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**SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

**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)  
School hall

**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.

**THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**Prayer for Vocations:**

God our Father, Who wills that all men be saved  
And come to the knowledge of Your Truth:  
We beg you to send  
Laborers into Your harvest,  
And grant them grace to speak Your Word  
With all boldness; so that Your Word  
May spread and be glorified,  
And all nations may know You,  
The only God, and Him whom You have sent,  
Jesus Christ your Son, Our Lord. Amen.



*Prayer is from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/prayer-for-vocations-360>. Picture from: <https://au.pinterest.com/pin/daily-gospel-reflections--446982331761608023/>*

*Below are short excerpts from: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/vocations/documents/20260316-messaggio-vocazioni.html>*

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV  
FOR THE 63<sup>rd</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - 26 April 2026*

*Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people!*

Guided and protected by the Risen Jesus, we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter — also called “Good Shepherd Sunday” — the 63<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is an occasion of grace in which we share some reflections on the interior dimension of vocation, understood as the discovery of God’s free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts. Let us explore together the truly beautiful path of life along which the Shepherd guides us.

***The way of beauty***

In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself as the “good shepherd” (ὁ ποιμὴν ὁ καλός) (Jn 10:11). This expression refers to a shepherd who is perfect, authentic and exemplary, inasmuch as he is ready to give his life for his sheep, thus revealing God’s love. He is the Shepherd who draws us to himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows him. Neither the eyes of the body nor aesthetic sensibilities alone are sufficient to recognize this beauty; rather, contemplation and interiority are required. Only the one who pauses, listens, prays and welcomes the Shepherd’s gaze can say with confidence: “I trust him; life with him can truly be beautiful. I want to walk this path of beauty.” What is most extraordinary is that, in becoming his disciple, one truly becomes “beautiful”; his beauty transforms us. As the theologian Pavel Florenskij

wrote, asceticism does not produce a merely “good” person, but a “beautiful” one. [1] Indeed, more than goodness, the distinctive trait of the saint is the luminous spiritual beauty that radiates from his or her life in Christ. In this way, the Christian vocation reveals itself in all its depth as a participation in the life of Jesus, by sharing in his mission and reflecting his beauty. This interior experience of life, faith and meaning was also that of Saint Augustine, who, in the third book of the *Confessions*, while acknowledging the sins and errors of his youth, recognizes God as “more inward than my most inward part.” [2] More than self-knowledge, Augustine discovers the beauty of the divine light that guides him in the darkness. Perceiving God’s presence in the innermost recesses of his soul, he came to understand the importance of caring for the interior life as a place of encounter with Christ, which is the way to experience the beauty and goodness of God in our own lives.

Such a relationship is based on prayer and silence, and when cultivated opens us to receive and actively respond to the gift of vocation. It is never an imposition or a one-size-fits-all model to which one merely conforms; instead, it is an adventure of love and happiness. Thus, on the basis of caring for the interior life, we must urgently recommence our vocational ministry and renew our commitment to evangelization.

**Mutual awareness**

“The Lord of life knows us and enlightens our hearts with his loving gaze.” [3] Indeed, every vocation begins with the awareness and experience of a God who is love (cf. *1 Jn* 4:16). He knows us profoundly; he has counted the hairs of our head (cf. *Mt* 10:30) and has envisaged for each person a unique path of holiness and service. Yet this awareness must always be reciprocal. We are invited to know God through prayer, listening to the Word, the Sacraments, the life of the Church and works of charity for our brothers and sisters.

Dear young people, listen to this voice! Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. *Mt* 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ. Make time, then, for Eucharistic adoration; meditate faithfully on the word of God, so that you may put it into practice each day; and participate actively and fully in the sacramental and ecclesial life of the Church. In this way, you will come to know the Lord. Through the intimacy of his friendship, you will discover how to give of yourselves, whether through marriage, the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or consecrated life. Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy. To know the Lord means above all learning to entrust oneself to him and to his providence, which is abundant in every vocation.

A vocation, therefore, is not an immediate possession — something “given” once and for all. Instead, it is a path that unfolds much like life itself. The gift we have received must not only be protected but also nourished by a daily relationship with God in order to grow and bear fruit. “This is helpful, since it situates our whole life in relation to the God who loves us. It makes us realize that nothing is the result of pure chance but that everything in our lives can become a way of responding to the Lord, who has a wonderful plan for us.” [7]

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people, I encourage you to cultivate your personal relationship with God through daily prayer and meditation on the Word. Pause, listen and entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world.

May the Virgin Mary, model of the interior acceptance of divine gifts and expert in prayerful listening, always accompany you on this journey!

*From the Vatican, 16 March 2026*  
LEO PP. XIV

**ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 02/03 MAY**

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
<b>ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER</b>	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan Chris Hersey	Aiman Jajo Manny Medel
<b>READER</b>	1. Trudi Almeida 2. Maz Lirio	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
<b>MUSIC</b>	Mitchell’s Group		Children’s Choir
<b>MORNING TEA</b>			Zon Lupisan
<b>CLEANER</b>	Mel Gaudoin, Dominic Dimech, Luke & Frances Zuza		

## ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### PLEASE NOTE:


Fr. Johnson will be on holidays from 27 April - 05 June.  
**For any emergency**, please note the change in the mobile number to 0456 712 333.

Fr Johnson will continue Bible Study on Thursdays **via Zoom**.

### 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

 **From 27/4-05/6:** Online (Zoom):

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

Meeting ID: 88240197264, Password: 2xg17M

Please invite others, BYO Bible. All are welcome

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER FOLLOWED BY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION



**THIS Friday 01 May**

7pm: Mass followed by the All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9am: Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio.

*Come and spend time with Our Lord.*

*The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.*

### NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE 2026

This will take place over the first four weekends of May, commencing next weekend 02 & 03 May. This important initiative provides valuable data to support pastoral planning and resource allocation across our Diocese and the wider Church.

### SISTINE CHAPEL REVELATIONS – An Immersive Exhibition: 16 May to 19 July

Experience the *Sistine Chapel: Revelations* immersive exhibition at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, Sydney (16 May–19 July 2026). Discover breathtaking digital recreations, sacred art, and the story of salvation. Book tickets at [sistinechapelsydney.com.au](http://sistinechapelsydney.com.au).

### SUNDAY 26 APRIL

**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A**

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A**

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7, Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19.

R. v.22, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 28 April: Rosie & Farley Bartholomeusz

**Date:** Tuesday 05 May: Matt & Lorraine Vella

### ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE FOR THREE SEMINARIANS

Bishop Vincent Long invites you to the Ordination to the Diaconate of:

**Mr. Jeff Hood** on Sunday 26 April, 6pm

at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), 'Floral arrangements should show moderation and be fresh, natural flowers to signify God's creation, life, death, and resurrection, whereas artificial flowers lack dignity. Thank you to all those people who decorate our church with beautiful fresh floral arrangements. Fresh flower donations are always accepted and appreciated.

### SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 2026

Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 2 May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. More training opportunities are available at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other dates and locations go to: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.



### IN THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN

at Mt. Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost: \$30 BYO Lunch, Tea & Coffee provided

RSVP: Sr. Mary Louise Walsh. Phone: 0407 424 598. [Mwalsh@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:Mwalsh@schoenstatt.org.au) Bookings Close: 01 May. Further details are on the flyer on the noticeboard.

**MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:** Birthdays, **Deceased:** Mario Cauchi, Consuelo Estigoy, Charles Campbell. **For the Sick:** James Forrester, 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 EASTER YEAR A

**FIRST READING** Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 2:20-25

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls..

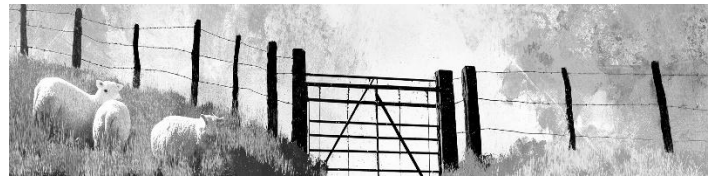
**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!



**GOSPEL** John 10:1-10

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

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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



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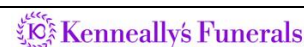
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