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SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2026

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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP (PERPETUAL SUCCOUR)

Feast Day: 27 JUNE.

This Saturday, 9am Mass will be in Her honour & the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed.



The original painting of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is in the Church of St. Alphonsus of Liguori in Rome.

“Our Lady of Perpetual Help” is not the only designation that has been given to the icon. Over the years it has been known as “The Golden Madonna”, “Virgin of the Passion”, “Virgin of St Matthew’s”, and “Our Lady of the Home”. However, when Pope Pius IX commissioned the Redemptorists to make the icon known throughout the world, he did so calling the Madonna depicted thereon as “Our Lady of

Perpetual Help”.

Mary is set on a gold background, a symbol of heaven. She is dressed in dark blue robes with a green lining and a red tunic. Blue, green and red were royal colours. Mary is dressed as an empress. The eight-point star on her forehead was probably added by a later artist to represent the Eastern insight that Mary is the star that leads us to Jesus.

The Greek letters above her head proclaim her to be the Mother of God. The image so far is revealing Mary’s power to intercede and to accompany us in prayer. In Byzantine art, Mary is never shown without Jesus who is central to our faith. And here Jesus is also dressed as an emperor, for only the emperor could wear the green tunic, red sash and gold brocade shown in the icon. The Greek letters near the child’s head proclaim that he is ‘Jesus Christ’.

Jesus is not looking at Mary or at us or at the angels. Though he is holding on to his mother, he is looking away at something we can’t see, something that made him run so quickly to his mother that one of his sandals is falling off. What would have frightened him so?

The archangels Gabriel and Michael give us the answer. They don’t carry harps or trumpets of praise; they carry the instruments of his passion. On the right Michael carries the gall Jesus was offered on the cross and the lance that pierced him. On the left Gabriel carries the cross and the nails.

The icon is not asking us to get marooned upon the sufferings of Jesus; it is rather inviting us into the mystery of salvation that reveals God’s everlasting love.

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The icon reveals that Mary accompanied Jesus to his moment of integrity; the moment when he chose not to let anything come between himself and any other person, divine or human. That moment climaxed in his Gethsemane, his suffering, and his cross; it burst upon the world in the glory of his Resurrection.

The icon pulls us into the restoring and loving integrity of the risen Christ still poured out upon us in the Holy Spirit.

It is usual for an iconographer to paint to express rather than to impress. It is usual that he or she would spend months in prayer before starting an icon. Their prayer would continue throughout the work. Their aim is not to give a realistic impression of Jesus and Mary and the mysteries they reveal to us. Rather, the iconographer's aim is to paint an icon that will of itself beckon you in, as it were, and take you through to another level, open up another world, the world of God's ineffable glory and transcendent presence.

It is not their aim to literally show the beauty of God or Mary. Their aim is to reveal that beauty indirectly through the icon. So, in the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, it is Mary herself that fills the picture. She looks at you as if addressing you. She looks not at Jesus, not at the angels on either side, nor at heaven above. She looks at you, personally! Through the icon, her eyes draw you in.

The icon invites us to run to Mary in any of life's troubles. People come to Mary not so she can cling to us, but so that her open hands might accompany us to an open life. Over time, an open life will bring us to our own integrity before God and the world. Such is the grace of it! That is why people come in their thousands bringing with them the heartaches of the world. That is why they leave as a community restored in hope. The world's little ones, in their response to the icon, proclaim as one that Mary is indeed *perpetual help*.

Excerpt from: <https://cssr.org.au/perth/our-lady-of-perpetual-help>
Picture from: <https://au.pinterest.com/pin/our-lady-of-perpetual-help-traditional-image--516788126006624763/>

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on thee, for, in all my needs, in all my temptations I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce thy sacred name, or even only think of thee. I thank God for having given thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely pronouncing thy name: let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help.

Prayer from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/our-lady-of-perpetual-help-354>

PRAYER FOR THE HOME

Mother of Perpetual Help, we choose you as Queen of our homes. We ask you to bless all our families with your tender motherly love. May the sacrament of marriage bind husbands and wives so closely together that they will always be faithful to each other and love one another as Christ loves his Church.

We ask you to bless all parents. May they love and cherish the children whom God has entrusted to them. May they always give them the example of a truly Christian life. Help them to bring up their children in the love and fear of God. Bless all children, that they may love, honour and obey their fathers and mothers. To your loving care we especially entrust the youth of today. Give us all a sense of responsibility that we may do our part in making our home a haven of peace like your own home at Nazareth. We take you as our model. Help us to grow daily in genuine love of God and neighbour so that justice and peace may happily reign in the entire human family. Amen.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 27/28 JUNE

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Gilbert Grech Aiman Jajo	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
READER	1. Mel Almer 2.	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta 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

UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES

Wednesday, 24 June: Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist 9am & 7pm Masses

Monday 29 June: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, 7pm Mass.

NEXT WEEKEND: PETERS' PENCE COLLECTION

27 & 28 JUNE This 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. It will be held as a leaving collection. Thank you.



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.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION & SEMINAR

As part of our preparation for Eucharist28, visit the



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and discover extraordinary accounts of Christ's presence in the Eucharist from around the world. Learn more about these remarkable miracles and seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis.

14–28 June Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Viewing: 9:00am–6:00pm Daily. (Tuesdays until 8:00pm). **Special Eucharistic Talk – Fr Gerard Kelly, Saturday 27 June** 4:00pm arrival for a 4:30pm start. A reflection on the Eucharist followed by the opportunity to attend the Vigil Mass. All are welcome. Please RSVP for the Seminar:

parracatholic.org/events/eucharistic-miracles-exhibit

Picture from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eucharistic_miracle

SISTINE CHAPEL REVELATIONS – An Immersive

Exhibition: 16 May to 19 July at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, Sydney. Discover breathtaking digital recreations, sacred art, and the story of salvation.

Tickets are from: sistinechapelsydney.com.au

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Recently Deceased: Mary Marsh, **Death Anniversary** Mario Cauchi Leila Eggleton, Vince Zaccheo **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.**

UPCOMING FEAST DAY:

22 JUNE: Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

23 JUNE: St. Paulinus of Nola

24 JUNE: Nativity of John the Baptist

27 JUNE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Cyril of Alexandria

NEXT SUNDAY 28 JUNE

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16, Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2, Romans 6:3-4. 8-11, Matthew 10:37-42

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 23 & 30 June:

Lynnette & Robert Sajonia

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.

MET Natural Fertility Seminar – Intro Session for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 8 July, 7-8pm via Teams (online). Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. This session is of particular interest to couples that are trying to conceive a child where they may have infertility issues and are seeking medical intervention to help them.

parracatholic.org/natural-fertility www.fccau.org

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

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/

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,

"Terror from every side!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends

watched for my downfall,

"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy

from the hands of evil men.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,

that shame covers my face,

that I have become a stranger to my brothers,

an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house

and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**

This is my prayer to you,

my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,

with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;

in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

The poor when they see it will be glad

and God-seeking hearts will revive;

for the Lord listens to the needy

and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,

the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole

human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no

law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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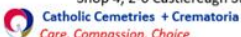
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