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<b>SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>YEAR C</b>
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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 (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.

## A MODEL PILGRIM FOR TODAY AND THE FUTURE



Today the meaning and power of going on pilgrimage appear to have been rediscovered. Some thought it would disappear after the upheavals of the 1960s, but in fact the opposite has happened. The number of pilgrims traveling to Lourdes,

Rome, Jerusalem, and other cities has increased. More than twenty million pilgrims travel through Europe each year. Guadalupe alone receives a similar number.

John Paul II has said that pilgrimage is "a key to our religious future." ...All men and women are pilgrims who search for some meaning in their lives; who question themselves, look within themselves and beyond themselves; who search for truth, and look for places, simple or grandiose, which seem to them to carry a message. Life's pilgrimage is the journey to the Promised Land, Jesus. A pilgrim's journey to a holy site, with all its hardships, joys, penances, is a summary of life's journey to God. The pilgrimage not only summarizes this life but, made with sincere prayer, calls down God's blessings so that the pilgrim will arrive safely and for all eternity in Jesus, the Holy One of God.

Saint Louis de Montfort's way of perfection is nothing less than a Marian pilgrimage into the blazing light of God Alone. His four means of attaining union with Wisdom characterize the pilgrimage: the Christian sets out with an intense desire to know God, to march on with a prayer in his heart and on his lips, and to practice mortifications by accepting joyously the difficulties of the journey.

"Leave all things and you will find all things by finding Jesus Christ, incarnate Wisdom," wrote Saint Louis Marie (LEW 202). His missionary life is marked by renunciation of all else to follow the way of Christ. His pilgrimages are so filled with grace, for they are always Marian. As John Paul teaches, "The Blessed Virgin Mary continues to 'go before' the people of God. Her exceptional pilgrimage of faith represents a constant point of

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reference for the Church, for individuals and for communities, for peoples and nations, and, in a sense, for all humanity" (RMat 6). So that we may be pilgrims throughout our lives, Saint Louis Marie exhorts us to fix our gaze on Jesus Christ: "He is our model of living, / Let us imitate his feelings, / Try to follow him, heart to heart / In his steps and in his movements" (H 144).

*Above excerpt is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/library/pilgrimage-12823 (20) J. Maritain, Le paysan de la Garonne (The Peasant of the Garonne), Desclée de Brouwer, Paris 1966, 340.*

**Taken from:** *Jesus Living in Mary: Handbook of the Spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort* (Litchfield, CT: Montfort Publications, 1994).

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### **WHAT IS THE JUBILEE YEAR?**

Held every 25 years, a Jubilee Year is a sacred time of prayer, pilgrimage, and conversion. It is a call to experience God's mercy through sacramental repentance and spiritual renewal. The Jubilee of 2025 themed "Pilgrims of Hope", commenced on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and runs to 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door.

*(from <https://parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/>)*

### **...AND WHY SHOULD WE GO ON A PILGRIMAGE DURING THIS YEAR?**

*(from: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo/il-pellegrinaggio.html>)*

The jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves. Hence, it is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. In this sense, the Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out.



The etymology of the word "pilgrimage" is quite telling and has undergone little change in meaning over the years. The word comes from the Latin "per ager," meaning "across the fields," or perhaps from "per eger" meaning "border crossing": both possible origins point to the distinctive aspect of undertaking a journey.

In the Bible, Abraham is described as a person on a journey: "Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father's house". (Genesis 12:1). With these words Abraham begins his adventure, which ends in the Promised Land,

where he is remembered as a "wandering Aramean" (Deuteronomy 26:5).

Jesus' ministry can also be seen as a journey, from Galilee to the Holy City of Jerusalem ... "As the time drew near when Jesus would be taken up to heaven, he made up his mind and set out on his way to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51). Christ himself calls His disciples to walk this road, and even today Christians are those who follow him and set out after Him.

The journey takes place gradually: there are various routes to choose from and places to discover; it is made up of particular sets of circumstances, moments of catechesis, sacred rites and liturgies. Along the way our traveling companions enrich us with new ways of understanding things and fresh perspectives.

Contemplation of creation is also part of the journey and helps us to realize that care for creation "is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will" (Pope Francis, Letter for the Jubilee 2025). Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to conform it to the holiness of God...

### **JUBILEE IN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA**



**DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA**

During this extraordinary year, Bishop Vincent Long invites all to participate in the many events that will be taking place. In particular, everybody is invited to take a personal or small group pilgrimage to one or all three of our pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year:

[The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville](#)

[St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta](#)

[Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa](#)

A Jubilee Indulgence is granted to those who make a Jubilee pilgrimage during the year. Those who cannot make a jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in reconciliation, prayer, and the [Eucharistic celebration](#).

## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY HOLY MASS**  
Every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm.

**THIS WEEKEND: BISHOP'S CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL**

**When: 29 & 30 March**  
Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or the envelopes. Thank you.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Contributing to Project Compassion is one way of living out the spirit of Lent. Please go to: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion). Boxes are on the Welcome Table.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS, FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION**  
**When:** This Friday 04 April  
**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.

**WORKING BEE FOR EASTER**  
**When:** This Saturday 05 April. Please save this date in your diary as we need many helpers. Thankyou.

**DECORATION OF CHURCH WITH PALMS**  
**When:** Saturday 12 April. After the parish pilgrimage returns, approx. 1.30pm.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C  
Isaiah 43:16-21, Ps 125. R. v.3, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**  
**Date:** Tuesday 01 April  
**Place:** Bernadette & Peter Quigley  
**Date:** Tuesday 08 April  
**Place:** Nina & William Cimafranca

**PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY**  
Please contact the parish office if you can provide palms. These are needed closer to Palm Sunday.

**LOCAL PILGRIMAGE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR**  
There are 3 Churches designated as Pilgrimage Places for the Jubilee Year in Parramatta Diocese.



**A parish pilgrimage is being held on: 12 April to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Leaving at 10.30am from the parish.**  
Please indicate your attendance and whether carpooling or a lift is needed, on the sign-up sheet found on the Welcome Table.

**THE AUSTRALIAN HOLY SHROUD CONFERENCE**  
**Where:** Liverpool Catholic Club  
**When:** 27-28 June 2025  
An intellectually engaging and spiritually enriching two-day conference with high profile speakers, including Bishop Richard Umbers, William West & more. Please see flyer on the noticeboards.



**MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:** Wedding Anniversary, Birthday, **For the deceased:** Paul, Eileen McGann, P.K George, Mario Cauchi. **Prayers for the Sick:** April Cataroja, Susan, 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 office to offer Holy Mass.**

### ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 05/06 APRIL

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		<b>Help Needed</b>	Zon Lupisan & Deb Vella
BAPTISM			Daniel Rossetto
CLEANING TEAM	Mel Gaudoin, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda		

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

**First Reading** Joshua 5:9-12

**A reading from the book of Joshua**

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day.

From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 15:18

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Gospel** Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

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

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.* The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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