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<b>SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026</b>	<b>FOURTH 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.

**SAINT PATRICK, APOSTLE OF IRELAND**

**389-461**

**Feast: March 17**



*The field of St. Patrick's labors was the most remote part of the then known world. The seed he planted in faraway Ireland, which before his time was largely pagan, bore a rich harvest: whole colonies of saints and missionaries were to rise up after him to serve the Irish Church and to carry Christianity to other lands. Whether his birthplace, a village called Bannavem Taberniae, was near Dunbarton-on-the-Clyde, or in Cumberland, or at the mouth of the Severn, or even in Gaul near Boulogne, has never been determined, and indeed the matter is of no great moment. We know of a certainty that Patrick was of Romano-British origin and born about the year 389. His father, Calpornius, was a deacon, his grandfather a priest, for at this time no strict law of celibacy had been imposed on the Christian clergy. Patrick's own full name was probably Patricius Magonus Sucatus.*

His brief <Confession> gives us few details of his early years. At the age of fifteen he committed some fault—what it was we are not told—which caused him much suffering for the rest of his life. At sixteen, he tells us, he still "knew not the true God." Since he was born into a Christian family, we may take this to mean that he gave little heed to religion or to the priests.

That same year Patrick and some others were seized and carried off by sea raiders to become slaves among the inhabitants of Ireland....He tells us himself that "constantly I used to pray in the daytime. Love of God and His fear increased more and more, and my faith grew and my spirit was stirred up, so that in a single day I said as many as a hundred prayers and at night nearly as many, and I used to stay out in the woods and on the mountain. Before the dawn I used to wake up to prayer, in snow and frost and rain, nor was there any such lukewarmness in me as now I feel, because then my spirit was fervent within."

At length he heard a voice in his sleep bidding him to get back to freedom and the land of his birth. Thus prompted, he ran away from his master and traveled to a harbor where a ship was about to depart. The captain at first refused his request for passage, but after Patrick had silently prayed to God, the pagan sailors called him back, and with them he made an adventurous journey.

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They were three days at sea, and when they reached land they traveled for a month through an uninhabited tract of country, where food was scarce. Patrick writes:

"And one day the shipmaster said to me: 'How is this, O Christian? Thou sayest that thy God is great and almighty; wherefore then canst thou not pray for us, for we are in danger of starvation? Likely we shall never see a human being again.' Then I said plainly to them: 'Turn in good faith and with all your heart to the Lord my God, to whom nothing is impossible, that this day He may send you food for your journey, until ye be satisfied, for He has abundance everywhere.' And, by the help of God, so it came to pass. Lo, a herd of swine appeared in the way before our eyes, and they killed many of them. And in that place they remained two nights; and they were well refreshed and their dogs were sated, for many of them had fainted and been left half- dead by the way. After this they rendered hearty thanks to God, and I became honorable in their eyes; and from that day they had food in abundance."

At length they arrived at human habitations, whether in Britain or Gaul we do not know. When Patrick was again restored to his kinfolk, they gave him a warm welcome and urged him to stay. But he felt he must leave them. Possibly fifteen years passed at the monastery of Auxerre, where he was ordained. At this time Pelagianism was spreading among the weak and scattered Christian communities of Britain and Ireland, and Pope Celestine I had sent Bishop Palladius there to combat it. Patrick was consecrated Bishop in 432, and departed forthwith for Ireland.

What was most human in the saint, and at the same time most divine, comes out in this passage from his <Confession>: "It was not any grace in me, but God who conquereth in me, and He resisted them all, so that I came to the heathen of Ireland to preach the Gospel and to bear insults from unbelievers, to hear the reproach of my going abroad and to endure many persecutions even unto bonds, the while that I was

### 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

surrendering my liberty as a man of free condition for the profit of others. **And if I should be found worthy, I am ready to give even my life for His name's sake unflinchingly and gladly, and there (in Ireland) I desire to spend it until I die, if our Lord should grant it to me.**"

During an apostolate of thirty years, he is reported to have consecrated some 350 bishops and was instrumental in bringing the faith to many thousands. Yet hostility and violence still existed, for he writes later, "Daily I expect either a violent death, or robbery and a return to slavery, or some other calamity." He adds, like the good Christian he was, "**I have cast myself into the hands of Almighty God, for He rules everything.**" Patrick died about 461, and was buried, in the vicinity of the future cathedral town of Down.

Above shortened Extract is from: [ewtn.com/catholicism/library/saint-patrick-apostle-of-ireland-5729](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/library/saint-patrick-apostle-of-ireland-5729). Picture is from: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Patrick](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Patrick)

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

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

## ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### PRAYER TO SAINT FRANCIS FOR PEACE

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

### MONDAY ADORATION DURING LENT

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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & HOLY MASS

Every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm.

### 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.



### SOLEMNITY OF ST. PATRICK

THIS Tuesday, 17 March, 7pm Mass.



### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

THIS Thursday 19 March, 7pm Mass. We especially honour St Joseph on this day, for his unique role as the foster father of Jesus and we pray through his intercession for all families, the Church and for those who are dying.

### SUNDAY 15 MARCH

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

**Tuesday 17:** St Patrick

**Wednesday 18:** St Cyril of Jerusalem

**Thursday 19:** St Joseph

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

Ezekiel 37:12-14, Ps 129. R. v.7, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 17 March: Jonie & Albert Yuzon

**Date:** Tuesday 24 March: Gloria & Anton Malicdem

### SHALOM MEDIA AUSTRALIA

👉 Lenten Programs (for all):

🔗 <https://shalomworld.org/lenet>

👉 Lenten Kit for Kids (Ages 6–12):

🔗 <https://shalomworld.org/lenet-kit>



*Shalom Media Australia, a Catholic media ministry serving families through faith-filled programs, reflections, and evangelisation initiatives.*



### SOM FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: DAVID

**Monday 23 March** at Liverpool Catholic Club, 5.30pm (6pm start)-8pm. Cost: \$7 Adults, \$5 Children. To register, please see the noticeboard.

### 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.

### WORKING BEE FOR PALM SUNDAY

**When:** Saturday 28 March. Please include this date in your diary as we need many helpers please. Thankyou

### 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 (AEDT) 📍 In person: St. Padre Pio Parish, 34 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park OR 🖥 Online (Zoom): <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88240197264?pwd=MC39Q52hu32bkPXe2Z4TjXW0MhaTes.1> Meeting ID: 88240197264 Password: 2xg17M Come along, bring a friend, your Bible. All are welcome!

### BETHANY PRIMARY SCHOOL 2027 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolment packs are available via the website, school office or call 4723 3700.

2027 Kindergarten Applications are due on **Friday 27 March** to be considered for first round offers in May.

**MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:** Shamus McKeown. **Thanksgiving/Birthday:** Leila Eggleton **Deceased:** Mario Cauchi, Arthur Reid, Ana Broz, Jualina Bagang, Philomina, Paul, Chinamma & 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.**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

**FIRST READING** 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

**A reading from the first book of Samuel**

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 5:8-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

**Gospel** John 9:1-41

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts

I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world

I am the light of the world.'

"Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?'

His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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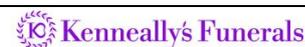
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