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SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	YEAR C
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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

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

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Tuesday – Friday
 Before & after Mass (*depending on
 priests' availability*).

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.

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

On Saturday 22 February, we celebrated the feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle and the following excerpt explains how this Feast came about and what 'the Chair' represents. We also keep Pope Francis in prayer.



St Peter having triumphed over the devil in the East, pursued him to Rome in the person of Simon Magus. He who had formerly trembled at the voice of a poor maid now did not fear the very throne of idolatry and superstition. The capital of the empire of the world, and the centre of impiety (Rome), called for the zeal of the prince of the apostles. God had established the Roman empire and extended its dominion beyond that of any former monarchy, for the more easy propagation of his gospel. Its metropolis

was of the greatest importance for this enterprise. St. Peter took that province upon himself; and going to Rome, there preached the faith and established his episcopal chair, whose successors, the bishops of Rome have been accounted in all ages.

That St. Peter founded that church by his preaching is expressly asserted by Caius, a priest of Rome under Pope Zephyrinus; who relates also that his body was then on the Vatican Hill, and that of his fellow-labourer St. Paul on the Ostian Road. That he and St. Paul planted the faith at Rome and were both crowned with martyrdom at the same time, is affirmed by Dionysius, Bishop of Corinth, in the second age. St. Irenaeus, who lived in the same age, calls the church at Rome "the greatest and most ancient church, founded by the two glorious apostles, Peter and Paul." Eusebius, in several places, mentions St. Peter's being at Rome, and the several important translations of this apostle in that city. Not to mention Origen, Hegesippus, Arnobius, St. Ambrose, St. Austin, St. Jerome, St. Optatus, Orosius, and others on the same subject. St. Cyprian calls Rome the <chair> of St. Peter (as Theodoret calls it his <throne>), which the general councils and ecclesiastical writers, through every age and on every occasion, repeat.

That St. Peter at least preached in Rome, founded that church, and died there by martyrdom under Nero are facts, the most incontestable by the testimony of all writers of different countries who lived near that time; persons of unquestionable veracity, and who could not but be informed of the truth in a point so interesting, and of its own nature so public and notorious, as to leave them no possibility of a mistake. This is also attested by monuments of every kind; also by the prerogatives, rights, and privileges which that church enjoyed from those early ages in consequence of this title.

It was an ancient custom, as Cardinal Baronius and Thomassin show by many examples, observed by churches to keep an annual festival of the consecration of their bishops. The feast of the chair of St. Peter is found in ancient Martyrologies, as in one under the name of St. Jerome, at Esternach, copied in the time of St. Willibrord, in 720. Christians justly celebrate the founding of this mother-church, the centre of catholic communion, in thanksgiving to God for his mercies on his church, and to implore his future blessings.

Christ has taught us, in the divine model of prayer which he has delivered to us, that we are bound to recommend to him, before all other things, the exaltation of his own honour and glory, and to beg that the kingdom of his holy grace and love be planted in all hearts. If we love God above all things, and with our whole hearts, or have any true charity for our neighbour, this will be the centre of all our desires, that God be loved and served by all his creatures, and that he be glorified, in the most perfect manner, in our own souls.

By placing this at the head of our requests, we shall most strongly engage God to crown all our just and holy desires. As one of his greatest mercies to his church, we most earnestly beseech him to raise up in it zealous pastors, eminently replenished with his Spirit, with which he animated his apostles.

Photo from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chair_of_Saint_Peter
 Excerpt is from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/chair-of-st-peter-the-apostle-418>

ST. SABINUS



Due to the cruel edicts of Diocletian and Maximin against the Christians being published in the year 303, Sabinus, Bishop of Assisium, and several of his clergy, were apprehended and kept in custody till Venustianus, the Governor of Etruria and Umbria, came there.

Upon his arrival in that city, he caused the hands of Sabinus, who had made a glorious confession of his Faith before him, to be cut off; and his two deacons, Marcellus and Exuperantius, to be scourged, beaten with clubs, and torn with iron nails, under which torments they both expired. Sabinus is said to have cured a blind boy, and a weakness in the eyes of Venustianus himself, who was thereupon converted, and afterward beheaded for the Faith. Lucius, his successor, commanded Sabinus to be beaten to death with clubs at Spoleto. The martyr was buried a mile from that city, but his relics have been since translated to Faenza. *(Taken from Lives of the Saints, by Alban Butler)*

Excerpt from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/sabinus-757>
 Picture from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sabinus_of_Spoleto

February Is the Month Dedicated to the Holy Family



Honoring the Holy Family especially during its traditional month is a major way to restore the family to its truly God-given place.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to Mary and Joseph, You sanctified family life by Your beautiful virtues. Grant that we, with the help of Mary and Joseph, may be taught by the example of Your holy Family, and may after death enjoy its everlasting companionship. Amen.

(from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-family-308>)
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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED TO TEACH THE CHILDREN IN OUR GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

We really need your help to cover a number of classes that do not have a teacher.

Tuesday: RPS 12:45 – 1:10 Year 5.

Thursday: GPPS 11:30 – 12:00 Year 4.

SCPS 12:20 – 12:50 Year 2, 12:50 – 1:20 Year 3 & 5.

NPS 1:45 – 2:15 Kindergarten, 2:15 – 2:45 Year 3/4.

Training, lesson plans and workbooks for the children are provided. Please contact the parish office or Lynn Young if you are able to help. Thank You

33 DAY CONSECRATION TO MARY PRAYER continues

This takes place in the Church every Thursday, 7pm. The rest of the days, one can do the prayers at home till 25 March. Prayers will be provided.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

When: Wednesday, 05 March

Mass Times: 9am (Bethany School attending) & 7pm. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

When: Friday 07 March

7pm: Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass followed by the All-night Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament

3am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9am: Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio.

Come and spend time with Our Lord.

The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

Sunday 23 February:

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Thursday 27 February: St Gregory of Narek

NEXT SUNDAY:

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sirach 27:4-7, Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 25 February

Place: Lya & Billy Layug

Date: Tuesday 04 March

Place: Teresa Brombal

PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES sheet for December & January can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

PALMS

Please bring in your old palms and place them in the basket on the Welcome Table. These will be burnt and the ash used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: every Friday in Lent, starting on 07 March.

Time: 7:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table for families who would like to lead.

MET NATURAL FERTILITY INSTRUCTION SESSIONS on

Natural Family Planning methods via Zoom. Learn how to chart your cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to reach your family goals.

- Sympto-Thermal Method: 25 February, 7:15pm
- Please register at parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Phyllis Simmons, Roland Peters, Mario Cauchi, Thomas, Thresiamma, Salvatore Russo. **Prayers for the Sick:** Steve Eggleton, Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Richard Daher, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, 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, Vincent De Giovanni. **Please contact the Parish office to offer a Mass intention**

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK ONE– FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 01/02 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	Chris Hersey Manny Medel
READER	1. Trudi Almeida 2. Maz Lirio	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
MUSIC	Mitchell's Group		Children's Choir
HOSPITALITY		help needed	Zon Lupisan & Deb Vella
BAPTISM			Daniel Rossetto
CLEANING TEAM	Paula Harris, Mel Gaudoin, Josephine Caruana, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda		

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

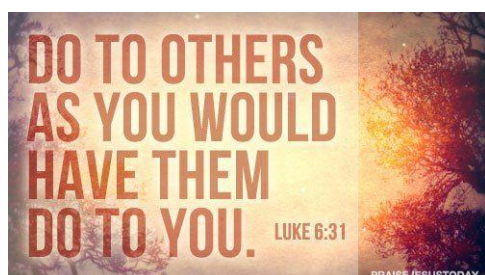
1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**



Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.