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<b>SUNDAY 01 MARCH 2026</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A</b>
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**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.

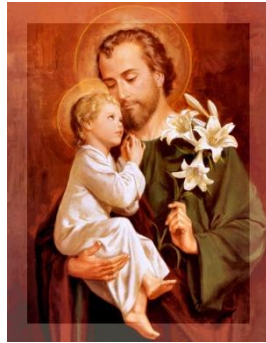
**FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION**  
7:00pm Mass, Adoration begins.  
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet  
9:00am Saturday Mass

**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.



## ST. JOSEPH

The glorious St. Joseph was lineally descended from the greatest kings of the tribe of Judah, and from the most illustrious of the ancient patriarchs; but his true glory consisted in his humility and virtue. The history of his life hath not been written by men; but his principal actions are recorded by the Holy Ghost himself God entrusted him with the education of his divine Son, manifested in the flesh.

In this view he was espoused to the Virgin Mary.

He was given her by heaven to be the protector of her chastity, to secure her from calumnies in the birth of the Son of God, and to assist her in his education, and in her journeys, fatigues, and persecutions. How great was the purity and sanctity of him who was chosen as the guardian of the most spotless Virgin!

In the next place we may admire in secret contemplation with what devotion, respect, and tenderness he beheld and adored the first of all men, the new-born Saviour of the world, and with what fidelity he acquitted himself of his double charge, the education of Jesus and the guardianship of his blessed mother. "He was truly the faithful and prudent servant," says St. Bernard, "whom our Lord appointed the master of his household, the comfort and support of his mother, his foster-father, and most faithful co-operator in the execution of his deepest counsels on earth." "What a happiness," says the same Father, "not only to see Jesus Christ, but also to hear him: to carry him in his arms, to lead him from place to place, to embrace and caress him, to feed him, and to be privy to all the great secrets which were concealed from the princes of this world!"

"O astonishing elevation! O unparalleled dignity!" cries out the pious Gerson, in a devout address to St. Joseph, "that the mother of God, queen of heaven, should call you her lord; that God himself, made man, should call you father, and obey your commands. O glorious Triad on earth, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, how dear a family to the glorious Trinity in heaven, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Nothing is on earth so great, so good, so excellent." Amidst these extraordinary graces, what more wonderful than his humility! He conceals his privileges, lives as the most obscure of men, publishes nothing of God's great mysteries, makes no further inquiries into them, leaving it to God to manifest them at his own time, seeks to fulfil the order of providence in his regard without interfering with anything but what concerns himself (continued next page)

Though descended from the royal family which had long been in the possession of the throne of Judea, he is content with his condition, that of a handicraftsman, and makes it his business, by labouring in it, to maintain himself, his spouse, and the divine Child. St. Joseph must have died before the marriage of Cana and the beginning of our divine Saviour's ministry. We cannot doubt but he had the happiness of Jesus and Mary attending at his death, praying by him, assisting and comforting him in his last moments: whence he is particularly invoked for the great grace of a happy death, and the spiritual presence of Jesus in that tremendous hour.

St. Joseph, pray for us and for all who are dying. Amen.

Excerpt from: [ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/joseph-655](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/joseph-655)

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### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

There will be prayers from 28 March to 01 May to consecrate ourselves to the protection of St. Joseph. Material will be available online. More info to come.

### CAROLINE CHISHOM COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT-THIS

**WEEK:** Monday 02 March from 3.30pm-6pm.

Phone: (02)4737 5500

To register, please scan the QR code on the Flyer pinned to the noticeboard.



### BETHANY PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS - THIS WEEK!

**Tuesday 3 March** 9am-10am

**Thursday 5 March** 9am-10am

**Friday 6 March** 9am-10am

Register on the website

or call (02) 4723 3700

Enrolment packs are

also available via the

school website. 2027

Kindergarten Applications are due on **Friday 27**

**March** to be considered for first round offers in May.



### TAKE AWAY BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JOHNSON

Looking to grow deeper in God's Word during the week? Join us each Thursday evening for an engaging and practical Bible Study — filled with faith, discussion, and real-life application you can "take away" with you.

Every Thursday

7:00pm-7.45pm (Sydney, Australia time)

In person: St. Padre Pio Parish, 34 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park

Online (Zoom):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88240197264?pwd=MC39Q52hu32bkPXe2Z4TjXW0MhaTes.1>

Meeting ID: 88240197264

Password: 2xg17M

Come along, bring a friend, your Bible, and an open heart. All are welcome!

### PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

If anyone can donate soft palms (not the spikey ones) for Palm Sunday, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Thank you.



### Short Lent Prayers

Here are some easy prayers you can say to feel connected to God during Lent this year:

- "God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."
- "God, may my sacrifice of today of (*state your Lenten sacrifice*) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen."
- "Heavenly Father, I'm truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the strength to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen."
- "God, I lift up (*name of the person you'd like to pray for*) today. I ask that you bless them abundantly today and throughout Lent. Amen."
- "Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything. Amen."

The above excerpt is from: [hallow.com/blog/lent-prayers/](http://hallow.com/blog/lent-prayers/)

### ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 07/08 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	Lya Layug	Lynn Young	Valeni Rodrigues
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
<b>SENIOR SERVER</b>	Aiman Jajo	Gilbert Grech	Daniel L
<b>READER</b>	1. Steffi Sequeira 2. Parry Sequeira	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Belinda Bunter	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
<b>MUSIC</b>	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		Help needed	Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
<b>CLEANER</b>	Zon Lupisan, Ancy Presty, Dari Boni		

## ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### WELCOME FR. PRADEEP & FR. AGNAL!

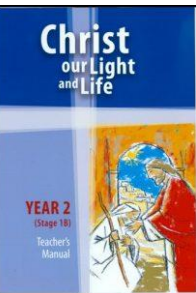
Welcome to Fr. Agnal, Provincial of the Somascan Order who is visiting for a week and you might have seen a new priest at the parish: Fr. Pradeep Dias CRS. He joins Fr. Johnson and Fr. Sheldon at the parish and is a Somascan. If you haven't met them yet, go up and say hello.



### SYDNEY TO HOST THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL EUCHARIST CONGRESS IN 2028!

**A NATIONWIDE HOLY HOUR WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY 01 MARCH, after 8am Mass.** It is to mark the official commencement of this time of preparation for the IEC. Hearing the Gospel of the Transfiguration proclaimed this weekend, we pray that we may all be united in prayer across the country, seeking a eucharistic transfiguration of our own lives and within our communities.

Sydney hosted the IEC 100 years ago in 1928. This is an exciting time for the Church in Australia and promises to be a time of great renewal. To ensure that the soil is rich for the seeds God will plant in 2028, the Church across the country will participate in various ways in a 3-year preparation phase leading up to the Congress itself. <https://eucharist28.org/>



### THIS WEEKEND: DONATE A SCRIPTURE WORKBOOK

The scripture workbook is an excellent resource used by our parish SRE teachers when teaching the children in our local government schools. The annual cost to the parish is approx \$2000. To assist in covering

the cost to the parish we will be holding a leaving collection this weekend.

The books are \$5 each but we would appreciate any amount you would like to donate. (cash & Eftpos)

**Please write 'SRE BOOKS' on the EFTPOS receipt.**

*Thank you in advance for your kind donation!*

**MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:** Thanksgiving-Birthday, Elena Serban Cobol.

**For the Sick:** Bridgette Grech, Liam O'Shea, Teresa Brombal, Jose Joaquin De Sousa, Vida Smith, Beaulah Frankson and Roger Ayo, 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 22 FEBRUARY

**Second Sunday of Lent Year A**

**Wednesday 04:** St Casimir

**Friday 06:** Autumn Ember Day - Special Day of Prayer and Fasting

**Saturday 07:** Sts Perpetua & Felicity

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Lent Year A**

Exodus 17:3-7, Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8,

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8, John 4:5-42

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 03 March: Lya & Billy Layug

**Date:** Tuesday 10 March: Josephine Caruana

### THIS FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS & FIRST

### FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

### FRIDAY, 06 MARCH

**7:00pm** Stations of the Cross, followed by Holy Mass and the All-Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**3:00am:** The Divine Mercy Chaplet,

**9:00am:** Adoration will finish on Saturday with Mass

& Novena to St. Padre Pio. We encourage all

parishioners including families, to add their names to the sheet on the Welcome table. *Come and be blessed by God who wants to pour so many graces on us!*



### THIS SATURDAY: PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

### SATURDAY 07 MARCH

The Lenten retreat will help us enter more deeply into the mysteries of Lent and the Passion of Our Lord.

It will begin in the Church with 9am Mass and

conclude at 12.45pm. Tea and coffee provided.

Everyone is welcome!



### NOVENA MASS FOR THE FEAST OF

### ST. JOSEPH: SUNDAY 08 MARCH

The 5<sup>th</sup> night of the Novena Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph will be held at St. Padre Pio Parish this

Sunday, 08 March at 7PM. Please see the

noticeboards for more details. All are welcome.

### ADORATION DURING LENT - MONDAYS

A moment of Adoration, after 7:00pm Mass, praying for the success of the Adoration Chapel and Wall.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

**FIRST READING** Genesis 12:1-4

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** 2 Timothy 1:8-10

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**  
*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Matthew 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



**GOSPEL** Matthew 17:1-9

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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