



St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

05TH APRIL 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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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 4/5/April 2026			Next Week 11/12 April 2026		
	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	C. Bourne	M. Maclou	F. Rodrigues	J. Ivan	E. Opena	Anthony
Commentator	B. Ryan	C. Molloy	P. Lim	M. Nakhoul	K. Wilson	M. Hili
Reader 1	Gary Brazell Joseph Buttigieg Teresa Sebastian Mary Mathavan	M. Palmer	S. Cullen	L. D'vine	J. Suresh	E. Chand
Reader 2	Jacob Thomas	I Gomes	C. Pereira	V. Adams	J. Olivera	J. Wharton
Data Projectionist	Natasha	Soballa	Rochelle	Soballa	Jasmine	Lourdes
Children's Liturgy			School Break			School Break

Pope Leo's prayer to St. Francis: a call to peace in a divided world

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

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

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

We acknowledge the living culture of the Tugagal people of the Darug Nation, the traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather. We pay tribute to the unique role they have played in the life of this region.



“Thank You” - to our wonderful group of volunteers who came during our clean up days and helped clean our Church and the surrounding gardens in readiness for the Holy Week and to all those who help with the preparations for the Holy Week liturgies. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

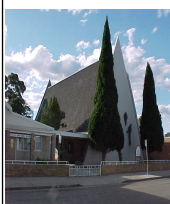
GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Offer hope by supporting the Sacred Places and Christians of the Holy Land

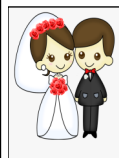
“Thank you” for your donations to the collection taken on Good Friday in support of the places and people of the Holy Land. If you were unable to donate and wish to do so, we have envelopes at the main entrance to the Church or donate directly via Commissariat of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria St. Waverley NSW 2024 or holyland@franciscans.org.au or use the QR Code.



Project Compassion - Please return your donation boxes and envelopes to the Church or parish office by Sunday 12th April or donate online using the QR Code. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Church Renovation - A New Tap & Go Machine has been placed in the Church Foyer for donations toward the upcoming Church Renovations. 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. Thank you.



Wedding Anniversary Blessings - We celebrate the gift of marriage on the weekend of 18th/19th April. If your wedding anniversary falls in April and you would like a blessing during that weekend Mass, please contact the parish office by Wednesday 15th April.



Happy & Blessed Easter from Father Joby & the Parish Office staff - The office will be closed Friday 3rd April and Monday, 6th April for the Easter long weekend.

If you have an emergency during this time please contact Fr. Joby on 02 9631 6420

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.

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

FIRST EUCHARIST 2026

Year 4 and above

ENQUIRY

Wednesday 29 Apr - 7:00 PM

COMMITMENT AND SIGN-UP MASS

Saturday 02 May - 5:30 PM mass; OR

Sunday 03 May - 10:00 AM mass

PARENT & CHILD LESSON ONE

Saturday 09 May - 4:15 PM; OR

Sunday 10 May - 8:45 AM

PARENT & CHILD LESSON TWO

Saturday 16 May - 4:15 PM; OR

Sunday 17 May - 8:45 AM

PARENT & CHILD LESSON THREE

Saturday 23 May - 4:15 PM; OR

Sunday 24 May - 8:45 AM

PARENT & CHILD LESSON FOUR

Saturday 30 May - 4:15 PM; OR

Sunday 31 May - 8:45 AM

RECONCILIATION and REHEARSAL

Wednesday 03 Jun - 6:30 PM

FIRST EUCHARIST CEREMONY

Sunday 7 Jun - 12:00 NOON

If you have any queries please email Jini Joy, the parish sacramental coordinator at the sacraments@stanthonychurch.org.au

REFLECTION

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: ‘Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.’

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was ‘Apostle to the Apostles’ because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ’s body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ’s victory over death. Alleluia!

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(Extract from Liturgy Help.com)

FIRST READING ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

*(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' *(R.)*
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. *(R.)*
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. *(R.)*

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:

he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

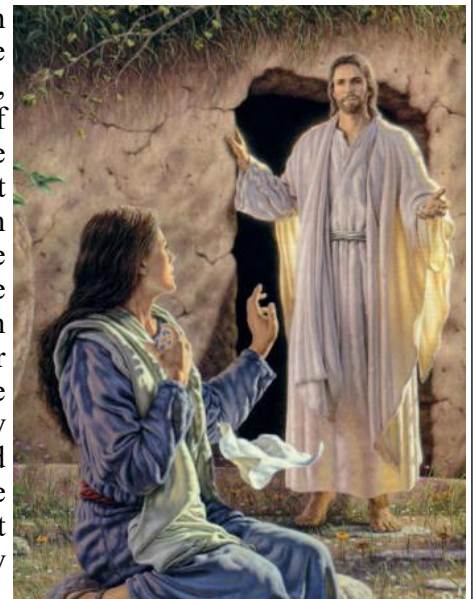
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**JOHN 20:1-9**

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'



So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Divine Mercy Sunday - 12th April 2025

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. ... O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. (*Diary*, 84, 1319)



Anzac Day - Saturday, 25th April 2026

Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am. The parish office & church will be closed on Monday 26th April for the Long weekend.

Adult Confirmations 2026 - The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Music Workshop 'Exploring Music for the Solemnities': 5 May - Musicians throughout the Parramatta Diocese and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. On Tuesday 5 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, the workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. Please RSVP by 1 May via <https://parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-exploring-music-for-the-solemnities>. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS
ARCHBISHOP JIMENEZ
WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC:
AN IMMIGRANT BISHOP FOR AN IMMIGRANT CHURCH

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026 6.00PM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CLOISTER HALL, 1 MARIST PL, PARRAMATTA REGISTER HERE: parracatholic.org/jimenez

PLACES ARE LIMITED!

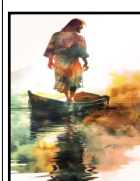
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SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

If you would like to participate in this conversation, please sign up, using the QR code.

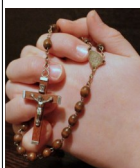
Return date for registration: Monday 20 April

Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart

A conversation with the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Homelessness: 23 April - In partnership with the Sisters of Saint Joseph, join us for an hour-long conversation on zoom at 5.00pm on Thursday 23 April to raise some possible responses to the urging of the 2025 Bishops' Statement: Signs of Hope on the Edge. If you would like to participate in this conversation, please register by Wednesday 1 April: <https://parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/>



Be The Witness: Casting, Chorus and September Performances Announced. Be The Witness – The Musical, endorsed by Bishop Vincent, is progressing strongly. Acclaimed local theatre director Jon-Claire Lee has been appointed, rehearsals are underway with a 60-member chorus, and performances are confirmed at Riverside Theatres, 10–16 September 2026, including school matinees on 15–16 September. Casting Call for lead roles, Choreographer call and Marketing, Social Media volunteer opportunities are now open. Email: twsydau@gmail.com or register [@bethewitness.com.au](http://bethewitness.com.au)



Rosary Workshops in May - Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The evening will be held on the following days: Tuesday 5th May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm. Wednesday 20th May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm Cost: \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

He is risen! Alleluia!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the empty tomb. She ran to Jesus' disciples to tell them what she saw. Draw Mary looking into Jesus' empty tomb.

Help the disciples find their way to Jesus' empty tomb.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!

What can you do to make people glad today?

Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M [] went to the tomb.

"They have taken the [] from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d [] of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f [] than Peter.

He saw the strips of [] cloth lying inside the tomb.

B [] he did not go in.

When he saw [] he believed.

The Scriptures s [] Jesus would rise to life.

John 20:1-9 © Creative Ministry Resources