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SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

TWENTY FIRST 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

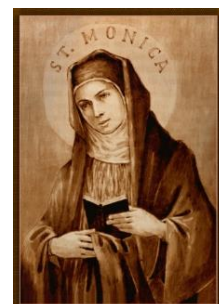
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ST. MONICA

Feast: 27 August

Mother of St. Augustine.

Born of Christian parents at Tagaste, North Africa, in 333; died at Ostia, near Rome, in 387. We are told but little of her childhood. She was married early in life to Patritius who held an official position in Tagaste. He was a pagan. Three children were born of this marriage, Augustine the eldest, Navigius the second, and a daughter, Perpetua. Monica had been unable to secure baptism for her children, and her grief was great when Augustine fell ill; in her distress she besought Patritius to allow him to be baptized; he agreed, but on the boy's recovery withdrew his consent. All Monica's anxiety now centered in Augustine; he was wayward and, as he himself tells us, lazy. He was sent to Madaura to school and Monica seems to have literally wrestled with God for the soul of her son. A great consolation was vouchsafed her -- in compensation perhaps for all that she was to experience through Augustine -- Patritius became a Christian.



Meanwhile, Augustine had been sent to Carthage, to prosecute his studies, and here he fell into grievous sin. Patritius died very shortly after his reception into the Church and Monica resolved not to marry again. At Carthage, Augustine had become a Manichean and when on his return home, he ventilated certain heretical propositions, she drove him away from her table, but a strange vision which she had, urged her to recall him. It was at this time that she went to see a certain holy bishop, whose name is not given, but who consoled her with the now famous words, "the child of those tears shall never perish." There is no more pathetic story in the annals of the Saints than that of Monica pursuing her wayward son to Rome, wither he had gone by stealth; when she arrived, he had already gone to Milan, but she followed him. Here she found St. Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine yield, after seventeen years of resistance. Mother and son spent six months of true peace at Cassiacum, after which time Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. Africa claimed them however, and they set out on their journey, stopping at Civit' Vecchia and at Ostia. Here death overtook Monica and the finest pages of his "Confessions" were penned as the result of the emotion Augustine then experienced.

Excerpt from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/monica-705>

Picture from: <https://www.catholictradition.org/Passion/saint-monica.htm>

PRAYERS

<https://www.daily-prayers.org/angels-and-saints/prayers-to-saint-monica/>

For Perseverance

Dear St Monica,
troubled wife and mother,
many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime.
Yet, you never despaired or lost faith.
With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you
prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved
husband, Patricius, and your beloved son,
Augustine; your prayers were answered.
Grant me that same fortitude, patience,
and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St.
Monica, that God may favourably hear my plea
for *(Share your request...)* and grant me the grace to
accept God's Will in all things.
Amen.



For Children

Great St. Monica, patroness of fathers and mothers,
please take our children, especially those who have
turned from the ways of God and His Church,
under your protection. Help them always remain
faithful to their baptismal vows. Give them strength
to walk always in the ways of the Lord, despite the
temptations and false values they find in the world
today. Grant that they may share with you
in the joys of eternal life in God. Amen.

For Souls who are far from God

St Monica, the mother of Augustine, our Lord Jesus
mercifully answered your tears. The fruit of your
prayers was the conversion of your son to a genuinely
holy life. From the heights of your heavenly home,
happy mother of your saintly son, pray for those who
wander far from God and add your prayers to those of
all parents who sorrow over the straying souls of their
sons or daughters. Pray for us that, following your
example and that of all God's children, we may at
length enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in
Heaven. Amen.

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.

FUNERAL OF REVEREND FR. ROBERT SLATTERY

Funeral Mass

This Tuesday, 25 August 2026 — 10:30am

St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Burial

Tuesday, 25 August 2026 — 1:30pm

Rookwood Cemetery, Priests' Section, Grave 203

(near the historic St Michael the Archangel Chapel)

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen.*

SCHOENSTATT COUPLES GROUP ORIENTATION DAY

For Couples to grow in faith, strengthen their
marriage, and build a better world with Mary as our
guide. Sunday 30 August 2026 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Joseph Kentenich House Marian Hall Mt. Schoenstatt
230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa. FREE Registration.
Afternoon Tea provided RSVP by 28 August Derek and
Joycelyn Boog Phone 0420 543 364 Sr Luisa Maria
Phone 0439537976

MET NATURAL FERTILITY SESSION: 7PM VIA TEAMS: 10 SEPTEMBER

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle?
Come and explore a Natural, Effective, Healthy and
Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy
or monitor women's health. Engaged and married
couples, single women, and those wanting to know
more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to
attend. If you'd like to learn the Creighton Model
FertilityCare System <https://fccau.org/> this free
session is valued at \$125 and gives you all the
information you need to be ready for Session 2. To
register or for more information visit
parracatholic.org/natural-fertility.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 29/30 AUGUST

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Maz Lirio	Trish Warda	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Gilbert Grech Billy Layug	Chris Hersey	Dit Almer
READER	1.Steffi Sequeira 2. Parry Sequeira	1. Trish Warda 2.	1. Deepa Cijo 2.
MUSIC			
MORNING TEA			
CLEANER	Volunteers needed after 9am Mass on Saturday morning. Thank You!		

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION



FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOLLOWED BY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday 04 September
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.

BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY

9 Day Novena prior every Mass: 30 Aug - 07 Sep

On 08 Sep (Tues): Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother Mary:

6:15pm: Rosary at the Grotto, Procession to the Church, Flower offering. **Solemn Mass:** 7pm, fellowship and food. *Please bring own candles for the Rosary Procession and flowers for the flower offering.*



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & MEMORIALS:

24 AUGUST: St Bartholomew

25 AUGUST: St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz

27 AUGUST: St Monica **28 AUGUST:** St Augustine

29 AUGUST: Passion of John the Baptist

NEXT SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Jeremiah 20:7-9, Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2,

Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 25 August: Evelyn Esguerra

Tuesday 01 September: Beth & Butch Alcantara

BISHOP'S ANNUAL FATHERS DAY APPEAL

When: 05-06 September. This appeal supports all the retired priests of the Diocese, and your donations are very much appreciated. Full information will be provided next week, but if you wish to get in early, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/donate/clergy-support-foundation>

ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY INFORMATION



3-day Triduum: Novena and Mass:

Thursday 17 Sept, 7:00pm

Friday, 18 Sept, 7:00pm.

Saturday 19 September, 5.30pm.

Holy Mass on Feast Day

Sunday 20 September 10am

10am Procession

followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. **N.B. No 8am Mass on 20 September.**

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PARISH RAFFLE

People from the Feast Day Committee will be selling raffle tickets for \$2 each outside the Church.

First Prize. iPhone

Second Prize: St Padre Pio Painting

Third Prize: TBA

FOOD FOR THE PARISH FEAST DAY Everyone is invited to bring a plate of food for the Feast Day. Kindly indicate it on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table

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.

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.

NOTICE from AUSSIE FRIENDS OF THE POOR

The parishioner **RITA** who bought a book of raffle tickets from **AUSSIE FRIENDS OF THE POOR** please return the raffle ticket ENDS to the office, so they can be added to the draw. Thank you.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Birthdays: Various people. **Deceased:** Roland Peters, Mercy Bhuyan, Joseph Aaron, Fr. Robert Slattery, Simon Testa, Maria Libri, Layla Deehart. Holy Souls in Purgatory. **For the Sick:** Mel Laycock, Josephine Delos Reyes, 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.**

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,

I remove you from your post,

and the same day I call on my servant

Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,

gird him with your sash,

entrust him with your authority;

and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem

and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David

on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory

for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

Lord, your love is eternal;

do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,

you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love

which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly

and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods!

Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who

could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give

him anything or lend him anything? All that exists

comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my

Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

'The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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