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SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026

FIFTEENTH 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.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

This feast was instituted by the Carmelites between 1376 and 1386 under the title "Commemoratio B. Marif Virg. duplex" to celebrate the victory of their order over its enemies on obtaining the approbation of its name and constitution from Honorius III on 30 Jan., 1226 (see Colvenerius, "Kal. Mar.", 30 Jan. "Summa Aurea", III, 737).

The feast was assigned to 16 July, because on that date in 1251, according to Carmelite traditions, the scapular was given by the Blessed Virgin to St. Simon Stock; it was first approved by Sixtus V in 1587.

After Cardinal Bellarmine had examined the Carmelite traditions in 1609, it was declared the patronal feast of the order, and is now celebrated in the Carmelite calendar as a major double of the first class with a vigil and a privileged octave (like the octave of Epiphany, admitting only a double of the first class) under the title "Commemoratio sollemnis B.V.M. de Monte Carmelo". Article from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/our-lady-of-mount-carmel-426. Picture from: commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pietro_Novelli_Our_Lady_of_Carmel_and_Saints.JPG

Reflection: At the base of Mount Carmel, on the northwest coast of Israel, lies a Carmelite monastery named *Stella Maris*, Latin for "Star of the Sea." This monastery is built over a cave believed to have been where the prophet Elijah, inspired by God, challenged 450 prophets of Baal in a contest to the death. Elijah triumphed. Shortly after, Elijah prophesied the end of a three-year drought when, in the passage above, his servant reported to him that he saw a "cloud as small as a man's hand rising from the sea." That small cloud quickly transformed into a heavy rainfall over the parched earth.

Later Carmelites interpreted Elijah's vision as a prefiguration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was seen as the small cloud rising from the sea, a true "Star of the Sea," and the rain that would emerge from her to end the three-year drought was perceived as the grace and mercy poured out by her Son, Jesus.

It is believed that following the time of Elijah, other hermits emulated Elijah and his successor, Elisha, by becoming hermits in the caves of



Mount Carmel. Although some traditions hold that these holy hermits embraced Christ and lived on this sacred mountain from the time of Christ, written records only confirm their presence from the thirteenth century onwards. It was then, in 1209, that a group of hermits asked Bishop Albert, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, to provide them with a rule of life. Bishop Albert did so, and the Order of Brothers of The Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, later known as the Carmelites, was formed. One of their first acts was to erect a chapel dedicated to Mary, Star of the Sea, *Stella Maris*. In 1226, their rule was approved by Pope Honorius.

Shortly after the order's founding on Mount Carmel, Muslim invaders conquered nearby territories, leading some of the hermits to flee from the Holy Land to other parts of Europe, including Aylesford, England. Though records are uncertain, it is believed that one of the first men to join the Carmelite hermits in England was a man named Simon Stock. The Carmelites were a new form of religious life, living as hermits rather than as a more ordered community like the Benedictines, Cistercians, and Augustinians. As a result, they found it challenging to gain wide acceptance. In 1247, Simon Stock is believed to have been elected Superior General of the Carmelites at the age of eighty-two. In an attempt to help the new order gain wider acceptance within the Church, Simon and his fellow hermits sought out the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She responded and, in 1251, appeared to Simon while holding the Christ Child in one arm and a brown scapular in the other. She said to him, "Receive, my beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire...It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace." In the centuries that followed, the Carmelites continued to develop a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially clothing themselves in the scapular habit and developing liturgies in her honor.

In 1726, Pope Benedict XIII placed this Carmelite devotion to our Blessed Mother on the universal calendar of the Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Throughout the centuries, many popes have spoken in favor of the scapular and devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

As we honor Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we honor not only our Blessed Mother but also her central role in the Carmelite orders and the devotions to her that they have promoted, especially the devotion of the scapular. Reflect on your own devotion to our Blessed Mother. If you wear the scapular, renew your faith in her motherly intercession that is obtained through this holy devotion. If you do not wear the scapular, consider doing so as an outward sign of your interior devotion to her and your trust in her intercession.

Prayer: *Our Lady of Mount Carmel, your arrival was prophesied by the vision of Elijah the prophet when he saw the small cloud rising from the sea. From that cloud, rain quenched the arid earth. Through you, the true rain of mercy continues to fall upon us in the form of your divine Son. Please pray for me, that my thirst from the dryness of my soul will always seek satisfaction only in your Son and the mercy He pours forth. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Article from: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/july-16-our-lady-of-mount-carmel/#:~:text=As%20we%20honor%20Our%20Lady,the%20devotion%20of%20he%20scapular.>

*In 1917 at Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Virgin Mary highlighted the importance of the Scapular. In the vision, she appeared to Sr. Lucia in the form of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, holding the Brown Scapular. Sister Lucia would later affirm, that "The Rosary and Brown Scapular are inseparable." Our Lady was holding the Brown Scapular while asking everyone to pray the Rosary daily.



ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 18/19 JULY			
MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Tracy Amituanai	Mel Almer
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Gilbert Grech	Khalid Younan	Dit Almer
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Trudi Almeida	1. Sue Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Mel Almer 2. Noel Xavier
MUSIC	Our Daily Bread		
MORNING TEA			
BAPTISMS			
CLEANER	Susan Guy, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Trevor Coutinho		

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

FR SHELTON is currently on holidays.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

Our Parish Sacramental Program of First Holy Eucharist for 2026 is open. This Sacrament is open to children Year 4 and above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. Parent letter and Enrolment form are available on the Parish website and hard copies are on the Welcome Table. All Enrolments must be received at the Parish Office by Friday, 24 July.



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & MEMORIALS:

13 JULY: St Henry

14 JULY: St Camillus de Lellis

15 JULY: St Bonaventure

16 JULY: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

NEXT SUNDAY 19 JULY

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19. Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16.-
Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 14 July, Elena & Waldo Labra

Date: Tuesday 21 July, Kenneth & Jeng Borlongan



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL & ENROLMENT OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR

When: This Thursday 16 July, 9:00am
Mass, followed by the Blessing, enrolment of the Brown Scapular and morning tea.

ST. PADRE PIO'S FEAST DAY PREPARATION MEETING

Everyone is invited to a meeting in preparation of the Feast Day of St Padre Pio. The Feast Day will be on 20 September.

Meeting date: Friday 17 July at 7pm in the Church.

THIS WEEKEND IS APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

SUNDAY. We pray for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living.

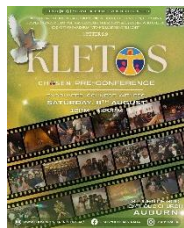
KLETOS: Chosen Pre Conference- Jesus Youth Australia

Location: St. John of God Church, Auburn on Saturday, 8 August

Time: 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Followed by: Night Vigil Mass.

Open to everyone aged 16–35. Come along for an afternoon of worship, inspiring talks, fellowship, fun activities, and a chance to connect with other young people from different parishes. Bring your friends as well! www.chosenconference.com.au Register here: <https://forms.gle/3adbts7iqkUyWZWa6>



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.

BE THE WITNESS — THE MUSICAL

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. Bring your parish group, family or friends.

Single: <https://bethewitness.com.au/> or 10+:

<https://www.privyr.com/form/ADzUleQi#special-group-booking>

“GIRLS DAY OUT AT THE SHRINE”,

Tuesday, 14 & Wed 15 July: A fun day out during the school holidays. The day will include games, discussions, rosary bushwalk, singing and more.

Where: Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa



MASSSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Leslie Gatt, Mario Cauchi, Maria & Albert Steiger, Yoland and Frank Texiar, Kristine Lulton. **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, 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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower.

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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