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SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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

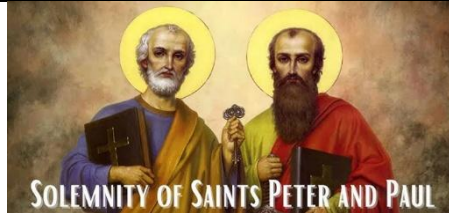
Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass, then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.



Why does the Church celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul?

On June 29, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul to honor the two great apostles Peter and Paul. St. Peter, one of the Twelve and

the chief of the Apostles, the Rock upon which Christ built His Church, and St. Paul “called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God” (Romans 1:1) and Apostle to the Gentiles. Together they are honored as founders of the Church of Rome, having been separately martyred there during the reign of Emperor Nero. “Christian tradition has always considered Sts. Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

Why do Sts. Peter and Paul share a feast day?

St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: (They) share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith

Who was St. Peter and why was he important?

St. Peter was one of Jesus' original twelve Apostles and the first Pope. Peter was a Jewish fisherman before he was called to be an Apostle. Jesus changed his name from Simon to Peter (“Rock”) and gave Him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:19), which is why St. Peter is often depicted with keys.

Who was St. Paul?

St. Paul (originally known as Saul) was a self-righteous young Pharisee, almost fanatically anti-Christian. When the Resurrected Lord appeared to Him on the road to Damascus, he suddenly converted (Acts 9:1-9). From that point, he went on to evangelize throughout the Mediterranean world from the Holy Land to Rome to Spain. His zeal and reach entitles him to be known as the “Apostle to the Gentiles.” “The Gentiles” means “the nations.” For Jews, it meant the non-Jewish people. For the Church, it means the non-Jewish unbelievers in Christ – that is, the greater part of mankind of all generations.

Why are Sts. Peter and Paul called the patron saints of Rome?

Peter and Paul are called the patron saints of Rome because, in the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, “the Christian community of [Rome] considered them a kind of counterbalance to the mythical Romulus and Remus, the two brothers held to be the founders of Rome.” Sts. Peter and Paul were central to the foundation and advancement of the early Church, thus it is fitting that they would be the patron saints of Rome.

<https://ewtnmission.com/seasonsandfeastdays/stspeterandpaul/>



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As someone who has previously attended the Parish Renewal Conference, you know firsthand the encouragement, inspiration, and practical support that comes from gathering with others who share a passion for Christ.

Whether you want to grow in your own faith, you are involved in parish service, or you simply have a heart for your parish community, this conference is designed to strengthen your own faith and equip you for the mission entrusted to us by Christ. As registrations close in just over two weeks, I encourage you to register for the conference and to invite others join you, because renewal happens most effectively through shared experiences.

Saturday 18 July 2026 9am – 5pm

Liverpool Catholic Club

\$99 per person or buy 5 tickets and get one free

Register [Parish Renewal Conference 2026 - Go Make Disciples](https://gomakedisciples.org.au/prc26)

Five reasons to attend:

1. Be renewed in hope

Be inspired by wisdom and stories that remind us of the Church's mission to make disciples and help people encounter Jesus Christ.

2. Gain practical tools for parish renewal

Discover ideas, strategies, and resources that can be applied in your local parish to help foster vibrant communities of faith.

3. Learn from others facing similar challenges

Connect with clergy, parish staff, volunteers, and leaders from across the Archdiocese who are navigating many of the same opportunities and challenges.

4. Be encouraged in your ministry

Ministry can sometimes feel demanding and isolating. The conference offers a chance to be refreshed, supported, and reminded that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves.

5. Deepen your relationship with Christ

At the heart of parish renewal is personal renewal. Through prayer, worship, and reflection, the conference provides an opportunity to encounter Christ and be renewed for mission.

We look forward to welcoming you and continuing this exciting and challenging journey of parish renewal together. Grace and peace,

Sister Anastasia on behalf of the Parish Renewal Team



Catholics encouraged to identify themselves in the Census
On August 11, Australia will hold its five-yearly national Census.

The Census of Population and Housing, conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), is a “comprehensive snapshot” that reveals the changing economic, social and cultural demographics of the nation.

Religious identification is a basic variable used in socio-demographic research.

A question on a person’s religion has been included in all Australian Censuses, along with questions of country of birth and language spoken at home, because it is an important part of a person’s identity and an indicator of Australia’s cultural diversity.

Answering this question has always been optional.

Despite this, it has had a high response rate (93% in 2021), with 5,075,910 people describing themselves as Catholic, or 20 per cent of the Australian population.

National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPRI) director Trudy Dantis said data from the religion question was crucial to helping Catholic parishes, schools, dioceses and organisations understand their communities and plan for ministry and mission.

“Census data tells us a great deal about the demographics of self-identifying Catholics in particular regions, and for this reason, it is invaluable to pastoral planning,” Dr Dantis said. “It is also an important aspect of planning for our Catholic organisations, since many Australians seek assistance from these institutions in times of personal crisis, and for services such as schools, health care facilities and welfare.”

<https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/national-catholic-census-project/>

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 04/05 JULY

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan	Aiman Jajo
SENIOR SERVER		Chris Hersey	Manny Medel
READER	1. Trudi Almeida 2. Maz Lirio	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
MUSIC			Children’s Choir
MORNING TEA			Zon Lupisan & Deb Vella
BAPTISMS			Dit Almer
CLEANER	Mel Gaudoin, Annette & Mike Buttigieg		

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

UPCOMING SOLEMNITY

Monday 29 June:

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, 7pm Mass.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOLLOWED BY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday 03 July

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

3am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Come and spend time with Our Lord.

The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & MEMORIALS:

29 JUNE: Ss Peter & Paul

30 JUNE: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

03 JULY: St Thomas

04 JULY: St Elizabeth of Portugal

NEXT SUNDAY 05 JULY

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Zechariah 9:9-10, Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14,

Romans 8:9,11-13, Matthew 11:25-30

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 07 July, Alice & Levy Pajarin

Date: Tuesday 14 July, Elena & Waldo Labra

BE THE WITNESS — THE MUSICAL

Over the past few months, the chorus of **Be The Witness** has visited parishes across the Diocese, sharing a glimpse of this powerful Catholic musical.

Now the full production is coming to **Riverside Theatres Parramatta from 10–13 September 2026.**

Be The Witness brings the story of Jesus to life through the eyes of St Peter, using music, drama and storytelling to create a moving encounter of faith, hope and witness. **Special parish group offer**

available until Friday 10 July: Groups of 50 receive around **20% off standard tickets**, plus one complimentary ticket for the parish priest.

Bring your parish group, ministry, family or friends

SING A NEW SONG-HOLIDAY MUSIC WORKSHOP

for Children, in Year 4-12, on 14 July, 9.30am-2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. A fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. They will sing at the Solemn Mass at the Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 19 July. parracatholic.org/events/school-holiday-music-workshop/

TAKE AWAY BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JOHNSON

The Bible Study is being held in person and on Zoom, every Thursday at 7pm in the Church.

Meeting ID: 88240197264, **Password:** 2xg17M. **Zoom:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88240197264?pwd=MC39Q52hu32bkPXe2Z4TjXW0MhaTes.1>

Please invite others, BYO Bible. All are welcome.

PETERS' PENCE COLLECTION LEAVING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The yearly collection supports the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministries, assisting the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE OPPORTUNITIES

There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities. Please register here:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more info, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

We would like to inform you that our Parish, will begin the Sacrament Program of First Holy Eucharist for 2026 in July. This Sacrament is open to children in Years 4 and above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation.

Enrolment forms will be available soon.

All Enrolments must be received by the Parish Office by Monday, 24 July, 2026.

AUSSIE FRIENDS OF THE POOR FUNDRAISER

We would like to thank all the wonderful people from St Padre Pio who assisted us, interacted with us, donated money or who bought raffle tickets to help the 'poorest of the poor' in Cebu, The Philippines. We raised \$1760 from your generous parish, which we are truly appreciative. God bless you all.

If you would like more information about our charity, our website is: www.aussiefriendsofthepoor.com

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Recently Deceased:

For the Sick: Dolor Payne, Salwa & family, Rasha & Family, 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, 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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM s 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**



SECOND READING Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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