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<b>SUNDAY 06 APRIL 2025</b>	<b>FIFTH 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.

**In preparation for:**  
**PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK (Part 1)**

Holy Week honors the week that changed the world. From Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, there were many events that are vital to our faith, including the Institution of the Eucharist, the Passion of Jesus, and His Resurrection from the dead.



**What is the meaning of Holy Week?**  
 Holy Week, particularly Christ's Passion and Death, is a great reminder of God's Love for humanity. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 604) says, By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." God "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

**What are the Five Days of Holy Week?**  
 The days of Holy Week include Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday); Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday (sometimes called Spy Wednesday, in reference to Judas' betrayal), Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), Good Friday (Holy Friday), and Holy Saturday – the days immediately preceding Easter Sunday. Beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the Church also refers to the period that includes Easter Sunday as the Sacred Triduum.

**Why is Palm Sunday also called Passion Sunday?**  
 Although the Gospel account of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem is read at the beginning of Mass when the palms are blessed, the Gospel of the Passion is then read at the usual place for the Gospel during the Liturgy of the Word. This marks the solemn beginning of the commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death.

**Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?**  
 The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraphs 559-560) explains the following:  
 How will Jerusalem welcome her Messiah? Although Jesus had always refused popular attempts to make him king, he chooses the time and

prepares the details for his messianic entry into the city of "his father David." Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means "Save!" or "Give salvation!"), the "King of glory" enters his City "riding on an ass." Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord," is taken up by the Church in the "Sanctus" of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover.

*Jesus' entry into Jerusalem* manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week.

**What does Palm Sunday symbolize?**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 570) tells us:

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifests the coming of the kingdom that the Messiah-King, welcomed into his city by children and the humble of heart, is going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection.

**What was the reason for Jesus' Passion?**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraphs 613-614) says,

Christ's death is both the Paschal sacrifice that accomplishes the definitive redemption of men, through "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," and the sacrifice of the New Covenant, which restores man to communion with God by reconciling him to God through the "blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

This sacrifice of Christ is unique; it completes and surpasses all other sacrifices. First, it is a gift from God the Father himself, for the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself. At the same time it is the offering of the Son of God made man, who in freedom and love offered his life to his Father through the Holy Spirit in reparation for our disobedience.

Above extract from: [missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/holyweek/](https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/holyweek/)  
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**Please take note of the following:**

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE**



**PALM SUNDAY † SATURDAY 12 APRIL**

5:30pm Mass (begins outside the church)

**PALM SUNDAY † SUNDAY 13 APRIL**

8:00am Mass (begins outside the church)

10:00am Mass (begins in the park across the road)  
*(weather permitting)*

**RECONCILIATION**

After 7:00pm Mass: Monday 14 April  
 Before & after 9:00am Mass: Tues 15 April &  
 Wed 16 April (no 7:00pm Mass)

9:00am-11:00am: Holy Thursday 17 April

9:00am-11:00am: Holy Saturday 19 April

**HOLY THURSDAY † THURSDAY 17 APRIL**

7:00pm Mass (No 9:00am Mass)

Adoration in the Hall till 12:00am midnight.

Resumes on Good Friday from 06:00am till 03:00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY † FRIDAY 18 APRIL**

10:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

**EASTER VIGIL † SATURDAY 19 APRIL**

7:00pm Mass (No 9:00am Mass)

**EASTER SUNDAY † SUNDAY 20 APRIL**

8:00AM Mass & 10:00am Mass

**WASHING OF THE FEET FOR HOLY THURSDAY**

Anyone who would like to take part in the washing of the feet, please add your name to the sign-up sheet found on the Welcome Table.



**HOLY LAND (Good Friday) COLLECTION**

**When:** Good Friday 18 April, 3pm Passion of the Lord  
 The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. This collection is a direct way to help the people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus.

**NOTICE FOR THE ALTARSERVERS**

Altar servers who wish to serve at the Holy Saturday 7pm Mass, on 19 April, are required to attend the practice on that day at 2pm in the Church.

## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

<p><b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS &amp; HOLY MASS</b> Every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm.</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C - Isaiah 50:4-7, Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14 – 23:56</p>
<p><b>THANK YOU</b> Thank you to all who helped on the Working Bee. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. God bless you!</p>	<p><b><u>The SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM</u></b>  <b>Thursday 17 April:</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper  <b>Friday 18 April:</b> The Passion of the Lord.  <b>Saturday 19 April:</b> Holy Saturday  <b>Sunday 20 April:</b> Easter Day</p>
<p><b>LOCAL PILGRIMAGE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>There are 3 Churches designated as Pilgrimage Places for the Jubilee Year in Parramatta Diocese.</p> </div> </div> <p><b>A parish pilgrimage is being held: this Saturday 12 April to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Leaving at 10.30am from the parish.</b> Please indicate your attendance and whether carpooling or a lift is needed, on the sign-up sheet found on the Welcome Table.</p>	<p><b>HOLY WEEK INFORMATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Holy Week timetable</b> can be found on page two of the bulletin, noticeboards &amp; the Parish website.</li> <li>• <b>9:00am Mass</b> on Tuesday &amp; Wednesday only.</li> <li>• Thurs 17/4 is the beginning of the Holy Triduum.</li> <li>• A reminder that <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> is a day of <b>FAST AND ABSTINENCE</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PALMS NEEDED FOR NEXT WEEKEND &amp; DECORATION OF CHURCH</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>We are in need of palms for next weekend. Please bring them by next Saturday morning to the Church and the decoration of the Church will take place after the parish pilgrimage returns, approx. 1.30pm. Please help in the Church decorations.</p> </div>  </div>	<p><b>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> Tuesday 08 April: Nina &amp; William Cimafranca  <b>Date:</b> Tuesday 15 April: Craig &amp; Maria Wilson</p>
<p><b>PRAYERS for Keesha &amp; Brielle</b>, who are the RCIA candidates, who will be baptised at Easter.</p>	<p><b>5PM HOLY MASS &amp; FAMILY GATHERING</b></p> <p><b>When:</b> Monday 21 April.  <b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME: 5pm</b>, followed by the gathering. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.</p>
<p><b>PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR LENT AND EASTER</b>  <b>When:</b> Monday 14 April after 7pm Mass, Tuesday 15 April &amp; Wednesday 16 April before and after the 9am Mass, Holy Thursday 17 April, 9am (no Mass)</p>	<p><b>CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS</b> to all the candidates who received the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation last week. May they grow in their friendship with God through experiencing His mercy and forgiveness frequently in this Sacrament.</p>

**MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:** In honour of St Joseph, Birthdays, **For the deceased:** V. Mifsud, O. Lobo, D. Rebola, K. Coelho, J. Loreto, B. Vogt, Br. A. Freeman, T. Guterres, Priests, A. Bonello, T. McAllister. M. Cauchi, J&S Aaron, K. Gaudoin, M. Bhuyan, Fr Eric & Holy Souls in Purgatory. **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 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 12/13 APRIL

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	Cristina Cignarella	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
<b>ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER</b>	Billy Layug Lya Layug, Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey Aiman Jajo
<b>READER</b>	1. Maz Lirio 2. Georgia Fraser	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. <b>help needed each month</b>	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
<b>MUSIC</b>	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		<b>help needed each month</b>	Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
<b>CLEANING TEAM</b>	Johan, Augustina Nwaorgu, Zon Lupisan, Bebs Perez, Ancy Presty, Dari Boni		

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

**First Reading** Isaiah 43:16-21

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in  
order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the  
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For  
him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on  
everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and  
be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for  
perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes

from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes  
through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith.  
All I want is to know Christ and the power of his  
resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the  
pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my  
place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have  
become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still  
running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus  
captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from  
thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I  
forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I  
am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us  
upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel** John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.  
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he  
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came  
to him, he sat down and began to teach them.  
The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who  
had been caught committing adultery; and making her  
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,  
'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of  
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law  
to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What  
have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for  
something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and  
started writing on the ground with his finger. As they  
persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If  
there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first  
to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on  
the ground again. When they heard this they went away  
one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left  
alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He  
looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one  
condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I  
condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any  
more.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

