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SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	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 (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.

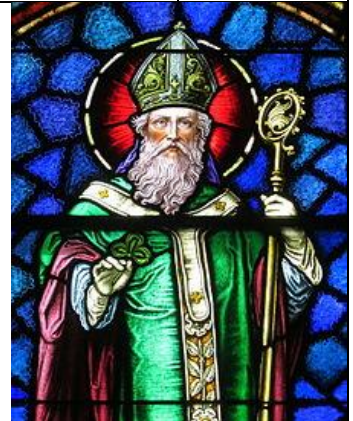
SAINT PATRICK, APOSTLE OF IRELAND
389-461
Feast: March 17

The field of St. Patrick's labors was the most remote part of the then known world. The seed he planted in faraway Ireland, which before his time was largely pagan, bore a rich harvest: whole colonies of saints and missionaries were to rise up after him to serve the Irish Church and to carry Christianity to other lands. Whether his birthplace, a village called Bannavem Taberniae, was near Dunbarton-on-the-Clyde, or in Cumberland, or at the mouth of the Severn, or even in Gaul near Boulogne, has never been determined, and indeed the matter is of no great moment. We know of a certainty that Patrick was of Romano-British origin and born about the year 389. His father, Calpornius, was a deacon, his grandfather a priest, for at this time no strict law of celibacy had been imposed on the Christian clergy. Patrick's own full name was probably Patricius Magonus Sucatus.

His brief <Confession> gives us few details of his early years. At the age of fifteen he committed some fault—what it was we are not told—which caused him much suffering for the rest of his life. At sixteen, he tells us, he still "knew not the true God." Since he was born into a Christian family, we may take this to mean that he gave little heed to religion or to the priests.

That same year Patrick and some others were seized and carried off by sea raiders to become slaves among the inhabitants of Ireland...He tells us himself that "constantly I used to pray in the daytime. Love of God and His fear increased more and more, and my faith grew and my spirit was stirred up, so that in a single day I said as many as a hundred prayers and at night nearly as many, and I used to stay out in the woods and on the mountain. Before the dawn I used to wake up to prayer, in snow and frost and rain, nor was there any such lukewarmness in me as now I feel, because then my spirit was fervent within."

At length he heard a voice in his sleep bidding him to get back to freedom and the land of his birth. Thus prompted, he ran away from his master and traveled to a harbor where a ship was about to depart. The captain at first refused his request for passage, but after Patrick had silently prayed to



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God, the pagan sailors called him back, and with them he made an adventurous journey. They were three days at sea, and when they reached land they traveled for a month through an uninhabited tract of country, where food was scarce. Patrick writes:

"And one day the shipmaster said to me: 'How is this, O Christian? Thou sayest that thy God is great and almighty; wherefore then canst thou not pray for us, for we are in danger of starvation? Likely we shall never see a human being again.' Then I said plainly to them: 'Turn in good faith and with all your heart to the Lord my God, to whom nothing is impossible, that this day He may send you food for your journey, until ye be satisfied, for He has abundance everywhere.' And, by the help of God, so it came to pass. Lo, a herd of swine appeared in the way before our eyes, and they killed many of them. And in that place they remained two nights; and they were well refreshed and their dogs were sated, for many of them had fainted and been left half-dead by the way. After this they rendered hearty thanks to God, and I became honorable in their eyes; and from that day they had food in abundance."

At length they arrived at human habitations, whether in Britain or Gaul we do not know. When Patrick was again restored to his kinfolk, they gave him a warm welcome and urged him to stay. But he felt he must leave them. Possibly fifteen years passed at the monastery of Auxerre, where he was ordained. At this time Pelagianism was spreading among the weak and scattered Christian communities of Britain and Ireland, and Pope Celestine I had sent Bishop Palladius there to combat it. Patrick was consecrated Bishop in 432, and departed forthwith for Ireland.

About the year 442, tradition tells us, Patrick went to Rome and met Pope Leo the Great. According to the annals of Ulster, the cathedral church of Armagh was founded as the primatial see of Ireland on Patrick's return. He brought back valuable relics with him. What was most human in the saint, and at the same time most divine, comes out in this passage from his <Confession>:

"It was not any grace in me, but God who conquereth in me, and He resisted them all, so that I came to the heathen of Ireland to preach the Gospel and to bear insults from unbelievers, to hear the reproach of my going abroad and to endure many persecutions even unto bonds, the while that I was surrendering my liberty as a man of free condition for the profit of others. **And if I should be found worthy, I am ready to give even my life for His name's sake unflinchingly and gladly, and there (in Ireland) I desire to spend it until I die, if our Lord should grant it to me.**"

Patrick's marvelous harvest filled him with gratitude. During an apostolate of thirty years, he is reported to have consecrated some 350 bishops and was instrumental in bringing the faith to many thousands. He writes, "Wherefore those in Ireland who never had the knowledge of God, but until now only worshiped idols and abominations, from them has been lately prepared a people of the Lord, and they are called children of God. Sons and daughters of Scottish chieftains are seen becoming monks and virgins of Christ." Yet hostility and violence still existed, for he writes later, "Daily I expect either a violent death, or robbery and a return to slavery, or some other calamity." He adds, like the good Christian he was, **"I have cast myself into the hands of Almighty God, for He rules everything."**

Patrick died about 461, and was buried near the fortress of Saul, in the vicinity of the future cathedral town of Down. He was intensely spiritual, a magnetic personality with great gifts for action and organization. He brought Ireland into much closer contact with Europe, especially with the Holy See. The building up of the weak Christian communities which he found on arrival and planting the faith in new regions give him his place as the patron of Ireland.

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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

<p>SOLEMNITY OF ST. PATRICK When: This Monday 17 March, 7pm Mass.</p>	<p>Sunday 16 March: Second Sunday of Lent Year C Monday 17 March: Solemnity of St Patrick Wednesday 19 March: SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>
<p>SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH When: This Wednesday 19 March, 7pm Mass. We especially honour St Joseph on this day, for his unique role as the foster father of Jesus & spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We pray through his intercession for families, the Church and for those who are dying.</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Lent Year C Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15, Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9</p>
<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS When: every Friday in Lent. Time: 7:00pm.</p>	<p>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP Date: Tuesday 18 March Place: Jonie & Albert Yuzon Date: Tuesday 25 March Place: Gloria & Anton Malicdem</p>
<p>33 DAY CONSECRATION TO MARY PRAYER This takes place in the Church every Friday, 6:30pm. till 25 March.</p>	<p>PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY Please contact the parish office if you can provide palms. These are needed closer to Palm Sunday.</p>
<p>ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING Children in Yr 4 & above are invited to become altar servers. Training sessions will take place on Thursday 27 March after 9am Mass and Saturday 29 March after 9am Mass. For more info, please contact the parish office.</p>	<p>PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES sheet for February can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.</p>
<p>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. To find out more about the projects go to: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion. Boxes are available on the Welcome Table.</p>	<p>CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK LITURGIES SEMINAR When: 22 March, 9.30am-3pm. Where: Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are invited to attend. It will focus on the different Holy Week and Easter Triduum liturgies. The seminar will be presented by Mr. Chris Ohlsen. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please register for catering purposes by 17 March via parracatholic.org/events/celebrating-holy-week-seminar</p>
<p>BETHANY PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN Kindergarten Applications are due on Friday 28 March for first round offers in April.</p>	

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: In Thanksgiving to God. For Healing. For the deceased: Fr Eric, Arthur Reid, Mario, Mark Tramoli, Luigi Pippo, Matthew Edward Lee, Ben & Vivienne Almeida, Ana Broz. **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 a Mass.**

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR - SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 22/23 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug, Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey Aiman Jajo
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Georgia Fraser	1. Trish Warda 2. Help Needed	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC			Pio's Voices
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Jonielyn Yuzon
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Johan. <i>We would really appreciate more volunteers to clean the church after 9:00am Mass on Saturdays.</i>		

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life.
Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us.

I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.
Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.