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SUNDAY 08 FEBRUARY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm

Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

SUNDAY

8:00am & 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

SOM YOUTH GROUP

Every Saturday 4:00pm

Ages 5-17 (during school terms)

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.

Message of the Holy Father for the 34th World Day of the Sick,

20.01.2026

The following is an excerpt from the Message of the Holy Father Leo XIV for the 34th World Day of the Sick, on the theme “The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another’s pain”:

Message of the Holy Father

“The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another’s pain”

Dear brothers and sisters,

The thirty-fourth World Day of the Sick will be solemnly celebrated in Chiclayo, Peru, on 11 February 2026. For this occasion, I would recommend reflecting once again on the figure of the Good Samaritan, for he is always relevant and essential for rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion. This reflection further directs our attention towards the needy and all those who suffer, especially the sick.

We are all familiar with the moving account found in the Gospel of Saint Luke (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Jesus responds to a scholar of the law, who asks him to identify the neighbor he must love, with this story: a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by robbers and left for dead. While a priest and a Levite passed him by, a Samaritan took pity on him, bandaged his wounds, took him to an inn and provided for his care. I have chosen to reflect on this biblical passage through the lens of the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, written by my beloved predecessor Pope Francis. There, compassion and mercy towards those in need are not reduced to a merely individual effort but are realized through relationships: with our brothers and sisters in need, with those who care for them and, ultimately, with God who gives us his love.

1. The gift of encounter: the joy of offering closeness and presence

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy and haste – a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze – the very gaze of Jesus – which led him to act with human and compassionate closeness. The Samaritan “stopped, approached the man and cared for him personally, even spending his own money to provide for his needs... [Above all] he gave him his time.”[1] Jesus does not merely teach us who our neighbor is, but rather how to become a neighbor; in other words, how we can draw close to others.

[2] In this respect, we can affirm with Saint Augustine that the Lord did not intend to show us who that man's neighbor was, but rather to whom he should become a neighbor. Indeed, no one is truly a neighbor until they freely draw near to another. Thus, the one who became a neighbor was the one who showed mercy.[3]

Love is not passive; it goes out to meet the other. Being a neighbor is not determined by physical or social proximity, but by the decision to love. This is why Christians become neighbors to those who suffer, following the example of Christ, the true divine Samaritan who drew near to a wounded humanity. These are not mere gestures of philanthropy, but signs through which we perceive that personal participation in another's suffering involves the gift of oneself. It means going beyond the simple satisfaction of needs, so that our very person becomes part of the gift.[4] This kind of charity is necessarily nourished by an encounter with Christ, who gave himself for us out of love. Saint Francis expressed this beautifully when, speaking of his encounter with lepers, he said: "The Lord himself led me among them,"[5] because through them he had discovered the sweet joy of loving.

The gift of encounter flows from our union with Jesus Christ. We recognize him as the Good Samaritan who has brought us eternal salvation, and we make him present whenever we reach out to a wounded brother or sister. Saint Ambrose said: "Since no one is more truly our neighbor than he who has healed our wounds, let us love him as Lord and also as neighbor; for nothing is so close as the head to its members. Let us also love those who imitate Christ; let us love those who suffer due to the poverty of others, for the sake of the unity of the Body."[6] "To be one in the One" – through closeness, presence, and love received and shared – is to rejoice, like Saint Francis, in the sweetness of having encountered the Lord.

2. The shared mission of caring for the sick

Saint Luke continues, noting that the Samaritan "was moved with pity." Compassion, in this sense, implies a profound emotion that compels us to act. It is a feeling that springs from within and leads to a committed response to another's suffering. In this parable, compassion is the defining characteristic of active love; it is neither theoretical nor merely sentimental but manifests itself through concrete gestures. The Samaritan drew near, tended the wounds, took charge and provided care. Notably, he does not act in isolation: "The Samaritan discovered an innkeeper who would care for the man; we too are called to unite as a family that is stronger than the sum of small individual members." [7] In my experience as a missionary and bishop in Peru, I have personally witnessed many who show mercy and compassion in the spirit of the Samaritan and the innkeeper.

Family members, neighbors, healthcare workers, those engaged in pastoral care for the sick, and many others stop along the way to draw near, heal, support and accompany those in need. By offering what they have, they give compassion a social dimension. This experience, occurring within a network of relationships, transcends mere individual commitment. For this reason, in the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexí Te*, I referred to the care of the sick not only as an "important part" of the Church's mission, but as an authentic "ecclesial action" (n. 49). I quoted Saint Cyprian to illustrate how this dimension serves as a measure of a society's health: "This pestilence and plague, which seems so horrible and deadly, searches out the righteousness of each one, and examines the minds of the human race, to see whether the healthy serve the sick; whether relatives love each other with sincerity; whether masters have pity on their sick servants; whether doctors do not abandon the sick who beg for help." [8]

To continue reading the full message, please go to:
<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/01/20/260120d.html>

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 14/15 FEBRUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Tracy Amituanai
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Dit Almer	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Aiman Jajo
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Trudi Almeida	1. Sue Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Julio Amituanai 2. Noel Xavier
MUSIC	Our Daily Bread		Modern Harmony
HOSPITALITY		Stewart & Sweeny Keunman	
CLEANER	Susan Guy, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Johan Soertsz		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME FR. PRADEEP DIAS

Fr. Pradeep Dias will be joining our parish from this week onwards. A very warm welcome to Fr Pradeep! God bless.

BIBLE STUDY RUN BY FR. JOHNSON

Starting this Thursday 12 February.

It will be held **every Thursday from 7pm-7.45pm in the Church**. People can also join online. Link will be posted on Wednesdays via the Parish Facebook and in What's App groups.

PRAYERS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please keep the children enrolled in the Sacramental Program in your prayers as they prepare to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.



ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS-VIGIL OF REPARATION

This Friday 13 February 7.30pm Mass to Saturday 14 February, 12:15am Mass.

'THE WITNESS' MUSICAL

The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical "The Witness" – telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St. Peter. We encourage anyone interested in being part of The Witness experience to [register](#). Auditions are at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown: Mondays 16 & 23 February – 6:30pm-8:30pm. Register via the QR code.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

When: Wednesday, 18 February

Mass Times: 9am (Bethany School attending) & 7pm. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Contributing towards Project Compassion is one way of living out the spirit of Lent. Project Compassion boxes & envelopes will be available soon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: every Friday in Lent, starting on 20 February.

Time: 7:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table for families who would like to lead.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Emiliano Dizon, John Mark & Luisa Gonsalves, Mario Cauchi, Joseph, Stella, Ken Mercy, Arthur & Holy Souls in Purgatory. **For the Sick:** Jose Joaquin De Sousa, Vida Smith, Beulah Frankson and Roger Ayo, 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 Poulouse, 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.**

SUNDAY 08 FEBRUARY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year and St. Jerome Emiliani's Feast Day

Tuesday 10: St Scholastica

Wednesday 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday 14: Sts Cyril & Methodius

NEXT SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sirach 15:15-20, Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 10 February:

Brennen & Lorraine Muller

Date: Tuesday 17 February:

Wendy & Gert Van Mullekom



ST. JEROME EMILIANI'S FEAST

DAY: 08 FEBRUARY

Today (Sunday 08 February) we celebrate St. Jerome Emiliani's Feast Day who is the founder of the Somascan Order. He is also the Universal Patron of orphans and needy youth. We thank God for St. Jerome's holy life, held up as a model for all to follow. We pray for all Somascans and their ministries, to be faithful to Christ and to the Somascan charism. St. Jerome Emiliani, pray for us.



SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY, 9AM AND 7PM MASSES

As it's World Day of Prayer for the Sick on the 11 February and the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, there will be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the 9am and 7pm Masses this Wednesday. The Holy Rosary will be prayed before 7pm Mass.

This Sacrament is for those who are battling with serious illness or those preparing to undergo surgery and for those who are very frail due to old age and age-related complications.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**



SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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