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SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025	SEVENTEENTH 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 (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 begins.
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.

ST. ALPHONSA
St. Alphonsa was born in Kerala, India, on Aug. 19, 1910. As a young woman, she rejected all suitors who came her way, as she was determined to enter religious life. In 1923, she suffered an accident that left her burned, disabled, and partially disfigured. She joined the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, and until her death suffered from physical ailments and problems associated with her disability. In her love for God, she embraced her sufferings until her death on July 28, 1946. St. Alphonsa was canonized by Benedict XVI on Oct. 12, 2008. She is the first Indian woman to become a saint. In a Vatican statement released on the day of her canonization, she is described as “a victim for the love of the Lord, happy until the final moment and with a smile of innocence always on her lips.”

Photo: 1996 stamp of India with photo of St. Alphonsa. India Post, Government of India via Wikimedia Commons. Article: ewtnvatican.com/articles/meet-7-of-the-best-known-saints-canonized-by-pope-benedict-xvi-305



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
St Ignatius of Loyola was born Inigo Lopez on 24 December 1491, in Guipuzcoa, in the Basque country of northwest Spain. One of 11 children, Inigo led a very worldly life during the first thirty years of his life as a nobleman, fired with dreams of romanticism and chivalry. Aged 25 he enlisted in the army and saw service in border warfare against the French.

In 1521 when defending the Spanish fortress of Pamplona, Ignatius' right leg was shattered by a cannon ball. His French captors, impressed by his courage, carried him across Spain to his family home, where he began a long period of recovery during which he read the only two books available in the castle - Life of Christ and The Golden Legend, a book on the lives of the saints. During his convalescence, he experienced the gift of God's consolation in such a way that his life changed forever and after a long, serious reflection, he decided to devote the rest of his life to outstanding service of God.

When Inigo got well, he left Loyola and went to Montserrat, where he spent a night of vigil before a statue of our Blessed Mother. It was here that he offered up his sword as a symbol of his new life. He proceeded to

Manresa, where he spent ten months of intense asceticism and prayer, working in hospitals and teaching catechism to children. He begged for his food during all this time. Inigo wrote the famous Spiritual Exercises, a school of spirituality and prayer which has produced countless conversions and many saints through the centuries. He returned to Spain in 1524, when he was 33 years old. He studied Latin and finished his studies in theology. In August 1537, Inigo stopped using his old name and began using Ignatius, because of his devotion to the martyred bishop, St Ignatius of Antioch.

Ignatius was able to attract six university students, all guided by him through the Spiritual Exercises. They became the first members of the Society of Jesus. One of them was another Spanish nobleman, Francisco Javier (Francis Xavier) who became the greatest missionary of the Church. He died on 31 July 1556. He is the patron of retreats and soldiers. His feast day is 31 July.

Article from: ignatius.vic.edu.au/info-snippets/saint-ignatius-of-loyola
 Picture: 16th century, wikipedia.org/wiki/ignatius_of_Loyola

to the present day. *Tu scendi*, Italy's most popular Christmas carol, sprang from Alfonso's pen and his harpsichord keys those many years ago. In 1762, against his protestations, he was appointed Bishop in the Diocese of Sant'Agata dei Ghoti, in the kingdom of Naples. His reforms there were extensive. In 1787, at the age of 91, he died at Nocera and was canonised in 1839. During his life, Alphonsus encouraged the followers of Christ into the modern age, giving them a language, a philosophy and a new religious consciousness. In 1871, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

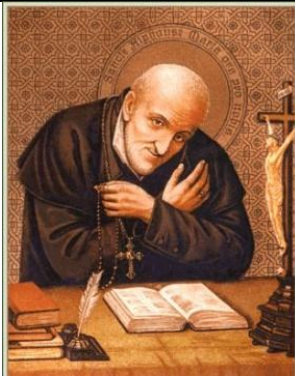
St Alphonsus is a gigantic figure, not only in the history of the Church, but for the whole of humanity as well. Even people who would not seem close to him, in the sense of having followed his vision, still see in him the teacher of the Catholic souls of the West. He did for modern Catholicism what St Augustine accomplished in ancient times. - John Paul II

Appreciating St Alphonsus is an acquired taste for he was not a man of apparitions or flamboyant religiosity. He was an ordinary man who understood deeply the unfathomable love of God for all humanity. It was the presence of this love in his life that allowed him to realise that every person mattered – they mattered to God and they mattered to Alphonsus. This was the underlying theme in his extensive writings and his popular preaching among the poor. And for the Redemptorists, people have mattered ever since. His feast day is 01 August.

Article from: cssr.org.au/stalphonsus/#:~:text=He%20was%20an%20ordinary%20man,and%20they%20mattered%20to%20Alphonsus. Picture from: au.pinterest.com/pin/the-inspiring-journey-of-st-alphonsus-liguori--544865254892589371/

ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI

In 1696, at Marianella, a suburb of Naples, Alfonso de Liguori was born to Donna Anna Cavalieri and Don Joseph de Liguori. In his youth, Alfonso studied law before entering into successful practice. But even in his high-profile career he was never far from the poor. While accompanying patients in the Hospital of the Incurables he came to know he was meant for something else. He became a priest. Thereafter, it was the abandoned goatherds on Scala's hillsides who spoke to his heart. It was for them that he founded the Redemptorists. At a later stage, he wished to go to the mission fields of China and Africa. Alfonso was a learned man, a lover of art and beauty. He went on to write many scholarly works and popular prayer books for the people. He was widely published during his lifetime and remains so



NOTICES



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children's Choir is looking for new singers and musicians: girls and boys. Does your child love to sing? All they need is some enthusiasm. Our choir director will teach them everything they need to know. We are also looking for musicians to support the choir. If you or your child is interested, please complete the Expression of Interest form on the Welcome Table.

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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION:



Friday 01 August
7pm: Mass followed by 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 27 JULY:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Tuesday 29 July: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Wednesday 30 July: St Peter Chrysologus
Thursday 31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola
Friday 01 August: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Saturday 02 August: St Eusebius of Vercelli, St Peter Julian Eymard.

DOCUFICTION ABOUT ST. MARY MACKILLOP

There will be a screening of a documentary on St Mary MacKillop produced by Shalom ministries.



When: Saturday 02 August after the Vigil Mass at Bethany School hall. All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY 03 AUGUST:

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
 Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23, Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1, Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11, Luke 12:13-21

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 29 July: Jorge & Virgie Sassot
Date: Tuesday 05 August: Abby & John Cook

ST PADRE PIO PARISH -SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST



The Parent letter and Enrolment Form for First Holy Eucharist are available on the parish website www.padrepio.org.au and on the Welcome Table. The child needs to be in Yr. 4 and above and received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. Email: sacraments@padrepio.org.au

SAFEGUARDING-FOR PEOPLE IN MINISTRY

People who completed the 3 modules in 2023, please check the date of completion as they are valid for 2 years. If expiring, please do Modules 4 & 5 to remain compliant and email the certificates to glenmorepark@parracatholic.org Thank You.

VALE FR. TIM HOGAN

Please pray for the soul of Fr Tim who passed away on 6 July. He had served as Assistant Priest in Toongabbie, Kingswood & Blacktown Parishes, and in the Parramatta Tribunal Office. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL-KINGSWOOD

St Joseph's Parish is organising an 'International Food Festival' fundraiser on Sunday, 10 August 2025 from 9:30am - 2:30pm at St Joseph's Parish Grounds, 12 Richmond Rd, Kingswood. Please see flyer on the noticeboard for details.



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

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: For the Deceased: Emanuel Tabone, Mario Cauchi, Ken Gaudoin, Susan Wells, Adelino Freitas, Teresa Guterres.

Prayers for the Sick: Chris Shihada, Maria Joseph, Andrea Lopez, Rosalie Crowder, Christian Casulla, Xara Kaye, April Cataroja, Susan, Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Richard Daher, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, Trent Moore, 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 02/03 AUGUST

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER		Gilbert Grech	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
BAPTISM			Daniel Rossetto
HOSPITALITY		Help Needed Each Month	Zon Lupisan & Deb Vella
CLEANING TEAM	Mel Gaudoin, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda		

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.