



# ST. PADRE PIO PARISH GLENMORE PARK

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**SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2022**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**YEAR C**

## ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH WEEKLY TIMETABLE

### SUNDAY

8:00am Mass  
10:00am Mass

### MONDAY

No Mass & Office closed

### TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

### SATURDAY

9:00am Mass  
Novena to St Padre Pio  
9:30am Sacrament of Penance  
5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday  
8:30am – 3:30pm  
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

### BAPTISMS

11:30am  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays  
Please contact the Parish Office.  
Presentation Mass & Baptism  
Information morning are held every  
4th Sunday

### FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT

#### ADORATION

8:00pm Adoration – 9:00am  
Saturday  
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

### FRIDAY PLAYGROUP (2022)

9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years  
Bethany Catholic Primary School  
Hall Contact Joanne D’Agostino, via  
the Parish Office.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish office or  
find the information on the parish  
website.

## REFLECTION

We have come to encounter the God of mercy and compassion who looks with pity on us. In his great generosity, he was incredibly in love with humanity. How? He bound humanity to himself in an everlasting covenant. His generosity first manifested in his covenant with Abraham whom he made his equal by entering a pact with him. In the Ancient Near East, a pact was something seen amongst equals. He initiated this gesture to prepare himself a people for the salvation of humanity because they had fallen out of love with him. His gesture reached its incredible fruition at the coming of Christ. That which was initiated in Abraham was perfected in Christ – “this is my Son, the chosen one. Listen to him”. Christ was transfigured at the appointed time. He was seen in his glory with the greatest law giver and prophet, in conversation to perfect what they had already started. Seen already, though vaguely by the apostles as the Messiah, he took Peter, James and John into his glory to “know him as he really is” – “the Son, the Anointed one”. By doing so, he offered them the strength go on in view of his imminent passion.

The second reading invites us to live no longer as the enemies of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. From Abraham and the apostles, we learn the great reward of walking in great intimacy with God. Our 40 days’ journey in this Holy Season invites us to experience a deeper relationship with our God of infinite love and compassion. The goal of the law and the promises/prophecies of the prophets is to be like him. That is to perfect (complete) your life like your Heavenly Father. The ability to become whole has been made available to us. We can achieve wholeness through living daily in obedience to the promises and the divine law (God’s will). To live for him is salvation for us.

It is good to always be walking in great intimacy with Christ. We do this by engaging in fervent prayers, daily meditation on the Word of God, and living in obedience to God’s will. It will lead us into his glory. It is good to be there always. When we walk in intimacy with Christ, we become lost in the divine embrace and filled with light and love. We also radiate his glory, which dispels every darkness. We become the manifestation of God’s favour and compassion.

Let us walk in Christ, leave behind all encumbrances, climb the mountain of faith, commune with him and be transfigured to wear the robe of glory. His glory will dwell in our land when we are caught in the glory of his holiness. Then, his healing balm (of mercy) will envelop us. Let us be ready to embark on this transforming quest by striving to become the best version of ourselves. Let us say no to every petty or pedantic thing that draws us further away from him, so as to make ourselves and our lives the best of sweet-fragrant sacrifices to praise him. Let us press on for that glory which lies ahead, gifted with his transforming power enables us to overcome our weaknesses and become his beloved people. Let us not enjoy this glory but make sure that it fills our land, because we carry his love as his prophets. As he transfigures us, may we help and lead others to that mountain of transfiguration for transformation.

Fr. Chinonye

☪ ☪ ☪ PLEASE TAKE THIS COPY OF THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU ☪ ☪ ☪

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.

'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

***The word of the Lord.***

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

***The word of the Lord.***

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL**

Luke 9:28-36

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him

***“Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.”***

**DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD**

The **Feast of the Annunciation** is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day when Our Lord Jesus Christ was conceived in His mother's womb.

We remember the dignity of the unborn and the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion. A prayerful street procession will take place through the streets of Sydney led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher on 27 March 2022. Time: 10.30am Mass. Then at 12pm: Procession leaves St. Mary's Cathedral. Ends at 1.30pm back at St. Mary's Cathedral, for Benediction.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin, 0403305431 or Marisa, 0412280017

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### CARITAS - PROJECT COMPASSION

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### MARRIED MENTOR COUPLES

Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. Friday 18th March 7.30pm @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion St, Blacktown. To book your attendance or to ask further questions please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa 0412280017.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (First Reconciliation)

The children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Reconciliation) will make their First Reconciliation this Tuesday evening. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

### WORKING BEE FOR HOLY WEEK:

#### Sat 09 April after 9am Mass

We need as many people as possible to help at the Working Bee. We will be also decorating the Church for Palm Sunday. If you can help, please add your names to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table. Thank you.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### MARCH

**Sunday 13:** Second Sunday of Lent Year C

#### MARCH

**Thursday 17:** St Patrick

**Friday 18:** St Cyril of Jerusalem

**Saturday 19:** St Joseph

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**When:** Every Friday in Lent

**Time:** 7:00pm.

### NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 15 March

**Place:** Jonie & Albert Yuzon, 1 Dungara Crescent, GP

#### LEGION OF MARY MEETING

**Date:** Every Thursday, 6pm

**Place:** Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

#### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL 2022

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 March

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. *Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan appeal.*

#### PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible if you are able to donate palms.

### MASSSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS

Josephine Von Schoenberg, Cathy Courage, Karla Angela Mandawe

**Deceased:** I Nengah Santika, Leonila Varca, Roger Varca, Jan Van Mullekom, Truus Van Mullekom

**Prayers for the Sick:** Maureen Klingner, Georgina Rastegorac, Waled Hana

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered for Thanksgiving, birthdays, recently deceased, death anniversary or prayers for someone who is sick.

### ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK TWO 2022 – 12 & 13 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Help Needed	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Gilbert Grech 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Marg Rooney	1. Deepa Sijo 2. Sijo Mathew
CLEANING TEAM	*Mary & Frank Mifsud *Lupisan Family *Merley Gearin *Antionette Manna *Cheryl Bowen		

### ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK THREE 2022 – 19 & 20 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Farley Bartholomeusz
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Help Needed 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Regina Rossetto 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Mel Gaudoin *John & Leanne Gately * Susan Guy Help Needed		

**HELP NEEDED:** Please contact Lynn Young ([liturgy@padrepio.org.au](mailto:liturgy@padrepio.org.au)) or the Parish Office if you are able to help fill any of the gaps in the roster for Masses. Thank You



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Join **Monica Ledger** on an 11-day tour to **Western Australia** – early November 2022.

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Monday - Friday 8:00am-5:30pm  
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