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SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026

SIXTH 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT



What is Lent and why is it celebrated?

Lent is the liturgical season of "preparation for the celebration of Easter. For the Lenten liturgy disposes both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery: catechumens, through the several stages of Christian initiation; the faithful, through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices"

(*General Instruction of the Roman Calendar*). Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday, as the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins. Easter Sunday is April 05.

What are the 40 days of Lent?

What began as a shorter time of preparing catechumens for baptism at the Easter Vigil, expanded over the centuries to 40 days of penitence, excluding Sundays. Lent began on Ash Wednesday and ended when the Easter Vigil began. Today the Season of Lent is a little less than 40 days, the Church having designated the three days from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to the Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Easter Sunday as a Sacred Triduum (3 days), celebrating the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

While the development of the Lenten days was various throughout the Church, it may have been suggested by Christ laying in death for 40 hours, or by his 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert (a number itself reminiscent of Israel's 40 years in the desert for disbelieving God). Regarding the connection to Christ's own life, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning" [Heb 4:15]. By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. (CCC 540)

Why are Sundays not counted in Lent?

Each Sunday of the year is like a *little Easter*, filled with the joy of the Resurrection. In the same way, every Friday of the year is penitential because it reminds us of Good Friday.

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What is traditionally given up for Lent?

Since Lent is a time of penitence it is usual to offer a *sacrifice* to the Lord, both to appeal for the grace of personal conversion, and to strengthen our will to be able to cooperate with that grace. The two go together, since without God we can do nothing (John 15:5).



The best sacrifice we can make is to give up sinning. The liturgies of the first days of Lent make this point of the *vanity* of prayer and penitence without moral conversion. For the Catholic, daily examinations of conscience, more frequent Confession, as well as more frequent Mass and Holy Communion are especially good ways to prepare for Easter. It would also be good to read Sacred Scripture, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary, daily if possible, meditating on the texts or prayers.

It is also usual to make some material sacrifice, one that calls for will-power and self-denial, whether television or social media, foods or treats we particularly like, recreations and other pleasures that we crave in excess, and which keep us from prayer and good works. The extra time can then be spent to pray and to serve, whether to volunteer at one's parish, or a local charity, such as a ministry to the poor or a crisis pregnancy clinic.

St. Catherine of Genoa said, "Lenten fasts make me feel better, stronger, and more active than ever." Lent should help us to be more active, in Charity — in love of God, and our neighbor. That is the best preparation for the celebration of the greatest act of Love in history.

"Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting, and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe."

- St. John Paul II

While Lent is not mentioned, per se, Jesus' 40 days of preparation in the Judean desert for His public ministry gives the Church a strong biblical basis for her Lenten practices. Our Lord fasted and prayed during those weeks, as well as faced, and overcame, the temptations of the Evil One. We are called during Lent to imitate His resolve.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

Picture from: clipart-library.com/lenten-prayer-cliparts.html

The above excerpt is from: missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/lent/

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/

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 21/22 FEBRUARY


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


ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

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!

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

When: THIS 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 are on the Welcome Table.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS

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 the Stations of the Cross.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

'Come alive in the Holy Spirit' Holy Spirit Mission

When: Saturday 21 Feb, 12pm to 5pm

Where: In the School Camilleri Hall, Our Lady Queen of Peace, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

Daycare/Childminding services will be provided for children aged 2-6yrs. More info on noticeboards.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Florence Senanyake, Fr. Eric, Ignatius Bartolo, Eduardo Vaz, Mario Cauchi. **For the Sick:** Teresa Brombal, Jose Joaquin De Sousa, Vida Smith, Beaulah 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 15 FEBRUARY

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year

Tuesday 17: Founders of the Servite Order

Wednesday 18: ASH WEDNESDAY

Saturday 21: St Peter Damian

NEXT SUNDAY

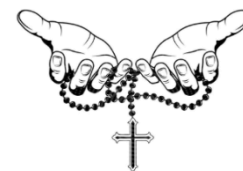
First Sunday of Lent Year A

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 17 February:
Wendy & Gert Van Mullekom

Date: Tuesday 24 February:
Lya & Billy Layug



ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese:

- 26 Feb, St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, 7pm.
- 7 March, Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair-Erskine Park 2pm
- 10 March, Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, 7pm.

Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

YOUTH GROUP AND YOUNG ADULTS GROUP HAVE RESTARTED!

Youth group: for 5-17years (split in 4 groups). Held during school terms in the School hall at 4pm.

Young Adults: 18years up, held every Wednesday after 7pm Mass.

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

- Child safety locks have been installed on the meeting room cupboards. Those using the cupboards, please place the latch back after use.
- There were a few toilet blockage issues in recent weeks due to too much toilet paper used at one time. Please use accordingly and for toilets to be kept clean. Hand towels are to be disposed in the bin provided.
- Parents are asked to accompany their children to the bathroom.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;

put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;

whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity:

not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of

our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of

God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God

predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a

wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known,

or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach

what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear

has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has

prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches

the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to

abolish the Law or the Prophets.

I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you

solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot,

one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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