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SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass

MONDAY

No Mass and 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

BAPTISMS

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

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

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

CHILDREN'S YOUTH GROUP

For children: Year 1 to Year 8.
Every 1st & 3rd Saturday
4.30pm-5.30pm in school hall

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years
Bethany Catholic Primary School
Hall. Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

LETTER FROM BISHOP VINCENT LONG

12/04/2024

Friday of the Second Week of Easter

To the People of the Parish of Padre Pio
Glenmore Park

Dear sisters and brothers,

As we continue to rejoice in the good news of the resurrection of Our Lord it affords the Church the opportunity once again to renew our commitment to be faithful disciples of the Risen One and to recommit ourselves to building up the Body of Christ which finds its local expression in the forty-seven communities that constitute the Diocese of Parramatta.

The Parish of Glenmore Park remains an important and vital part of the community of parishes in the Diocese and whilst the departure of a pastor brings with it a time of thanks for what has been gained, it also can be an unsettling time when there is not clarity about the future.

To that end I am pleased to announce that I have engaged with the Provincial of the Somascan Order (The Company of the Servants of the Poor) to take responsibility for the parish of Glenmore Park from 11 May 2024. Initially it is their intention to appoint a priest and then increase the size of the religious community so that they might have a more effective presence in the Parish.

The following paragraph from their website outlines a little of their history and pastoral focus:

The "Company of the Servants of the Poor" was founded in 1534 when Jerome Emiliani called together his collaborators and companions for a general assembly.

This handful of laymen and priests adopted an organised structure for the movement of religious and social reform started by Jerome in 1529, in Venice, Italy.

Their goal was to dedicate themselves to the care assistance, promotion of poor, orphans, and abandoned youth.

From its very beginning, for the good of the Church, and in order to respond to the appeals of her shepherds our Congregation has undertaken various apostolic activities inspired by the love of Christ.

With the same intense love of its Founder, our Congregation continues to devote herself to the material and spiritual care of orphans and the poor, undertakes the human and Christian education of youth and pastoral ministry. (somascanmissions.org.au)

Whilst Padre Pio Parish has its challenges (as every community does in the Diocese) I have every confidence that the Somascan Fathers will build on the strength of what has already been achieved here and take the mission of the Church to another stage of growth and maturity in Faith.

I ask that you pray for the Somascan Fathers as they prepare to come to Glenmore Park and I trust that they will be received with warmth and goodwill when they assume leadership of the ministry here next month.

With every blessing during the Paschal Season,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Signed

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.
Bishop of Parramatta**

The following is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/library/eucharist-and-vocations-9171
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The Eucharist and Vocations

Author: Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.
THE EUCHARIST AND VOCATIONS
Reverend John A. Hardon, S.J.



It is impossible to exaggerate the close relation between the Holy Eucharist and vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

This is only to be expected once we realize that every vocation is a special grace from God, and the greatest source of grace we have is the Eucharist as Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion.

Faith tells us that Christ is really present on our altars, that He really offers Himself in the Mass, and that we really receive Him in Holy Communion. In each case, the Living Christ is now inspiring men and women to give themselves to Him with all their hearts and follow Him in the extension of His Kingdom.

The Eucharist, therefore, is the best way to foster vocations. This means that persons who attend Mass, receive Communion and invoke Christ in the Blessed Sacrament obtain light and strength that no one else has a claim to.

The Eucharist is also the best way to recognize vocations. Show me a man or woman devoted to the Eucharist and I will show you a person who is an apt subject for the priesthood or the religious life.

The Eucharist is finally the infallible way of preserving one's vocation. This is especially true of devotion to the Real Presence. Is it any wonder that saintly priests and religious over the centuries have been uncommonly devoted to the Blessed Sacrament? They know where to obtain the help they need to remain faithful to their vocations. It is from the same Christ Who called them and Who continues to sustain them in His consecrated service.

Vocations begin with the Eucharist; they are developed through the Eucharist; and they are preserved by the Eucharist. All of this is true because the Eucharist is Jesus Christ, still on earth, working through men and women whom He calls to share His Plan for salvation.

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

This weekend we celebrate **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** and **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

THIS WEEKEND: BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Will you support our seminarians to "go out into the deep" and serve? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan the QR code found on the envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note: No Mass on Tuesday. Masses for the rest of the week, including weekend Masses are as usual.
ANZAC DAY: This Thursday 25 April.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORM DUE

The enrolment form is due next week, by Wednesday 24 April. The Parent Letter and the Enrollment Form are available on the Welcome Table and on the Parish Website. Please let others know about it.

SR. MARG FINLAY IBVM

Sr Marg was the leader of our developing Catholic Community from 1997 – 2001. If you were part of the community (Church Under the Rooftops) you may like to join Sr Marg for lunch on 01 May at the Golf Club. Please advise Lynn Young by 26 April if you would like to attend.

Sunday 21 April: Fourth Sunday of Easter Yr. B

Tuesday 23 April: St. George, *Martyr* & St. Adalbert, *Bishop & Martyr*

Wednesday 24 April: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, *Priest & Martyr*

Thursday 25 April: ANZAC DAY

Friday 26 April: St Mark, *Evangelist*

Saturday 27 April: St. Louis de Montfort, *Priest*

NEXT SUNDAY is the Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21:26-28, 30-32. 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 23 April

Place: Rosie & Farley Bartholomeusz

Date: Tuesday 30 April

Place: Matt & Lorraine Vella

LEGION OF MARY meeting every Thursday, 5.30pm in the meeting room.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL



Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people - including 14 million children - now need humanitarian assistance and support, according to the

United Nations. Caritas partners in Sudan have distributed food, as well as delivering cash assistance, water, hygiene services and gender-based violence protection. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/sudan or phone 1800 024 413.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Prayers for the Sick: Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, Trent Moore, Bernadette Tecson, Ernesto Modelo, Joselito Canaria, Lynn Navarro, Kim Baluyot, Jasmine Arada, Maricris Palencia, Yvonne Videla, Alejandra Modelo, Emily & Danilo Rosales, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella. **Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.**

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR – FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 27/28 APRIL

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana Tracy Amituanai	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	Chris Hersey
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. help needed	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC			Pio's Voices
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Jonielyn Yuzon
BAPTISM			Presentation Mass
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Rebekah Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Johan		



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