the 21st March from 3.30pm to 5pm

Please Note

There will be no 9.30am Mass on Thursday 1st April

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

27 March: Saturday 5.30pm

28 March: Sunday 8.00am, 9.00am and 10am

Holy Thursday

1st April: 7.30pm : Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

2nd April :10am Stations of the Cross

1.30pm-Reflection (Youth Group)

3pm-Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 3rd April:

Easter Vigil 6.30pm

Easter Sunday 4th April: 8.00am, 9.00am and 10.00am



Community, Parish and School leaders for Asylum Seekers and Refugees:

We would like to invite you to what we hope will be the first meeting of community, parish, and school leaders across Sydney, as we continue to build power in our quest for a more welcoming and just response to refugees and people seeking asylum. Please join us on Saturday 27 March from 9:30am-12:30pm to connect with others who have been walking this path across Greater Metropolitan Sydney, share stories of success and impact, hear about the latest policy developments and challenges from experts and leaders with lived experience, plan advocacy/action for the year ahead. Come along and connect with other individuals and groups across Sydney to see how together we could make an impact. Now that 2021 is opening back up we would love to bring everyone together in person to do this! Could you please RSVP by 12 March and let me know if you have any dietary requirements. For more info and to RSVP : Zoe, zoe.grant@jrs.org.au

Reflection 5th Sunday of Lent

Think for a moment about Joseph finding a stable for Mary and the unborn Jesus. Think about - when Herod wanted to kill the baby Jesus - Joseph preparing an escape to Egypt. Like many people during this pandemic, think about how Joseph would have cared for his family in Egypt by finding food, shelter, and employment. Think about Joseph obediently taking his family back to Israel ... then in response to a dream, escaping the infant Jesus' persecutors by residing in Nazareth.

Pope Francis teaches us in his Apostolic Letter, 'Patris Corde', that these experiences tell of Joseph being a creatively courageous father. Joseph didn't seek to change his situation; but accepted and embraced it. He did so by trusting in God's plan – however nonsensical it may have seemed – and acting creatively to find solutions.

As Pope Francis wrote, "Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history."

Jesus, Son of Joseph, as we journey towards your passion and resurrection in this continually unpredictable time, may you be our quiet guide. Show us how to accept our disappointments, to have compassion for ourselves, to trust in God's grace and love, to embrace the challenging moments, and creatively take small courageous steps in our part of the baby Jesus' mission. Amen.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent, 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 draw all to deepest life: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you submitted humbly to death: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the source of eternal salvation: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray.

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

All: Amen.

Let us listen to God's Word.

Jer 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin.

R:

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

R:

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

R:

Second Reading

Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word– (Extracted from Liturgy Help)

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

Prayers of the Faithful

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

For our Church: that the Pope, our bishops, priests and all of God's people may be given strength to live their Christian lives more fully.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all who will be received into the Church this Easter: may we as a community of faith offer them the support and encouragement they need to grow closer to Christ.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those facing loss of any kind: may we listen to their pain, support them in their anxieties and offer them hope and love in their need

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For 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 in your compassion and love accept our prayers and grant us what we need, through Jesu Christ our Lord.

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.

Amen.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, may our lives become beacons of hope and love as we struggle to bring your life and love to all. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord .

All: Amen.



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