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<b>SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025</b>	<b>THIRD 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.

## THE ANNUNCIATION

**Feast day: 25 March.**

### **Why is the Annunciation celebrated on March 25?**

The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, a feast which came about earlier historically. The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of God, and she accepted. At that moment, the "Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).



### **What were the five things that the archangel told Mary about her Son?**

Luke 1:32-33: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David; He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom there will be no end.

### **What does the word "fiat" mean in the Bible?**

The word "fiat" is Latin, and it means "let it be done." Mary's fiat was when she said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

### **What does Mary's fiat mean?**

Pope St. John Paul II said, 'Mary's words at the Annunciation "I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38), indicate an attitude characteristic of Jewish piety. At the beginning of the Old Covenant, Moses, in response to the Lord's call, proclaims himself his servant (cf. Ex 4:10; 14:31). With the coming of the New Covenant, Mary also responds to God with an act of free submission and conscious abandonment to his will, showing her complete availability to be the "handmaid of the Lord." Mary, "full of grace," by proclaiming herself "handmaid of the Lord" intends to commit herself to fulfil personally and in a perfect manner the service God expects of all his people.

### How does Mary serve as the New Eve in our salvation story?

St. Irenaeus taught, Just as the former – that is, Eve – was seduced by the words of an angel (fallen angel) so that she turned away from God by disobeying his word, so the latter – Mary – received the good news from an angel’s announcement in such a way as to give birth to God by obeying his word; and as the former was seduced so that she disobeyed God, the latter let herself be convinced to obey God, and so the Virgin Mary became the advocate of the virgin Eve. And as the human race was subjected to death by a virgin, it was liberated by a Virgin; a virgin’s disobedience was thus counterbalanced by a Virgin’s obedience....

### Why is Mary's yes to God so important to us?

Through Mary’s fiat, her “yes” to God, she made the Divine Plan of salvation effective in history. As Eve disobeyed and set humanity on a path of sin, Mary was perfectly obedient and set us on the path of grace. As Eve was the “Mother of All the Living” (Gen. 3:20), Mary is the Mother of All those Living “in Christ.” We owe her a debt of justice, and a filial obligation of love. Mary responded with the most perfect faith and obedience.

### What is the role of Mary in our life?

First, Mary is truly our mother. In Revelation 12:17, we see that the offspring of Mary are “those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus.” Thus, as Christians, we become the sons and daughters of Mary. Second, Mary is our perfect example of following Jesus in everything we do. For example, at the Wedding Feast at Cana, she said to the servants, “Do whatever [Jesus] tells you.” This was the running theme throughout Mary’s life: continually pointing to her Son. Also, Mary shows us how to truly obey God. At the Annunciation, Mary was a young teenager, a virgin. Instead of saying “no” to the Lord because of the enormity of the request, she put total trust in the Lord. In our daily lives, we should follow her example as we trust God in all large and small issues.

### How did the Virgin Mary pray?

The Virgin Mary prayed with great faith and trust in the Lord. In Sacred Scripture, we see glimpses of the Blessed Mother’s deep interior life.

For example, when she visits St. Elizabeth, we see this beautiful prayer:

#### The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55):

*My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm,  
he has scattered the proud  
in the imagination of their hearts,  
he has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and exalted those of low degree;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.*

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### NEXT 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.

### JOB VACANCY

If anyone is interested in doing home care for an elderly person in the Hills area, in either a full-time or part-time capacity, please contact the parish office.



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## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### SHALOM WORLD TV

This weekend there will be a short talk introducing Shalom World TV, a 24/7 family-friendly FREE Catholic TV channel. Options below.

- A 24-hour commercial-free, Catholic, family entertainment channel: [www.shalomworld.org](http://www.shalomworld.org)
- A new channel dedicated entirely to Prayer, your "companion to eternity": [www.swprayer.org](http://www.swprayer.org)
- Stories of God/Animated Bible stories for children: [www.swpals.org](http://www.swpals.org)
- Your one stop shop for all News related to Christianity: [www.shalomworld.org/news](http://www.shalomworld.org/news)
- A bi-monthly magazine, full of Hope Encouragement and Good News: [www.shalomtidings.org](http://www.shalomtidings.org)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD & CONSECRATION TO MARY

**When:** This Tuesday 25 March, 7pm Mass.

We celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus: when Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. There will also be the **CONSECRATION TO MARY** for those who have been doing the '33 day Consecration to Mary' prayer.

### ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

**When:** This Thursday 27 March & Saturday 29 March, both after 9am Mass, in the Church.

### WORKING BEE FOR EASTER

**When:** Saturday 05 April. Please include this date in your diary as we need many helpers please. Thankyou

### SUNDAY 23 MARCH:

Third Sunday of Lent Year C

**Tuesday 25 March: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD YR C**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

Joshua 5:9-12. Ps 33:2-7. 2 Cor 5:17-21. Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 25 March, **Place:** Gloria & Anton Malicdem  
Tuesday 01 April, **Place:** Bernadette & Peter Quigley

### PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Please call the parish office if you can provide palms.

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

**When:** 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.*



### LOCAL PILGRIMAGE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

There are 3 Churches designated as Pilgrimage Places for the Jubilee Year. 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.

**MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Deceased:** John Fitzpatrick, Carmela & Frank Palumberi, Mary Grech, Mario Cauchi, Tarcisio & Helen 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 a Mass.**

### ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 29/30 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Maz Lirio	Help Needed	Help Needed
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug, Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	Chris Hersey Dit Almer
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Georgia Fraser	1. Trish Warda 2. Help Needed	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Mel Almer
MUSIC			
HOSPITALITY		Help Needed	Help Needed
BAPTISM			Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	Volunteers needed to clean the church after 9:00am Mass. Thank You!		

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

**First Reading** Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush.

Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

**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 does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

4. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

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

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 4:17

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Gospel** Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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