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SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
<p>PARISH OFFICE HOURS Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm</p> <p>SUNDAY 8:00am & 10:00am Mass</p> <p>MONDAY 7:00pm Mass</p> <p>TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00am Mass</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Mass (includes Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)</p> <p>SATURDAY 9:00am Mass Novena to St. Padre Pio & Blessing with his Relic 9:30am Sacrament of Penance 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass</p> <p>RECONCILIATION (Confession) Tuesday – Friday Before & after Mass (<i>depending on priests' availability</i>).</p> <p>BAPTISMS 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays. Minimum booking time: two months in advance.</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION 7:00pm Mass, Adoration begins. 3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:00am Saturday Mass</p> <p>SOM YOUTH GROUP Every Saturday 4:00pm Ages 5-17 (during school terms)</p> <p>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass, then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.</p> <p>FRIDAY PLAYGROUP Contact the Parish Office.</p> <p>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS Please contact the Parish Office.</p>	<p>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</p> <p>Why do we celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul? On January 25, the faithful celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul, one of the great events of the early Church. Saul, a student of the great Pharisee rabbi Gamaliel, had persecuted Christians but was suddenly converted on the road to Damascus when Our Lord appeared to him in His resurrected glory (see Acts 9:1-9). From this point, he took the name Paul and would become the “Apostle to the Gentiles.”</p> <p>What was St. Paul like before his conversion? Born into a well-to-do Jewish family of Tarsus, the son of a Roman citizen, Saul (as we shall call him until after his conversion) was sent to Jerusalem to be trained in the famous rabbinical school headed by Gamaliel. Here, in addition to studying the Law and the Prophets, he learned a trade, as was the custom. Young Saul chose the trade of tent-making. Although his upbringing was orthodox, while still at home in Tarsus he had come under the liberalizing Hellenic influences that at the time had permeated all levels of urban society in Asia Minor. Thus the Judaic, Roman, and Greek traditions and cultures all had a part in shaping this great Apostle, who was so different in status and temperament from the humble fishermen of Jesus' initial band of disciples. His missionary journeys were to give him the flexibility and the deep sympathy that made him the ideal human instrument for preaching Christ's Gospel of world brotherhood</p> <p>When was St. Paul converted to Christianity? St. Paul was converted to Christianity on his way to Damascus, in the 30s of the first century A.D. On his journey to Damascus, the Resurrected Christ appeared to him, and it was this encounter that brought about his dramatic and immediate conversion.</p> <p>In commenting on the conversion of St. Paul, Pope Benedict XVI stated that when Paul met Christ on the road to Damascus, “... it was not simply a conversion ... but rather a death and a resurrection for Paul himself. One existence died and another, a new one was born with the Risen Christ.” “All Roads Lead to Damascus” refers to Paul's sudden and dramatic conversion. The expression is thus often used when describing a similarly dramatic change in someone's ideas or beliefs.</p> <p><i>Taken from: https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/conversionofstpaul/</i></p>



ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION



AUSTRALIA DAY 2026

The overarching national theme for Australia Day 2026 is **"Reflect. Respect. Celebrate."**.

This central theme encourages all Australians to reflect on the nation's complete history, respect diverse perspectives, and celebrate the strengths and resilience of the community.

REFLECTION

Australia, 'Down Under', is a place to which people have been attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in their society of origin.

De Quiros, the Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for *'Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo'*, South Land of the Holy Spirit.

I am convinced that 'Australia' is a work of the Holy Spirit, one of whose most distinctive works at Pentecost was the breaking down of ethnic and language barriers between people.

Australia is a place where that Pentecostal impulse is creating a new society. Have we responded to the Holy Spirit perfectly? No. Treatment of the earliest inhabitants of this land was shameful, and is not yet fully remedied as the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

But, we could pause for a moment and thank God.

For our land abounding in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare.

For the divine Spirit of Pentecost attracting us to follow Jesus in this South Land of the Holy Spirit

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AUSTRALIA DAY MASSES

All are encouraged to attend Mass at **9am or 7pm** on **Monday, 26 January** to pray for Australia, its leaders and all who live in this beautiful country.

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Monday 26: Australia Day

Tuesday 27: Ss Timothy & Titus, St Angela Merici

Wednesday 28: St Thomas Aquinas

Saturday 31: St John Bosco

NEXT SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13, Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 27 January: Regina & Daniel Rossetto

Date: Tuesday 03 February: Mel & Dit Almer

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Monday 02 February, 7:00pm Mass.

Blessing of Candles: It is a tradition in the Church for candles to be blessed on this Feast Day. You are invited to bring your candles to be blessed at the beginning of Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2026



7pm: 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.

ST. JEROME EMILIANI'S FEAST DAY

Saturday 07 February, 5:30pm Solemn Mass followed by supper. Please come and celebrate this great Saint's Feast Day with Mass and fellowship.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

We are in the process of updating our rosters for the weekend Masses. We are presently in need of volunteers to organise the morning tea after 8:00am Mass on the first Sunday of each month & 10:00am on the fourth of each month. Thank You!

PALMS

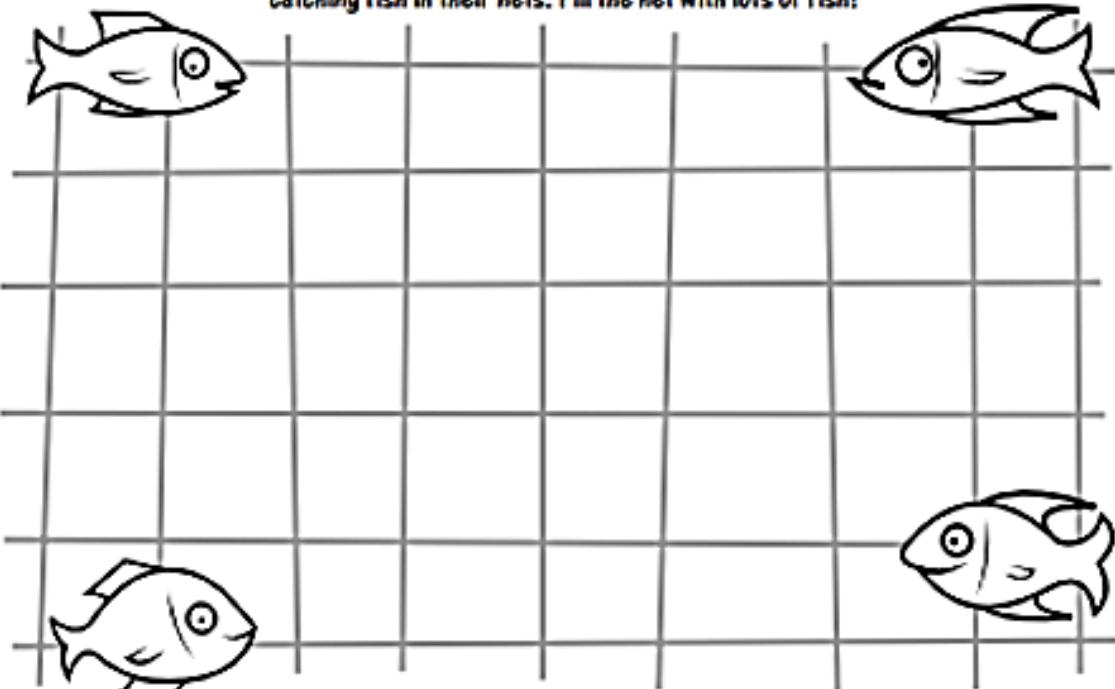
Please bring in your old palms and place them in the tub under the Welcome Table. These will be burnt and the ash used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 01 FEBRUARY

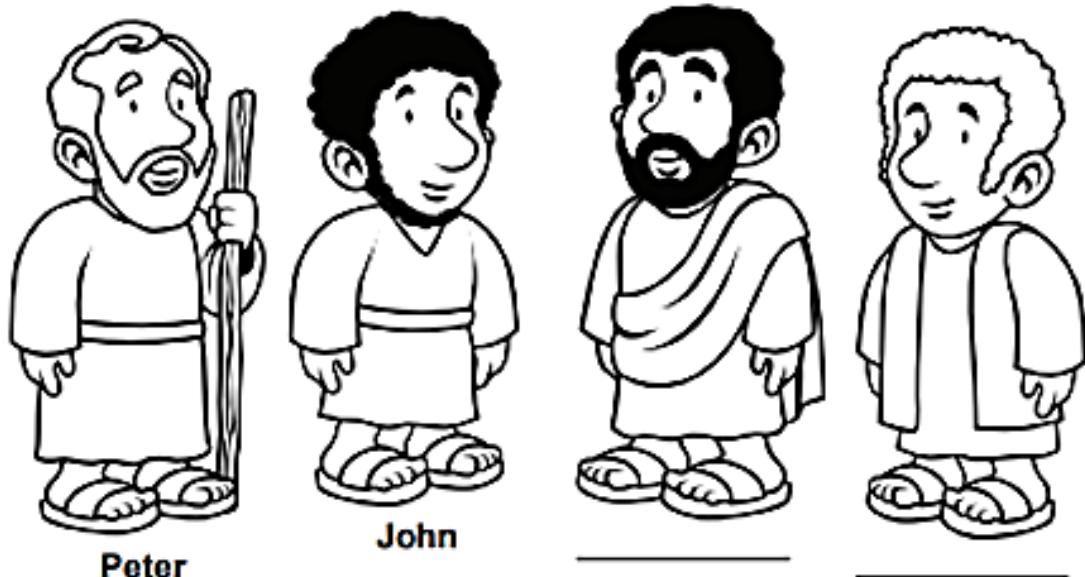
MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Dit Almer	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey Manny Medel
READER	1. Trudi Almeida 2. Maz Lirio	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC	Mitchell's Group		Children's Choir
HOSPITALITY		Help Needed	Zon Lupisan & Deb Vella
CLEANER	Mel Gaudoin, Meghan Warda (more help needed please after 9am Mass on Saturdays)		

Come with me!

The disciples were called by Jesus to bring people to God, just like fishermen catching fish in their nets. Fill the net with lots of fish!



The first four disciples to be called by Jesus were all fishermen. Peter had a brother called Andrew, and John had a brother called James. Can you guess who is Andrew and who is James? Write in their names.



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MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Gabriel Danaskos, Ruivaldo Freitas Viana, Mario Cauchi, Abel Froid Xavier **For the Sick:** Louis Bonnici, Lillian Astorri, Pauline Azzopardi, Elise Girdlestone, Daniel Varlow, Pamela Severino, Illuminada Shackleton, Kim Baluyot, Chris Shihada, Maria Joseph, Andrea Lopez, Christian Casulla, Xara Kaye, April Cataroja, Susan, Molly Poulose, Kyla Aggar, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Alona Alcaraz, 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.
Please contact the office to offer a Mass.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.
In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

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

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.)
There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)

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 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you.

What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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