



# ST. PADRE PIO PARISH GLENMORE PARK

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**SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024**

**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR B**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### SUNDAY

8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

### MONDAY

7:00pm Mass

### TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass  
Sacrament of Penance  
(Confession) before & after Mass  
(depending on priests' availability)

### WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Mass (every First  
Wednesday includes Novena to  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

### SATURDAY

9:00am Mass  
Novena to St. Padre Pio &  
Blessing with his Relic  
9:30am Sacrament of Penance  
5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

### BAPTISMS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays.  
Minimum booking time: two  
months in advance.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

7:00pm Mass, Adoration starts  
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet  
9:00am Saturday Mass

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass,  
then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

### FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Contact the Parish Office.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

### Why You Should Go on a Retreat

From EWTN Britain: [ewtn.co.uk/article-why-you-should-go-on-a-retreat/](http://ewtn.co.uk/article-why-you-should-go-on-a-retreat/)  
By: Tim Drake, March 16, 2023

*COMMENTARY: Seek the blessings of a time of holy rest with Our Lord, for 'There is no one gentler than God in revealing ourselves to ourselves.' Every retreat we take is a kind of practice for what we will be doing for all of eternity: worshipping and resting in the Lord.*

When most people are asked why they don't go on retreat, they'll respond that they just don't have the time. It's an interesting response, given that God has given us all the time that we have. When we take time for a faith-based retreat, we are really giving back to God that which already belongs to him. The blessings that flow from that conscious engagement with God are plentiful.

The foremost blessing of a retreat is the recognition that God is God, and we are not. Going on a retreat demonstrates a posture of humility. We approach the Holy Trinity, on our knees, acknowledging our place in the universe before God.

A retreat offers the blessing of getting to know Christ better. Whether a silent or guided retreat, we are giving back to God the gift of time. The spiritual movements, stirrings, communion and prayer that happen during that blessed time are a conversation that can last a lifetime. The Holy Spirit is our primary spiritual director, and through our time of

contemplation, we come not only to know God better, but also ourselves. One retreatant once told me, "There is no one gentler than God in revealing ourselves to ourselves."

We are a wounded people. Each of us has been hurt in life, and we carry these wounds with us. A retreat offers the opportunity for a soul to be nourished and tended to by the Divine Healer. Repeatedly, as the executive director of a retreat center, I encounter guests who describe how God has provided healing during their time of retreat.

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THE SOMASCAN FATHERS X SOMASCAN MOVEMENT AUSTRALIA

**ADVENT FAMILY RETREAT DAY**

*The Christmas Miracle*

**SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park  
34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park NSW 2745

9:00 AM	Morning Mass & Novena
10:00 AM	Session One + Q&A
11:00 AM	Session Two + Q&A
12:00 PM	Holy Rosary
12:30 PM	Shared Lunch
1:30 PM	Session Three + Q&A
2:30 PM	Holy Hour of Adoration
3:30 PM	Afternoon Tea

All Sessions will be separated into primary-school aged and teens/adults

FREE REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL VIA  
[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/SOMASCAN-ADVENT-RETREAT-2024](https://events.humanitix.com/somascan-advent-retreat-2024)

Our ways are not God ways.

Another blessing of retreats is that they offer a time of holy rest. In Mark 6:31, Jesus invites his disciples, and us, to “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” Amidst the pace of our often-hectic, overscheduled, hyper-connected lives, retreats offer an invitation and an opportunity for a reset. We often live under the illusion that all that happens is because of our doing. We invert reality. It is precisely when we are busiest and believe we cannot withdraw that we should. It is then that we need a reminder that we are not the center of all things.

Retreats offer a pause from technology, social media, schedules, screens, work, shopping, even interacting with other people. Every retreat we take is a kind of practice for what we will be doing for all of eternity: worshipping and resting in the Lord. Like the white space in art, or the pause in music, retreats offer us a space for reflection and renewal. They allow us to be transformed by Christ.

It’s good to remember that we “retreat” because God did so first. On the seventh day, God rested. Christ routinely went off to a solitary place to pray and told his followers to do likewise. If Jesus did so regularly, who are we to think it’s not necessary for us? Only one thing is necessary. In Luke 10:42, Christ tells Martha that only one thing is needful: to sit at Christ’s feet and listen to his word. There is no better place to do that than on retreat. It is there, before God, where we experience Christ’s tender mercy, peace and love. Just as exercise is a way to form our bodies, and remain healthy, a retreat is physical exertion for our souls. Retreats are how we work on the interior life, the life of the soul. They are vital for our own spiritual growth, renewal, transformation and development. Psalm 46:10 tells us, “Be still, and know that I am God ...

While we do go to better ourselves, and strive for sainthood, we should leave our place of retreat and reenter the world better: better wives and husbands, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, friends, co-workers and parishioners. We should take the peace that God provides on retreat and bring that peace to our families, communities, churches, states, countries and world — for it is only through our own holiness, reflecting Christ, that we can leave the world a better place.

### **ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: 19 November**

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to the annual Diocesan Mass for our Deceased Clergy:

**When:** Tuesday 19 November at 9.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in St Marys Cemetery. All are welcome to give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

### **DEACON MENARD GASPI’S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta invites you to the Ordination of Menard Morales Gaspi.

**When:** Thursday 21 November at 7.30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta.

For those unable to attend the Ordination, the livestream will be available on the [Diocese of Parramatta’s YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/@DioceseofParramatta): <https://www.youtube.com/@DioceseofParramatta>.

Following his Ordination, Fr Menard’s first Mass will be on Friday 22 November at Mary Immaculate Parish, Bossley Park, 7pm. We pray that Menard might be a faithful servant of God & wish him well in his new priestly ministry

### **SAFEGUARDING**

We are reminded of God’s loving kindness, and his commitment to seek each one of us out and hold us gently in his care. We are reminded of our own mission to care for all our Father has created. Let us especially direct our care and attention to each other, so our Parish Community is a safe place where each one of us plays a part to actively promote the dignity and rights of children and all persons, particularly the vulnerable.

### **MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:**

Thanksgiving to God-Birthday. **Recently Deceased:** Mary Anne Cutajar. **Death Anniversary:** Tarcisio Cauchi. **Prayers for the Sick:** Steve Eggleton, Erwin Jacob Turigol, Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Richard Daher, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Mario Cauchi, Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, Trent Moore, 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.



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## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### NOVEMBER IS ESPECIALLY DEDICATED TO PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY.

Through prayers and Masses offered for them, they will go to Heaven.



### CHRISTMAS PLAY

**When:** Christmas Eve from 5.30pm, followed by the 6pm Children's Christmas Mass. Children and youth up to 17yrs are welcome to participate. Practices will be on: **Sundays, 01 December, 08 December, 22 December 4pm-5.30pm**, costumes will be provided. If your child is interested, please email the parish office ASAP.

### ADVENT FAMILY RETREAT DAY: *THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE* – Saturday 30 November, 9am-3.30pm

9am: Mass & Novena,  
10am: Session 1 + Q & A,  
11am: Session 2 + Q & A,  
12pm: Holy Rosary,  
12.30pm: Shared lunch,  
1.30pm: Session 3 + Q & A,  
2.30pm: Holy Hour of Adoration,  
3.30pm: Afternoon Tea.



All Sessions will be separated into primary-school aged and teens/adults. **It's a FREE event! Registration is essential for catering purposes!** Register: via link on poster or the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

### BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S HOUSES TO HOMES

**When:** 30 Nov Vigil & 01 Dec, 8am & 10am Masses  
This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishop's Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or the envelopes. Thank you.

### Sunday 17 November:

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**Monday 18 November:** Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul

**Thursday 21 November:** Presentation of Our Lady

**Friday 22 November:** St Cecilia

**Saturday 23 November:** Sts Clement & Columban

**NEXT SUNDAY: JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE.** Readings: Daniel 7:13-14, Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1, Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 19 November

**Place:** Francis & May Ann Pabon

**Date:** Tuesday 26 November

**Place:** Vangie & Shane McCaw

### LEGION OF MARY MEETING:

Every Thursday, 5.30pm in the Church meeting room.

**PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES** sheet for October can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

### ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

Come and prepare for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

**When:** every Tuesday in Advent, from 03 Dec, 7pm-8pm in the Church. All welcome.

### WORKING BEE, CHURCH DECORATIONS & PUTTING UP OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Saturday 14 December, after the 9am Mass.

It will be for the inside and outside of the Church. Please bring gloves, cleaning items, etc. and include this date in your diary. Thanks!

**CANA MARRIAGE EVENT:** Delve into the Christian call of marriage and learn about how you can live this vocation with true joy and find real fulfillment.

**Launch:** This Saturday 23rd Nov, 3pm-5pm.

**Guest speakers:** Byron & Francine Pirola. **Free child-minding available. Register using the QR code on the flyer found on the noticeboards.**

### ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR – FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 23/24 NOVEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
<b>ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER</b>	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey Aiman Jajo
<b>READER</b>	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Georgia Fraser	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
<b>MUSIC</b>			Pio's Voices
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		Warda Family	Jonielyn Yuzon
<b>CLEANING TEAM</b>	Helen Sipeli, Rebekah Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Johan		

## 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading** Daniel 12:1-3

**A reading from the prophet Daniel**

*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God:**

**you are my hope.**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**



**Second Reading** Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may

Be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 13:24-32

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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