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## SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026

## SEVENTEENTH 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.

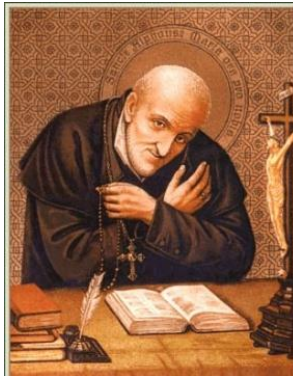
### FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Contact the Parish Office.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

### ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI



In 1696, at Marianella, a suburb of Naples, Alfonso de Liguori was born to Donna Anna Cavalieri and Don Joseph de Liguori. In his youth, Alfonso studied law before entering into successful practice. But even in his high-profile career he was never far from the poor. While accompanying patients in the Hospital of the Incurables he came to know he was meant for something else. He became a priest. Thereafter, it was the abandoned goatherds on Scala's

hillsides who spoke to his heart. It was for them that he founded the Redemptorists. At a later stage, he wished to go to the mission fields of China and Africa. Alfonso was a learned man, a lover of art and beauty. He went on to write many scholarly works and popular prayer books for the people. He was widely published during his lifetime and remains so to the present day. *Tu scendi*, Italy's most popular Christmas carol, sprang from Alfonso's pen and his harpsichord keys those many years ago. In 1762, against his protestations, he was appointed Bishop in the Diocese of Sant'Agata dei Ghoti, in the kingdom of Naples. His reforms there were extensive. In 1787, at the age of 91, he died at Nocera and was canonised in 1839. During his life, Alphonsus encouraged the followers of Christ into the modern age, giving them a language, a philosophy and a new religious consciousness. In 1871, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

*St Alphonsus is a gigantic figure, not only in the history of the Church, but for the whole of humanity as well. Even people who would not seem close to him, in the sense of having followed his vision, still see in him the teacher of the Catholic souls of the West. He did for modern Catholicism what St Augustine accomplished in ancient times. - John Paul II*

Appreciating St Alphonsus is an acquired taste for he was not a man of apparitions or flamboyant religiosity. He was an ordinary man who understood deeply the unfathomable love of God for all humanity. It was the presence of this love in his life that allowed him to realise that every person mattered – they mattered to God and they mattered to Alphonsus. This was the underlying theme in his extensive writings and his popular preaching among the poor. And for the Redemptorists, people have mattered ever since. His feast day is 01 August.

Article from: [cssr.org.au/stalphonsus/#:~:text=He%20was%20an%20ordinary%20man,and%20they%20mattered%20to%20Alphonsus](https://cssr.org.au/stalphonsus/#:~:text=He%20was%20an%20ordinary%20man,and%20they%20mattered%20to%20Alphonsus). Picture from: [au.pinterest.com/pin/the-inspiring-journey-of-st-alphonsus-liguori-544865254892589371/](https://au.pinterest.com/pin/the-inspiring-journey-of-st-alphonsus-liguori-544865254892589371/)

### ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



St Ignatius of Loyola was born Inigo Lopez on 24 December 1491, in Guipuzcoa, in the Basque country of northwest Spain. One of 11 children, Inigo led a very worldly life during the first thirty years of his life as a nobleman, fired with dreams of romanticism and chivalry. Aged

25 he enlisted in the army and saw service in border warfare against the French.

In 1521 when defending the Spanish fortress of Pamplona, Ignatius' right leg was shattered by a cannon ball. His French captors, impressed by his courage, carried him across Spain to his family home, where he began a long period of recovery during which he read the only two books available in the castle - Life of Christ and The Golden Legend, a book on the lives of the saints. During his convalescence, he experienced the gift of God's consolation in such a way that his life changed forever and after a long, serious reflection, he decided to devote the rest of his life to outstanding service of God.

When Inigo got well, he left Loyola and went to Montserrat, where he spent a night of vigil before a statue of our Blessed Mother. It was here that he offered up his sword as a symbol of his new life. He proceeded to Manresa, where he spent ten months of intense asceticism and prayer, working in hospitals and teaching catechism to children. He begged for his food during all this time. Inigo wrote the famous Spiritual Exercises, a school of spirituality and prayer which has produced countless conversions and many saints through the centuries. He returned to Spain in 1524, when he was 33 years old. He studied Latin and finished his studies in theology. In August 1537, Inigo stopped using his old name and began using Ignatius, because of his devotion to the martyred bishop, St Ignatius of Antioch.

Ignatius was able to attract six university students, all guided by him through the Spiritual Exercises. They became the first members of the Society of Jesus. One of them was another Spanish nobleman, Francisco Javier (Francis Xavier) who became the greatest missionary of the Church. He died on 31 July 1556. He is the patron of retreats and soldiers. His feast day is 31 July.

Article from: [ignatius.vic.edu.au/info-snippets/saint-ignatius-of-loyola](http://ignatius.vic.edu.au/info-snippets/saint-ignatius-of-loyola)  
Picture: 16<sup>th</sup> century, [wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignatius\\_of\\_Loyola](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignatius_of_Loyola)

### ST. ALPHONSA

St. Alphonsa was born in Kerala, India, on Aug. 19, 1910. As a young woman, she rejected all suitors who came her way, as she was determined to enter religious life. In 1923, she suffered an accident that left her burned, disabled, and partially disfigured. She joined the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, and until her death suffered from physical ailments and problems associated with her disability. In her love for God, she embraced her sufferings until her death on July 28, 1946.



St. Alphonsa was canonized by Benedict XVI on Oct. 12, 2008. She is the first Indian woman to become a saint. In a Vatican [statement](#) released on the day of her canonization, she is described as “a victim for the love of the Lord, happy until the final moment and with a smile of innocence always on her lips.”

*Photo: 1996 stamp of India with photo of St. Alphonsa. India Post, Government of India via Wikimedia Commons. Article: [ewtnvatican.com/articles/meet-7-of-the-best-known-saints-canonized-by-pope-benedict-xvi-305](http://ewtnvatican.com/articles/meet-7-of-the-best-known-saints-canonized-by-pope-benedict-xvi-305)*

### **ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 01/02 AUGUST**

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

## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

**WELCOME BACK TO FR. SHELDON!** We hope you had a wonderful time on your holidays.

**26 JULY-FEAST DAY OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE,** parents of Mary & Jesus' grandparents. We pray for God's blessings on all grandparents.



### **FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT**

**ADORATION:** Friday 07 August

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

3am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Come and spend time with Our Lord. The

sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

### **ADORATION ROSTER FOR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

More people are needed to join the Adoration roster for First Friday All night Adoration which is after the 7pm Friday Mass till 9am Mass on Saturday morning. Please consider committing to spending 1 hour with the Lord in this monthly Adoration. Please contact the office. The blessings received are out of this world!

### **SOLEMNITY MASS OF ST MARY MACKILLOP**

**When:** Saturday 08 August, 9am Mass at the Parish

**PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES** sheet for May and June can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE**

Please pick up your planned envelopes from the back of the Church. If anyone would like to join Planned giving, via envelopes, direct debit or credit card, please contact the parish office.

### **CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP on Saturday 8 August.**

Make a pilgrimage to St. Mary's tomb, spend time in prayer in the Chapel, and celebrate the Eucharist at one of the Feast Day Masses: **8:00am & 6:00pm** – Chapel, **10:00am** (livestreamed) & **1:00pm** – Glen Roy Green (outdoors)

**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.

**MASSSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:** Birthdays. **Deceased:** Eduardo Devela, Mario Cauchi, Ken & Family members. **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.**

### **UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & MEMORIALS:**

**29 JULY:** Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

**30 JULY:** St Peter Chrysologus

**31 JULY:** St Ignatius of Loyola

**01 AUGUST:** St Alphonsus de Liguori

### **NEXT SUNDAY 02 AUGUST**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

Isaiah 55:1-3, Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16, Romans 8:35. 37-39, Matthew 14:13-21

### **ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

**Date:** Tuesday 28 July, Jorge & Virgie Sasot

**Date:** Tuesday 04 August, Abby & John Cook

### **MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT – Reflect, Renew &**

**Reconnect: 5 September** at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown, 8:30am–4.30pm. Mass with Bishop Vincent, lunch, light refreshments.

Topics including Expressions of Love, Living Your Vocation of Marriage, 7 Principles of Making Marriage Work, Creating a Marriage First Aid Kit, and a Couple Prayer and Commitment Ceremony. Cost is \$45 per couple. Places are limited, bookings essential

<https://parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/>

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

If you or someone you know-

- Have been thinking or have questions about becoming Catholic
- are Catholic & have yet to receive the Sacraments of Penance/ Holy Eucharist/ Confirmation
- Grow in your knowledge of the Catholic Faith...

Then RCIA is here to accompany you. If interested, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.

### **ST. PADRE PIO'S FEAST DAY: 20 September**

Many volunteers are needed to join our Feast Day teams and make this a very special parish event. If you would like to help, kindly add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table. Our next meeting is on 21 August, 7pm in the Church.



## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

#### A reading from the first book of the Kings

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130.

#### Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **(R.)**

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **(R.)**

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**



### SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!



### GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.'

And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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