



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

15TH FEBRUARY 2026

**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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St Anthonys Youth

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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

Marian Prayer Group

Tuesday 10am St Enda's Room
(Marie: 0457 126 044)

Tamil Prayer Group

Friday 8.00pm St Enda's Room
(Tarcisius: 0423 699 146)

Piety Shop

Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am -11.15am
Saturday after 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9.00am - 11.30am

**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 14/15 Feb 2026			Next Week 21/22 February 2026		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	J. Ivan	M. Maclou	K. Steele	P. Vella	T. Peiris	F. Rodrigues
Commentator	M. Mathavan	F. Lette	M. Tan	Youth	A. Gomes	P. Lim
Reader 1	E. Opena	I. Gomes	S. Cullen	Youth	K. Wilson	J. Thomas
Reader 2	V. Adams	O. Saldanha	J. Wharton	Youth	J. Suresh	J. Concepcion
Data Projectionist	Natasha		Jedd	Soballa		Geneva
Junior Server						
Children's Liturgy			Rochelle/Stella			Felice/Angelin

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Edmond PAUL	Angelo ALEXANDER	Gabby ABOUD	Emma NONEY	John TYNAN
Maria VELLA	Aidan ALEXANDER	Lylette MATHIEU	Joe (Joseph) BORG	Noe ISOTTEN
Peter RANEE	Adrian NOCEVSKI	Teresa GALEA	Dennis KUNDER	Sarah SHEEHAN
Carole O'HARE	Tanya AMBROSE	Geraldine HALLIWELL	Kate MORTIMER	Jan SALMON
John GAUCI	Katherine S. SHEEHAN	Mary CAMELLERI	Shanji ANTHONY	Colleen DAVAR
Rene NEMORIN	Alexsis PETRUCCELLI	Alan LUMLEY	Cecilia FERRER	Richard TOOKER
Anthony AL HADDAD	Anith THURAIRATNAM	Ajith SEEMAMPILLAI	Joseph MACDERMID	
Anna FERNANDES	Maureen HANVEY	Ranjith CHELLAPPA	Rita DAVID	
Sarah MARLIN	Rosa DI CHRISTOFORO	Simon SHERVILLE	Lesley MYERS	

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 begin our celebration of the Eucharist today, we pay our respects to the Indigenous custodians of this land on which we gather. We ask God's help as we seek new ways of journeying with them in a spirit of justice, peace, reconciliation and truth-telling.



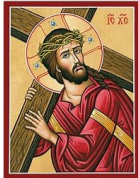
Parish Sacramental Calendar 2026 The parish Sacramental Calendar for next year is up on the notice boards.

First Reconciliation - Lesson 1 - 21st/22nd February. Attendance is compulsory.



Ash Wednesday - We begin our Lenten journey in preparation for Easter on Wednesday 18th February, which is a day of fasting and abstinence. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am and &.7.00pm

Fasting & 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.



Friday Stations of the Cross & Mass -

Commencing Friday 20th February to Friday 27th March.

Morning: Stations of the Cross at 9.00am followed by Mass at 9.30am.

Evening: Stations of the Cross (in English) at 7.00 pm and Mass at 7.30pm followed by Stations of the Cross (in Tamil) at 8.00pm.



Project Compassion

- This weekend we celebrate Project Compassion Sunday. Donation Boxes are available at the foyer of the church and the courtyard. Please consider taking a box home and return your donations to the parish office on or before 17th April or use the single donation envelopes available

Weekend reading reflection during Lent – The Liturgy committee invites parishioners who would like to write a short reflection for the weekend readings at Masses during Lent to contact Bill Ryan on 0408 613 281. The reflections will be read by volunteers at each of the weekend Masses. Submissions on or before Wednesday of the week prior to the weekend.

Filipino Choir - The Filipino choir of our parish is looking for a choir pianist and/or a guitarist. New choir members are also welcome. For information, please speak to Erick Opena after mass, or you may leave your details at the parish office and Erick will contact you.

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course: Begins 10 February

FaithLIFE Scripture offers a 3-session Catholic Bible study and faith formation short course on how to engage with the Bible through the Catholic tradition during turbulent times. The program will run on Tuesday 10, 17 and 24 February at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, from 7pm to 9pm. The program is facilitated by Scripture scholar Dr Michele Connolly RSJ and is open to adults of all ages and supports ongoing adult faith formation. To register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-scripture-session-1/>

Catholic Youth Parramatta 2026 Kick-Off: 26 February -

Young people from across the Diocese are invited to an evening of celebration as we begin 2026 together. Hear testimonies from local leaders, take part in prayer, connect with others, and discover the vision for Catholic Youth Parramatta in the year ahead. Join us on Thursday 26 February from 7pm to 9.30pm at Holy Family Primary School, 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. Register today: <https://parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/>

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



St Anthony's THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM Mass times 2026

Thursday 02/04/2026	Thursday of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm
Friday 03/04/2026	Stations of the Cross	10.00am
	Friday of the Passion of the Lord	3.00pm
Saturday 04/04/2026	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	6.00pm
Sunday 05/04/2026	Easter Sunday of the resurrection of the Lord	8.00am
		10.00am

Sunday 22 March 11:15am	Parish Annual General Meeting Parishioners, PPC Members, other parish committees and groups are invited to attend. Chairpersons and Team Leaders of various ministries or group may submit their annual report to secretary@stanthonychurch.org.au by 5:00 PM on or before Monday 16th March 2026
To be advised	Parish Pastoral Council Planning Day

REFLECTION

Truth-Telling

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this? In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an abuse.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person truths.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13)

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep all that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

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PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

You can also support the parish by using the: **Tap & Go Machine**. The machine amount is variable, please use the screen to donate the amount you wish to give. It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay and Pay Wave.



All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses.

Planned Giving (Direct Debit or Credit Card) is also an option if you wish to do cashless donation to the parish, forms are available in the parish office.

FIRST READING

SIRACH 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. ***(R.)***

2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. ***(R.)***

3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. ***(R.)***

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. ***(R.)***

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:17-37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN PRAYER

God of all love,
 We remember that on the night before he died
 Your son, Jesus, prayed
 that his friends 'may all be one.'
 Yet we see so much division in the world.
 War, conflict, violence and hatred
 must all distress you.
 Millions of people suffer
 when they don't have peace and respect.
 They lack the necessities of life: food, water,
 health, education and security.
 We pray that we may all
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.
 May our support for Project Compassion
 be a sign to ourselves and others,
 of our hope for a better world.
 This Lent, we pray that our dedication
 to prayer, fasting and almsgiving
 will help restore your vision of justice and peace.
 Guided by the Holy Spirit,
 we pray in Jesus' name,
Amen.



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Be reconciled before you offer your gift to God

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

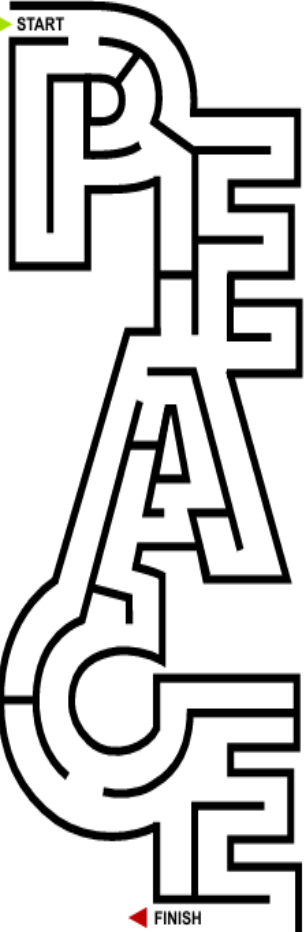
Jesus wants us to make peace with those who we have wronged

When someone does wrong things against me, I can make peace with them by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can make peace with them by....

"When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

Find your way through the maze



Rosary Making Workshop

ST NICOLAS OF MYRA PARISH PENRITH
 LEARN HOW TO MAKE ROSARIES TO BE DONATED TO THOSE IN NEED

FEBRUARY 26TH, 2026
 AT 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

\$ 5.00 /PERSON

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HOLY SPIRIT MISSION 2026

Come alive in the Holy Spirit!
 1 Corinthians 12

DATE & TIME
 Saturday, the 21st of February, 2026
 From 12.00 PM to 5.00 PM
 Sausage Sizzle at 12PM

VENUE
 Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes (School Camilleri Hall)
 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes 2145

Day Care / Child Minding services will be provided for children aged 2 to 6 years.