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SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:30pm – 01:00pm

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.

THE ANNUNCIATION

Feast day: 25 March.

Why is the Annunciation celebrated on March 25?

The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, a feast which came about earlier historically. The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of God, and she accepted. At that moment, the "Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).



What were the five things that the archangel told Mary about her Son?

Luke 1:32-33: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David; He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom there will be no end.

What does the word "fiat" mean in the Bible?

The word "fiat" is Latin, and it means "let it be done." Mary's fiat was when she said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

What does Mary's fiat mean?

Pope St. John Paul II said, 'Mary's words at the Annunciation "I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38), indicate an attitude characteristic of Jewish piety. At the beginning of the Old Covenant, Moses, in response to the Lord's call, proclaims himself his servant (cf. Ex 4:10; 14:31).

With the coming of the New Covenant, Mary also responds to God with an act of free submission and conscious abandonment to his will, showing her complete availability to be the "handmaid of the Lord." Mary, "full of grace," by proclaiming herself "handmaid of the Lord" intends to commit herself to fulfil personally and in a perfect manner the service God expects of all his people.

How does Mary serve as the New Eve in our salvation story? Why is Mary's yes to God so important to us?

Through Mary's fiat, her "yes" to God, she made the Divine Plan of salvation effective in history. As Eve disobeyed and set humanity on a path of sin, Mary was perfectly obedient and set us on the path of grace. As Eve was the "Mother of All the Living" (Gen. 3:20), Mary is the Mother of All those Living "in Christ." We owe her a debt of justice, and a filial obligation of love. Mary responded with the most perfect faith and obedience.

What is the role of Mary in our life?

First, Mary is truly our mother. In Revelation 12:17, we see that the offspring of Mary are "those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus." Thus, as Christians, we become the sons and daughters of Mary. Second, Mary is our perfect example of following Jesus in everything we do. At the Wedding Feast at Cana, she said to the servants, "Do whatever [Jesus] tells you." This was the running theme throughout Mary's life: continually pointing to her Son. She put total trust in the Lord. In our daily lives, we should follow her example as we trust God in all large and small issues.

The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55):

*My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me
blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things
for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those
who fear him from generation to generation. He has
shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the
proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put
down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted
those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with
good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of
his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and
to his posterity for ever.*

Picture is from: clipart-library.com/annunciation-cliparts.html. The above is from: <https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/annunciation/>

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2026



PALM SUNDAY 28 MARCH
5:30pm Mass (begins outside the church)

PALM SUNDAY 29 MARCH
8:00am Mass (begins outside the church)
10:00am Mass (begins in the park across the road)
(weather permitting)

RECONCILIATION
After 7:00pm Mass: Monday 30 March
Before & after 9:00am Mass: Tues 31 March & Wed 01 April
9:00am-11:00am: Holy Thursday 02 April
9:00am-11:00am: Holy Saturday 04 April

HOLY THURSDAY 02 APRIL
7:00pm Mass (No 9:00am Mass)
Adoration in the Hall till 12:00am midnight.
Resumes on Good Friday from 06:00am till 03:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 03 APRIL
10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Passion of the Lord

EASTER VIGIL ✠ SATURDAY 04 APRIL
7:00pm Mass (No 9:00am Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY 05 APRIL
8:00AM Mass & 10:00am Mass

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THE WASHING OF FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY & READING FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For those interested and who haven't had their feet washed before on Holy Thursday, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet. (One member per family). Those who would like to read during the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, please add your name to the other sheet on the Welcome Table.

HOLY LAND (Good Friday) COLLECTION

When: Good Friday 03 April, 3pm Passion of the Lord. This collection goes to support the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land who have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places and for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is a direct way to help them keep alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 28/29 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Maz Lirio	Trish Warda	Help Needed
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Gilbert Grech Billy Layug	Chris Hersey	Dit Almer
READER	1. Steffi Sequeira 2. Parry Sequeira	1. Trish Warda 2. Help Needed	1. Deepa Cijo 2.
MUSIC	Emmanuel's Choir		
CLEANER	Mick & Annette Buttigieg		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD & CONSECRATION TO MOTHER MARY

We celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus: when Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When: This Wednesday 25 March

6:00pm: Rosary led by the Legion of Mary.

6:30pm: Consecration to Mother Mary

7:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 22 MARCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

Monday 23: St Turibius of Mogrovejo

Wednesday 25: Solemnity: Annunciation of the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Year A

Isaiah 50:4-7, Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

to all the candidates who received the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation last week. May they grow in their friendship with God through experiencing His mercy and forgiveness frequently in this Sacrament.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 24 March: Gloria & Anton Malicdem

Date: Tuesday 31 March: Bernadette & Peter Quigley

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & HOLY MASS

Every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm.

The SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 02 April: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 03 April: The Passion of the Lord.

Saturday 04 April: Holy Saturday

Sunday 05 April: Easter Day

PALMS NEEDED FOR NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE DECORATION OF CHURCH: Saturday 28 March

We need SOFT palms (not the spikey ones) for next weekend. If you have, please bring them by Saturday 9.30am. Please contact the parish office if you have any. Thank You.



PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR LENT AND EASTER

Please see timetable on page 2.

WORKING BEE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

This Saturday 28 March. We need as many people as possible to help at the Working Bee. We will be cleaning inside the Church, the grounds, carpark, and decorating for Palm Sunday. Bring your own garden gloves and garden cutters.

HOLY WEEK INFORMATION

- The Holy Week timetable can be found on page two of the bulletin, noticeboards & the Parish website.
- 9:00am Mass on Tuesday 31/3 & Wednesday 01/04 only. No 7pm Mass that Wednesday, due to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.
- Thurs 02/4 is the beginning of the Holy Triduum.
- **A reminder that GOOD FRIDAY is a day of FAST AND ABSTINENCE.**

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

To consecrate ourselves to the protection of St. Joseph we can pray from 28 March to 01 May. Material will be available online. If interested, please send an email or call the parish office.

5PM HOLY MASS & FAMILY GATHERING

When: Monday 06 April. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME: 5pm**, followed by the gathering. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.



HOUSE OF LORETO-HELPING STUDENTS IN NEED

Every donation helps a child participate fully in school life and the giving is done anonymously, respecting families' dignity. We are again selling some Catholic items at the end of Mass as another way you are able to help. Your support can make a real difference. Let's help these children experience the joy of learning and belonging. To donate, please see them at the end of Mass at the back of the Church, for account details, or message 0403 222 288. More information is on the noticeboard.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Thanksgiving for Birthday. **Deceased:** Palmira Ronchetti, Mary Grech, Joseph, Holy Souls in Purgatory. **For the Sick:** Justino Pasia, Bridgette Grech, Liam O'Shea, Jose Joaquin De Sousa, Vida Smith, Beulah 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

SECOND READING Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

GOSPEL John 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied:

‘Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.’

He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’ The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant ‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you. . . .

’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said:

‘I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, ‘The Master is here and wants to see you.’ Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’ Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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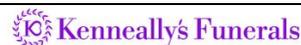


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