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SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

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. MARY MAGDALENE

Why does the Church celebrate St. Mary Magdalene?

The Church celebrates St. Mary Magdalene because of her example of virtue and loyalty to Christ. She was a devoted disciple and close friend of Jesus during the time of His ministry, and one of the few who remained with Him during His agony on the Cross. Finally, she was one of the three women who went to anoint His body in the tomb on Easter morning, becoming the first person to announce the Resurrection to others, when she went and told the Apostles that He had risen.



For what is Mary Magdalene best known?

Mary Magdalene is perhaps best known for being the woman who had seven demons cast out of her (Mark 16:9) and for her immoral lifestyle. Though her life of sin is an important part of her story, far more important is how she lived after meeting Christ. Her life of virtue, and penitence for her past sins, is why she is considered a great saint and looked to as proof of God's mercy and grace.

Mary Magdalene is also known for being the most prominent woman mentioned in the New Testament, aside from the unique place of the Lord's Mother. She accompanied Jesus and His disciples from early in His Ministry to the end in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. She was the first person Jesus appeared to after His Resurrection, and the first person the Lord asked to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection.

What can we learn from St. Mary Magdalene?

In an address given by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006 on St. Mary Magdalene, he said, "The story of Mary of Magdala reminds us all of a fundamental truth. A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for His help, has been healed by Him, and has set out following closely after Him, becoming a witness of the power of His merciful love that is stronger than sin and death."

Where do we read about St. Mary Magdalene in the Bible?

We read about Mary Magdalene in the New Testament. The most prominent Scripture passages we can read about St. Mary Magdalene are when she is mentioned as one of the women who accompanied Jesus

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during His ministry (Luke 8:2). Here we also learn that she had seven demons cast out of her when she was named as being present at the foot of the cross (Matthew 27:56, Mark 15:40, Luke 23:49, John 19:25), and when Jesus presents Himself to her after the Resurrection (John 20:11-18).

What is St. Mary Magdalene the patron saint of?

St. Mary Magdalene is the patron saint of repentant sinners, hairdressers, perfumeries, and contemplative life.

Article from: missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/stmarymagdalene/
Picture from: au.pinterest.com/pin/63050463510062971/

CONGRATULATIONS!! BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 30 YEARS!



When: Tuesday 29 July.

10.30am Whole School Mass at St. Padre Pio Parish celebrated by Fr. Robert Reidling.

1.00pm Assembly including a blessing of the newly refurbished classrooms and library.

From Bethany Catholic Primary Website

HISTORY OF BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bethany Catholic Primary first opened its doors in 1996 to 92 students.

The school began when representatives from the Catholic Education Office (now known as Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese) and St Nicholas of Myra Parish Penrith, formed the new school's Enabling Committee.

The Enabling Committee was inspired to name the school "Bethany" after the ancient biblical village located on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. Often visited by Jesus, Bethany is associated with learning, listening and hospitality. Today, the school enrolls close to 600 children from Kindergarten to Year 6, drawing from the suburbs of Glenmore Park, Regentville, and Mulgoa.

Bethany Primary is also an integral part of the St Padre Pio Parish, which was established as a new church in 2010. We continue to evolve with the recent construction of the school hall and ongoing refurbishment of classrooms.

SCHOOL CREST

The motto and crest of Bethany – 'In Christ We Love and Serve' – reflects the principles and values treasured by our community.

As a parish school, we draw on the strength of our Catholic tradition so we may embody this motto.

- Christ is the ultimate teacher to guide our learning and gospel values are central to all of our relationships.
- Individual differences are valued and are catered for daily in learning.
- The spiritual, academic, physical, social and emotional needs of each child are met.
- All children are seen as unique and bring to their learning particular skills, gifts and talents.
- Children's learning experiences are designed to meet their individual needs.
- Our school environment is a positive and nurturing place where a culture of mutual respect by all stakeholders is evident.

NOTICES

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST-ST PADRE PIO PARISH

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 or above and received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. For any queries, please email sacraments@padrepio.org.au



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL-KINGSWOOD

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

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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.

DOCUFICITION ABOUT ST. MARY MACKILLOP

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

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



NEXT WEEKEND: BLESSING FOR GRANDPARENTS

When: 5.30pm Vigil Mass, 8am and 10am Masses, in
honour of Saints Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary &
Jesus' grandparents.



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're
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.

SUNDAY 20 JULY:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Monday 21 July: St Lawrence of Brindisi

Tuesday 22 July: St Mary Magdalene

Wednesday 23 July: St Bridget

Thursday 24 July: St Sharbel Makhluf

Friday 25 July: St James

Saturday 26 July: Sts Joachim & Anne

NEXT SUNDAY 27 JULY:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Genesis 18:20-32, Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3,
Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 22 July: Kenneth & Jen Borlongan

Date: Tuesday 29 July: Jorge & Virgie Sassot

ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

Our Patron Saint's Feast Day is on 21 September.
Many volunteers are needed. If you can help, kindly
add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome
Table. Next Meeting: 21 July, after 7pm Mass.

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.

THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The parish received a Thank you letter regarding the
Good Friday Holy Land collection of \$3314.10. The
letter is on the noticeboard.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. **For the Deceased:** Salvatore & Alfia Russo, Emanuel Tabone, Mathew, Abraham, Annamma, Valda Eastman, John & Beverly Morrison, Nick Brien, Benjamin Almeida, Mario Cauchi. **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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 26/27 JULY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER		Gilbert Grech	Aiman Jajo
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Georgia Fraser	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC			Pio's Voices
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Johan		

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First Reading Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

