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SUNDAY 03 MAY 2026	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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)
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.

THE HOLY ROSARY in the MONTH OF MAY



Why pray the Rosary today? Certainly, to grow in holiness and in one's prayer life. The following are a few other reasons why the rosary should be prayed often, even daily:

"Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary" (Bl. Pope Pius IX).

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world" (Our Lady of Fátima).

"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family . . . than the daily recitation of the Rosary" (Pope Pius XII).

"We do not hesitate to affirm again publicly that we put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils of our times" (Pope Pius XII).

"The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world" (Pope St. John XXIII).

"The Rosary is the compendium of the entire Gospel" (Pope St. Paul VI, quoting Pope Pius XII).

"Meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary . . . can be an excellent preparation for the celebration of those same mysteries in the liturgical actions [i.e., the Mass] and can also become a continuing echo thereof" (Pope St. Paul VI).

"My impression is that the Rosary is of the greatest value not only according to the words of Our Lady at Fátima, but according to the effects of the Rosary one sees throughout history. My impression is that Our Lady wanted to give ordinary people, who might not know how to pray, this simple method of getting closer to God" (Ven. Sr. Lúcia de Jesus of Fátima).

"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening" (Pope John Paul II).

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary probably began as a practice by the laity to imitate the monastic Divine Office (Breviary or Liturgy of the Hours), during the course of which the monks prayed all 150 Psalms. The laity, many of whom could not read, substituted 50, or even 150, Ave Marias (Hail Marys) for the Psalms. The first half of this prayer, so directly biblically, seems to date from as early as the 2nd century, as ancient graffiti at Christian sites has suggested. Sometimes a cord with knots on it was used to keep an accurate count of the Aves.

The first clear historical reference to the rosary, however, is from the life of St. Dominic (died in 1221), the founder of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans. He preached a form of the rosary in France at the time that the Albigensian heresy was devastating the Faith there. Tradition has it that the Blessed Mother herself asked for the practice as an antidote for heresy and sin.

Beginning in the 1400s, a Dominican friar, Blessed Alain de la Roche, established Rosary Confraternities to promote the praying of the rosary. The form of the rosary we have today has been fixed from his time. Over the centuries the saints and popes have highly recommended the rosary, the greatest prayer in the Church after the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. Not surprisingly, it's most active promoters have been Dominicans.

Rosary means a crown of roses, a spiritual bouquet given to the Blessed Mother. It is sometimes called the Dominican Rosary, to distinguish it from other rosary-like prayers (e.g., the Franciscan Rosary of the Seven Joys or Franciscan Crown, the Servite Rosary of the Seven Sorrows). It is also, in a general sense, a form of chaplet or corona (crown), of which there are many varieties in the Church. Finally, in English it has

been called "Our Lady's Psalter" or "the beads." This last derives from an Old English word for prayers (bede) and to request (biddan or bid).

The rosary has been called the preparation for contemplation and the prayer of saints. While the hands and lips are occupied with the prayers... the mind meditates on the mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption represented by the decades. Meditation is the form of prayer by which the one who prays uses the mind and imagination to consider a truth and uses the will to love it and form resolutions to live it. In this way the heart, mind, and soul of the Christian is formed according to the Gospel examples of the Savior and His First Disciple, His Mother. In God's own time, when this purification of the heart, mind, and soul has advanced sufficiently the Lord may give the grace of contemplative prayer, that special divine insight into the truth which human effort cannot achieve on its own.

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“Love Our Lady and She will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle.” St. Josemaria Escriva.

The Rosary is the “epitome of the whole Gospel” (St. Paul VI). While occupying the senses with the “praying of the beads” the one who prays the rosary prayerfully reflects, *meditates*, on the mysteries of Christ’s life. These mysteries, represented by the five groups of ten beads are taken from the Gospel, and from the Church’s own reflection on the Gospel down through the centuries—especially with respect to the role of the Blessed Virgin. She is the Woman (Gen. 3:15) from whom Christ took His human nature, as well as the Woman who cooperated in His Redemptive mission to its completion (John 19:26-27). The purpose of the Rosary, therefore, is a deeper understanding of all the mysteries concerning Christ.

(From: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/holy-rosary-390>)

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 09/10 MAY

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Lya Layug	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Aiman Jajo	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey
READER	1. Steffi Sequeira 2. Parry Sequeira	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Belinda Butler	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co
MORNING TEA			Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
BAPTISMS			
CLEANER	Zon Lupisan, Bebs Perez, Ancy Presty, Dari Boni		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE 2026

The count will take place over the first four weekends in May. This important initiative provides valuable data to support pastoral planning and resource allocation across our Diocese and the wider Church.

ROSARY IN MAY

The Month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. Join us in praying the beautiful prayer of the Rosary during the month of May. **When:** After Weekday 9am Masses. 6.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. **Weekends:** 8.30am Saturday mornings, 5pm on Saturdays & 9.30am on Sundays.



BLESSING FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY

This will be held next weekend during the weekend Masses.

TURNING THE TIDE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ABORTION

Speaker: Dr. Joanna Howe
When: Wednesday 13 May, 7.45pm.
Where: St. Padre Pio Hall,
 34 William Howell Drive,
 Glenmore Park. All welcome.



TALK ON EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

All are welcome to come along to St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, 326 High St, Penrith at 7pm.

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.

SISTINE CHAPEL REVELATIONS- An Immersive

Exhibition: 16 May to 19 July. Discover breathtaking digital recreations, sacred art, and the story of salvation. Visit: sistinechapelsydney.com.au

NEXT SUNDAY 10 MAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17, Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 05 May: Matt & Lorraine Vella

Date: Tuesday 12 May: Chris & Sue Hersey

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Johnson is away 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

SCHOENSTATT ANNUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE DAY

When: Sunday 17th May at 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa.

Contact: Sr. M. Rita 0493 026 628

9.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation is available

10.00am: Welcome & Opening Prayer

10.30am: Holy Mass with Bishop Tony Percy -

Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

2pm: Eucharistic Procession *OR* Anointing of the Sick

3pm: Benediction

Please bring your Pilgrim Mother Shrines along.

Drinks & food will be available for purchase.

This is an outdoor event - bring your own chairs.

Web: www.schoenstatt.org.au

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The program for the Sacrament of Confirmation is underway. Kindly pray for the Candidates and their families during this time.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. **Death Anniversary:** Mark Young, Ernesto Modelo. **Deceased:** Helen & Mario Cauchi, Thankamma Mathew, Mathew Joseph, Joseph, Stella, Ken, Mercy, Arthur, Holy Souls in Purgatory. **For the Sick:** James Forrester, Justino Pasia, Erwin Jacob, Elvie Tamayo, Lita Modelo, Bridgette Grech, Liam O'Shea, Jose Joaquin De Sousa, Vida Smith, Beaulah 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 EASTER YEAR A

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.....

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,'

said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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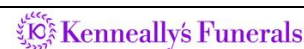
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