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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

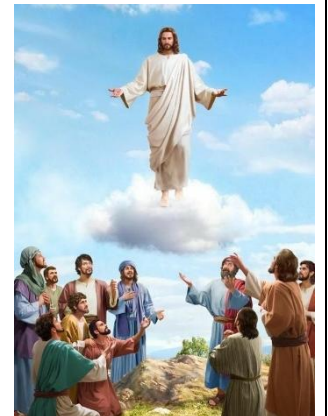
YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass, then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP
Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
Please contact the Parish Office.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS

What does the Feast of Ascension celebrate?
Forty days after Jesus' Glorious Resurrection, Our Lord ascended into Heaven (see Acts 1:6-11). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 665) says, "Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3)."



Before ascending in the presence of His Apostles, He commissioned them to continue His ministry of redemption, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

What does Christ's Ascension mean for us?
Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 661)

The *Catechism* further explains, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him." As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven.

Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: “By ‘the Father’s right hand’ we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified.”

Being seated at the Father’s right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah’s kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel’s vision concerning the Son of man: “To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.” After this event the apostles became witnesses of the “kingdom [that] will have no end.” (cf. CCC 662-664)

What instructions did Jesus give His disciples before He returned to Heaven?

In his Ascension homily in 1979, Pope St. John Paul II said,

In the Scripture readings the whole significance of Christ’s Ascension is summarized for us. The richness of this mystery is spelled out in two statements: Jesus gave instructions, and then Jesus took his place. ...

The instructions indicated, above all, that the Apostles were to wait for the Holy Spirit, who was the gift of the Father. From the beginning, it had to be crystal-clear that the source of the Apostles’ strength is the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who guides the Church in the way of truth; the Gospel is to spread through the power of God, and not by means of human wisdom or strength.

The Apostles, moreover, were instructed to teach—to proclaim the Good News to the whole world. And they were to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, they were to speak explicitly about the Kingdom of God and about salvation. The Apostles were to give witness to

Christ to the ends of the earth. The early Church clearly understood these instructions and the missionary era began. And everybody knew that this missionary era could never end until the same Jesus, who went up to Heaven, would come back again.

What is the Great Commission?

See Matthew 28:16-20). For Catholics it constitutes primarily a command to those whom Christ appointed to carry out His ministry, that is the Apostles, and the successors to their ministry, the bishops.

The Catholic understanding follows from the fact that Matthew records the Apostles as the bearers of the obligations and the authority Christ committed to the Church. The text mentions only “the eleven,” that is, the Apostles minus Judas Iscariot. These are those whom Christ chose to take His place as pastors of His flock. This is the context of the command given to them to make disciples and to baptize, and of His promise to remain with them “to the end of the age.” This also corresponds to Christ’s other commitments of authority and responsibility to the Apostles, such as the power of the keys (see Matthew 16:13-18, 18:8), and the forgiveness of sin (see John 20:19-23). Since the Apostles all died, it also presumes that “to the end of the age” others will take their offices after them, as Matthias took that of Judas (see Acts 1:15-26).

Indeed, everywhere the Apostles went they appointed successors, as Paul appointed Timothy and Titus. In the second century, St. Irenaeus of Lyon will list the successors of Peter in the Roman See, in contradistinction to the heretics of his day who can claim no such authority.

Christ is also with the Church “to the end of the age” in other ways, as well. However, He is uniquely and most importantly Present in the Holy Eucharist, by means of which His Holy Sacrifice is remembered and made Present, in the gift of Himself in Holy Communion, and by remaining with us in our tabernacles. In all these ways the continuity and unity of Christ’s redemptive ministry is guaranteed until He comes again (see John 16:13-15, 17:2-21).

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ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 23/24 MAY

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Tracy Amituanai	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Gilbert Grech Aiman Jajo	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
READER	1. Mel Almer 2. Georgia Bizzanelli	1. Trish Warda 2. Jaciinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC	P&J Psalms of Joy		Pio’s Voices
MORNING TEA		Trish Warda	
BAPTISMS			
CLEANER	Helen Sipeli, Marlene Schoebel, Trish Fordham, Luke & Frances		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO

OUR LADY. Join us in praying the beautiful prayer of the Rosary during the month of May.



Weekdays: after 9am Masses, 6.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Weekends: 8.30am on Saturday mornings, 5:00pm on Saturdays & 9.30am on Sundays.

THIS WEEKEND: BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging.

Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead.

Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians. Please give generously next weekend or at parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you for supporting the future priests.

RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY VISITING OUR PARISH ON SUNDAY 07 JUNE (CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY)

7:30am Devotions

8:00am Mass, 8:45 – 9:45am Devotions

10:00am Mass followed by Corpus Christi Procession

11:30am – 4:00pm Devotions

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 19 May: Doris Cutajar

Date: Tuesday 26 May: Mel Gaudoin

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA.

In May, [Aid to the Church in Need](http://www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26) (ACN) is inviting all Catholics to **pray a decade of the Rosary for those suffering persecution in Nigeria** for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. Download a free Red Rosary Prayer. Scan QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

18 May: St John I. **20 May:** St Bernadine of Siena
21 May: St Christopher Magallanes & companions
22 May: St Rita of Cascia

NEXT SUNDAY 24 MAY

Pentecost Sunday Year A

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11, Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34.
 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

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

'COME AND SEE' WEEKEND with the SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATA

Single young women aged 18-35 years old who are interested in discerning a vocation to Religious Life and the Immaculata community are invited to a "Come and See" discernment weekend from

Friday 5th June - Sunday 7th June in Armidale, NSW.

The weekend will be an opportunity to Adore the Lord and learn to listen to God's voice as well as experience the prayer, community, charism and life of the Sisters of the Immaculata.

For more information and to register, please scan the QR code in the flyer on the notice board. Limited spaces available. Please pass this on to any young women who might be interested.



MASSSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. **Deceased:** Guido Iezzi, Sr. Rebecca, Wilfredo Abadam, Rita Farrugia, Mario Cauchi, Sheeba Joseph, Alfia Russo, Grazia Fioertino. **For the Sick:** Fr. Chris Mithen C.P. 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.**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them.

When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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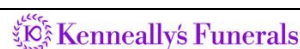
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