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SUNDAY 09 FEBRUARY 2025	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	YEAR C
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<p>PARISH OFFICE HOURS Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm</p> <p>SUNDAY 8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass</p> <p>MONDAY 7:00pm Mass</p> <p>TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00am Mass</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Mass (every Wednesday includes Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)</p> <p>SATURDAY 9:00am Mass Novena to St. Padre Pio & Blessing with his Relic 9:30am Sacrament of Penance 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass</p> <p>RECONCILIATION (Confession) Tuesday – Friday Before & after Mass (<i>depending on priests' availability</i>).</p> <p>BAPTISMS 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays. Minimum booking time: two months in advance.</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION 7:00pm Mass, Adoration starts 3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:00am Saturday Mass</p> <p>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass, then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.</p> <p>FRIDAY PLAYGROUP Contact the Parish Office.</p> <p>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS Please contact the Parish Office.</p>
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ST JEROME EMILIANI

St. Jerome was born in Venice in 1486, of the patrician Emiliani (Miani) family. When he was ten, he tragically lost his father. He never was a scholar but a man of action, making friends easily, cheerful, strong minded, and enthusiastic.



At twenty-five, Jerome was entrusted with the directorship of Castelnuovo of Quero on the straits on the Piave River. The most important events of his regency occurred on August 27, 1511. Abandoned by the soldiers who were supposed to defend the castle from the League of Cambrai, Jerome could not resist the attacking forces and was taken prisoner. He had been locked in a tower, his feet bound in chains and stone ball hung at his neck. His imprisonment lasted one month. In this condition, Jerome addressed the Blessed Virgin of the Madonna Grande's shrine. "A woman clothed in white" then appeared to him. She handed him the keys to open the chains and the door of the tower. Once he gained his freedom, he had to pass through the hostile army. Moreover, he did not know the way. He again beheld Mary and she led him to the sight of Treviso's gates.

Jerome kept serving the Republic until the end of the war in 1516. In the following decade, he lost his mother and two of his brothers and thus becoming the custodian of his orphaned nephews and nieces. He was forty years old, and he had not produced a family of his own. A deep spiritual transformation started taking place in Jerome's soul. A very close friend of his, whose name remains unknown, in a biography written soon after Jerome's death, narrates: "When it pleased God to move his heart and by holy inspiration draw him from worldly occupations to himself...." Listening to God's word was the starting point. "By often listening to the word of God, he started to recall his ingratitude. He remembered his sins against the Lord. He wept often and, at the foot of the Crucified Lord, prayed to him not to be his judge, but his Savior." Under the guidance of an expert spiritual director, a regular canon of the Convent of Charity, Jerome began to associate with friends who could help him with counsel, example, and prayer. He started to go to church, listen to homilies, and attend Masses regularly.

In a remarkably radical decision Jerome engaged himself in the imitation of the Crucified Jesus with much self-discipline and many charitable works for the poor. He was particularly touched by the Gospel passage, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Overwhelmed by God's grace, he therefore "resolved to imitate his dear Master Jesus Christ with all his strength."

In the year of his spiritual transformation, Jerome had the chance to encounter the Company of Divine Love. His work for the needy with this group excelled. Throughout Italy, a very great famine broke out in 1528. Responding to the need arising from the famine and plague, St Jerome Emiliani left a public career for charity. His intention to leave his family and wealth became a firm and irrevocable decision on February 6, 1531. He removed his patrician clothing, donned the habit of the poor, and left his house never to return. Jerome opened a craft shop at St. Rocco, where he started the first family of orphans. In this way, he separated them from the other poor, sick, and beggars, and gave them a home.

Many people volunteered to help him. Somasca, a tiny village near Milan, became the centre of gathering for those who intended to give up everything for the service of the poor. Jerome also developed a strong structure for teaching catechism. All this work was accompanied and supported by long hours of prayer. With some reeds Jerome had enclosed a "grotto" under a mountain buttress and created a hermitage, where he used to retire to pray before a wooden cross.

Everywhere, he found people who showed sympathy and interest in his plan and who were eager to cooperate. These people also joined in associations, which were called "Companies of the Orphans." Like a spontaneous growth, Jerome's enterprise came to take the shape of a well-structured organization serving the orphans and the needy. His experience of the paternity of God characterised their mission, and to see the Church reformed to that state of sanctity that was characteristic of the time of the apostles was their dream.

As eight years before, he contracted the plague. On February 4, 1537, he was lodged in a small room of one of his friends, on a bed that did not even belong to him. Before lying down, he drew a cross on the opposite wall. Four days later, during the night between February 7 and 8, he died.

Saints never die. Their lives remain as models for all Christians. The Church proclaimed Jerome. Blessed in 1747 and Saint in 1767. Pius XI declared him the Universal Patron Saint of the Orphans and Needy Youth. Jerome's mission of love continuously renews itself through his followers, the Somascan Fathers and Brothers and sisters.



"Without devotion, everything is lacking; by letting the fire of the Spirit cool down, everything will go to ruin;"

"the Company lose not its way of staying in solitude if it wants to stay with Christ;" it is only "with devotion that the good servant of the poor can confirm his brothers and people in the works of Christ."

"God does not work His things in those who have not put all their faith and hope in Him alone: and those who have great faith and hope, He filled with love and made great things in them. Therefore, if you do not lack faith and hope, He will do great things of you, exalting the humble"

St. Jerome Emiliani

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

THIS SUNDAY IS WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9 in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119: 105

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: 11 February

A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at St Patrick’s Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2025 via parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11

INVITATION TO A BOOK PRESENTATION

There will be a book presentation on the history of Croatia, written by Fr. Zvonimir.

When: Saturday 22 February 2025 at St. Nicholas’s Parish Hall 326 High St. Penrith.

Sunday 09 February:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Monday 10 February: St Scholastica

Tuesday 11 February: Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday 14 February: Sts Cyril & Methodius

NEXT SUNDAY:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Jeremiah 17:5-8, Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5, 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20, Luke 6:17. 20-26

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 11 February

Place: Brennen & Lorraine Muller

Date: Tuesday 18 February

Place: Wendy & Gert Van Mullekom

LEGION OF MARY MEETING:

Every Thursday, 5.30pm in the Church meeting room.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION 2025

The Parent Information Letter & Enrolment Form for this Sacrament are available on the Parish Website & Welcome Table for children in Yr 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Baptism. Enrolment forms to be in to the parish office by **18 February**.

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of each month. Brief reflection, Silent prayer. Confessions available. Light supper. All men are welcome. Contact Bernard, 0416 106 871.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Birthday. **Death Anniversary:** Lini. **Prayers for the Sick:** Steve Eggleton, 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. **Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.**

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK THREE– THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 15/16 FEBRUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Tracy Amituanai
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	Chris Hersey Dit Almer
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Trudie Almeida	1. Sue Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Katie English 2. Noel Xavier
MUSIC	Our Daily Bread		
HOSPITALITY		Help Needed	Connie Hyland & Rosie Bartholomeuz
BAPTISM			
CLEANING TEAM	Susan Guy, Anna Roberts, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Johan		

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways;

'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,

and I will make you fishers of my people..

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank.

The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.'

'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.'

And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.