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SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026

THIRD 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.

Reflection of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV at the Prayer Vigil for Peace

Dear brothers and sisters,

Your prayer is an expression of that faith which, according to the words of Jesus, moves mountains (cf. *Mt 17:20*). Thank you for accepting this invitation to gather here at the tomb of Saint Peter and in so many other places around the world to pray for peace. War divides; hope unites. Arrogance tramples upon others; love lifts up. Idolatry blinds us; the living God enlightens. My dearest friends, all it takes is a little faith, a mere “crumb” of faith, in order to face this dramatic hour in history together — as humanity and alongside humanity. Prayer is not a refuge in which to hide from our responsibilities, nor an anaesthetic to numb the pain provoked by so much injustice. Rather, it is the most selfless, universal and transformative response to death: we are a people who are already risen! Within each of us, within every human being, the interior Teacher teaches peace, urges us toward encounter and inspires us to make supplication. Let us rise from the rubble! Nothing can confine us to a predetermined fate, not even in this world where there never seem to be enough graves, for people continue to crucify one another and eliminate life, with no regard to justice and mercy.



In the context of the 2003 Iraq war crisis, Saint John Paul II, a tireless advocate for peace, said with deep emotion: “I belong to that generation that lived through World War II and, thanks be to God, survived it. I have the duty to say to all young people, to those who are younger than I, who have not had this experience: “No more war” as Paul VI said during [his first visit to the United Nations](#). We must do everything possible. We know well that peace is not possible at any price. But we all know how great is this responsibility” (*Angelus*, 16 March 2003). I make his appeal my own this evening, relevant as it is today.

Prayer teaches us how to act. In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God. Thoughts, words and deeds then break the demonic cycle of evil and are placed at the service of the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom in which there is no sword, no drone, no vengeance, no trivialization of evil, no unjust profit, but only dignity,

Excerpt from: www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260411-rosario-pace.html

Picture from: zenit.org/2025/05/11/these-are-the-official-photo-of-the-pope-his-coat-of-arms-motto-and-his-signature/

understanding and forgiveness. It is here that we find a bulwark against that delusion of omnipotence that surrounds us and is becoming increasingly unpredictable and aggressive. The balance within the human family has been severely destabilized. Even the holy Name of God, the God of life, is being dragged into discourses of death. A world of brothers and sisters with one heavenly Father vanishes, as in a nightmare, giving way to a reality populated by enemies. We are met by threats, rather than the invitation to listen and to come together. Brothers and sisters, those who pray are aware of their own limitations; they do not kill or threaten with death. Instead, death enslaves those who have turned their backs on the living God, turning themselves and their own power into a mute, blind and deaf idol (cf. *Ps* 115:4–8), to which they sacrifice every value, demanding that the whole world bend its knee.

Enough of the idolatry of self and money! Enough of the display of power! Enough of war! True strength is shown in serving life. With evangelical simplicity, Saint John XXIII once wrote: “The benefits of peace will be felt everywhere, by individuals, by families, by nations, by the whole human race.” And echoing the incisive words of Pius XII, he added: “Nothing is lost by peace; everything may be lost by war” (Encyclical Letter *Pacem in Terris*, 116).

Let us, therefore, unite the moral and spiritual strength of the millions and billions of men and women, young and old, who today choose to believe in peace, caring for the wounds and repairing the damage left behind by the madness of war. I receive countless letters from children in areas of conflict. In reading them, one perceives, through the lens of innocence, all the horror and inhumanity of actions that some adults boast of with pride. Let us listen to the voices of children! Dear brothers and sisters, there are certainly binding responsibilities that fall to the leaders of nations. To them we cry out: Stop! It is time for peace! Sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, not at the table where rearmament is

planned and deadly actions are decided! Yet there is a no less significant responsibility that falls to all of us — men and women from all over the world. We are an immense multitude that rejects war not only in word, but also in deed. Prayer calls us to leave behind whatever violence remains in our hearts and minds. Let us turn to a Kingdom of peace that is built up day by day — in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and civil and religious communities. A Kingdom that counters polemics and resignation through friendship and a culture of encounter. Let us believe once again in love, moderation and good politics. We must form ourselves and get personally involved, each following our own calling. Everyone has a place in the mosaic of peace!

The Rosary, like other ancient forms of prayer, has united us this evening in its steady rhythm built on repetition. Peace gains ground in the same way: word by word, deed by deed, just as a rock is hollowed out drop by drop, or fabric woven stitch by stitch. These are the slow rhythms of life, a sign of God’s patience. We must not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the pace of a world that does not know what it is chasing. ...Dear friends, peace be with you all! It is the peace of the Risen Christ, the fruit of his sacrifice of love on the cross. For this reason, we raise our prayer to him:

Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence: you shattered its power with the strength of peace.

Grant us your peace, as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning, as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.

Send forth your Spirit, the breath that gives life and reconciles, that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.

Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother, who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart, firm in the faith that you would rise again. May the madness of war cease and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect and love life. Hear us, Lord of life! Amen.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 25/26 APRIL

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Aiman Jajo Gilbert Grech	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Trudi Almeida	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC			Pio’s Voices
MORNING TEA		Trish Warda	
CLEANER	Marlene Schoebel, Trish Fordham, Luke & Frances		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE:

Fr. Johnson will be going on holidays to India from 27 April till 05 June where he will be spending time with his mother and family and in retreat. He will continue the Bible Study on Thursdays via Zoom. (Please see next column for details)

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

NEXT SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41, Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1, 1 Peter 2:20-25, John 10:1-10

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION



When: 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.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 21 April: Orlan & Cris Nugpo

Date: Tuesday 28 April: Rosie & Farley Bartholomeusz

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE FOR THREE SEMINARIANS

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

Mr. Paul Tran on Saturday 25 April, 6pm at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith.

Mr. Jeff Hood on Sunday 26 April, 6pm at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATION LETTER & ENROLMENT FORM



These are available on the Welcome Table and on the Parish Website.

Please note that the enrolment form & accompanying certificates are due by 28 April.

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

Place: St Padre Pio Parish except when Fr Johnson is away (27 April-05 June), which will be via Zoom.

Online (Zoom):

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

Meeting ID: 88240197264, Password: 2xg17M

Please invite others, BYO Bible. All are welcome!

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS



Catechesis and Formation Day for people (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop**

Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Light lunch provided. It is recommended that sponsors attend. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The **Adult Confirmations** are on **Tuesday 01 Sep, 7.30pm.** Please contact parish office.

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>.

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Child safety locks have been installed on the meeting room cupboards. Adults using the cupboards, please place the latch back after use. Thank you.

ANZAC DAY: 25 April

The 9am Mass will be offered for all the ANZACS and all who have died in war. We also pray for all who are suffering from the effects of war & for their families.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: **Deceased:** Mario Cauchi, Mario Caruana, Leonila & Roger Varca, Jan & Truus Van Mullekom. **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.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.
'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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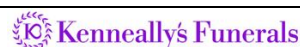
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