



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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	This Week 24/25 April			Next Week 1/2 May		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Acolyte/ Senior Server	C Bourne	M Maclou	K Steele	J Ivan	C Chetcuti	F Rodrigues
Commentator	Youth	S Benjamin	D Touma	J Buttigieg	E Pasikale	B Ryaan
Reader 1	Youth	C Worthington	C Pereira	M Nakhoul	H Menezes	T Jose
Reader 2	Youth	C Molloy	S Cullen	N Nakhoul	C Bugeja	P Comia
Data Projectionist	K Soballa	A Lette	M Brazell	N Britto	A Lette	Sofie
Junior Server	B	D	E			
Children's Liturgy						

SICK IN THE PARISH:

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Malia NIKO	Sarah MARLIN	Lylette MATHIEU
Edmond PAUL	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILE
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Joan WRIGHT	Tanya AMBROSE	Ranjit CHELLAPPA
Mary CAUCHI	Carmel FERGUSON	Adrian NOCEVSKI
Cecilia FERRER	Anthony AL-HADDAD	Joseph MAC DERMID
Gabby ABBOUD	Aidan ALEXANDER	Ajith SEENOMPILLAI
Vicki CARAUANA		

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-



Mother's Day Mass Intentions

If you would like to add your Mother's name to the Mother's Day Intention Book please fill out an envelope



and place it in the box provided in the Church. Alternatively contact the office and it will be added. A book of names will be compiled and offered up on the weekend of 8/9th May.

Home Visits

Would you like someone to visit you in your home and give you communion? The members of the Legion of Mary are able to visit you. Please call the office 96313316 for more information

Quest "Tap and Go" Donation Point

Parishioners are now able to donate to St Anthony's Parish using a credit or debit card. The donation is pre programmed for \$5.00 per tap of the card over the tap symbol. If you wish to tap more than \$5.00, tap again. It takes a few seconds to record your donation. The Donation Point is located at the back of the Church for those of you who prefer to donate by card. We thank all of our parishioners for their generous donations

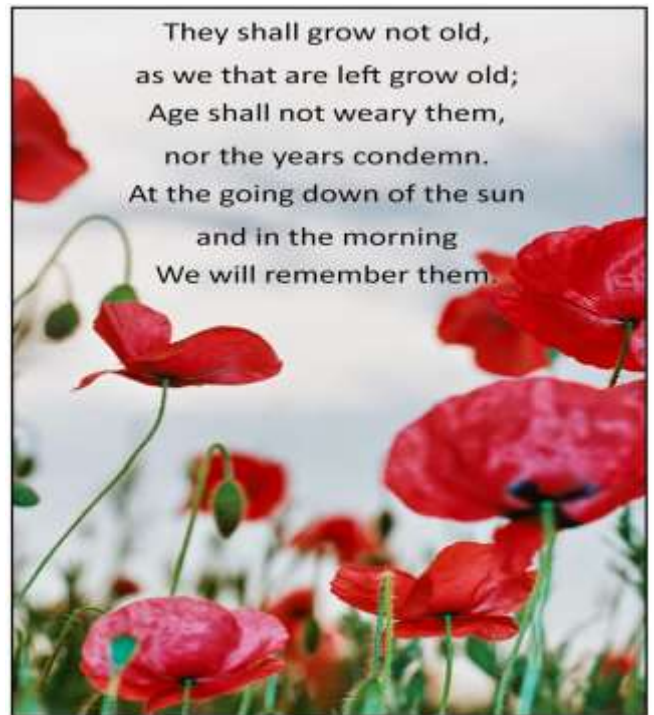


Craft Group

Our Craft Group Classes meets fortnightly on Fridays from 10.00am-12.30pm. The dates for the term are: May 7, 21; June 4, 18.

St Vincent de Paul- One in the Basket

Thank you for your continued support for our Vinnie's Basket appeal. This week we need Soup, Cereal, Pasta sauce and tinned fruit.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Information & Catechesis: Thursday 13th May 7pm in the Church

Sign Up Masses: Saturday 15th May 530pm or Sunday 16th May 10am

Parent & Child Lessons: In the Hall

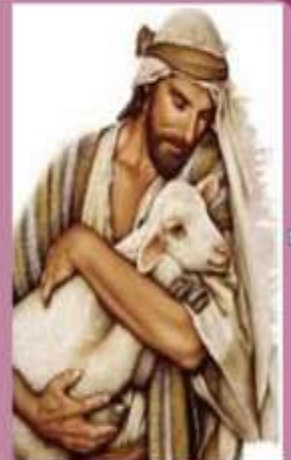
Saturday 22nd May 415pm or Sunday 23rd May 845am

Saturday 29th May 415pm or Sunday 30th May 845am

Saturday 5th June 415pm or Sunday 6th June 845am

Saturday 12th June 415pm or Sunday 13th June 845am

Ceremony: Wednesday 16th June or Thursday 17th June 7pm in the Church



The Maltese Language School

The Maltese Language School of NSW Term 2 classes for juniors and adults will commence on Saturday 24/4/2021 at 9.30am at Horsley Park Public School. Anyone interested in learning Maltese is invited to contact us for more information or an enrolment pack. Enrolments will be accepted at anytime throughout the year. We would also like to hear from anyone who is fluent in Maltese that might consider language teaching. Support and resources will be provided. For further information, please contact Miriam 0419 476 924 or email: malteselanguageschoolnsw@hotmail.com

Volunteer Book keeper Position (15 hours per week).

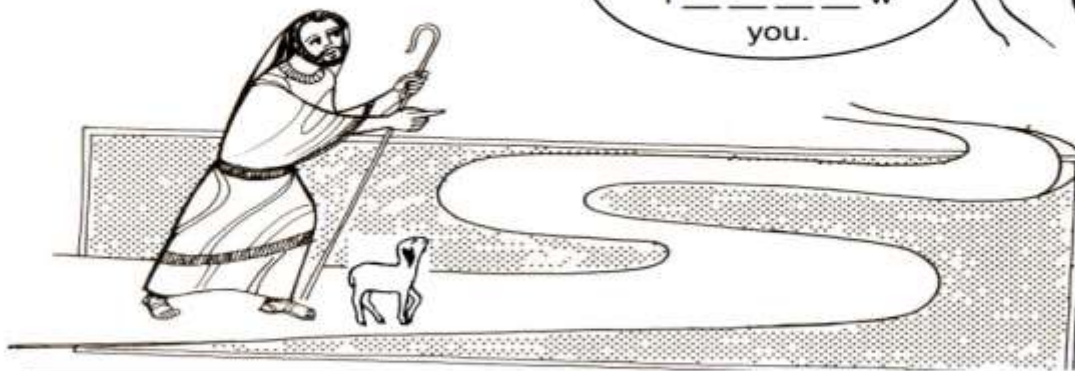
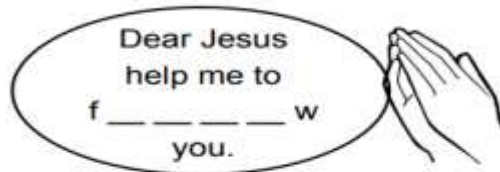
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Jesus said:

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Draw more sheep in Jesus' flock.



Dear Jesus,
I want to follow you by ...

A large, empty rectangular box intended for a child to draw or write their response to the prompt 'I want to follow you by ...'.

Draw a picture or write about how you can follow Jesus the good shepherd.

An empty arrow-shaped box pointing to the right, intended for a child to draw or write their response to the prompt 'Draw a picture or write about how you can follow Jesus the good shepherd.'.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter 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 are the good shepherd who lays down his life: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you gather your scattered children into one flock: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have lavished us with gifts of love: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

R:

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R:

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

R:

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other

sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Reflection on the Word

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is such a familiar image that it can sometimes become over-familiar and cease to engage us. Countless works of art have presented this image literally, picturing Jesus as a shepherd with a crook and surrounded by sheep or even with a lamb draped around the back of his neck. The image from this week's gospel often gets merged with the image from the parable of the lost sheep that appears in the gospels of Luke (15:1-7) and Matthew (18:10-14) where artists frequently place Jesus as the hero of his own parable and portray him as the 'good shepherd' going out to retrieve the one lost sheep. Such amalgamations of different gospel images can become very confusing. Some of this confusion and literal interpretation stems from the gospel writer's choice of metaphoric language. In the gospel, Jesus says, 'I am the good shepherd', not 'I am like the good shepherd'. The writer's use of metaphor, rather than simile, provides a much more compelling image but can result in a more literal interpretation.

The emphasis of the image is on the adjective. Jesus is the good shepherd. Shepherds generally were not regarded as particularly good people – more like the scum of the earth! – so the choice of image is a deliberate one to unsettle the listeners. Unlike their normal expectation of shepherds – cut-throats who would run away at the first sign of danger – Jesus is the good shepherd: the one who does not abandon his flock; the one who has concern for his sheep; the one who will lay down his own life for his sheep. The final verses of the passage make an interesting extension to the image of shepherd and sheep. Unlike the 'sacrificial lamb', the good shepherd chooses to lay down his life and also has the power to take it up again.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: We bring our prayers and petitions before the Lord, trusting in his goodness, for God is our Father and knows our every need.

For our Pope and for all pastoral leaders in the Church: and for all pastoral leaders in the Church: that they may protect it against corruption and worldliness, and strive to maintain the unity of the one flock.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

That the church will promote a secure and lasting peace in our world and defend freedom for those who have suffered the violence and destruction of war.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all religious and civil leaders. May they have faith deep enough to discover God's plan of justice and love for all their constituents.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

That those who died for our land may enjoy eternal life in Christ.

We pray.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

That God will guide the men and women who serve in our Defence Forces.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those who died due to war: that they may meet the risen Lord face to face in the joy of heaven.

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 of peace, as we commend to your mercy those who died for our freedom, grant the prayers of your people, offering the sacrifice of your Son, who lives reigns for ever and ever.

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, lead us to the Father and protect us from all harm. May we always follow your voice until we join your heavenly flock. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



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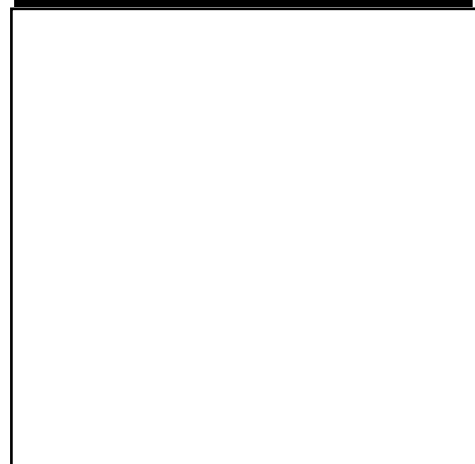
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