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SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 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.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS

POPE LEO XIV

FOR THE 11th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE CARE OF CREATION 2026

[1st of September 2026]

***“They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks” (Isaiah 2:4)***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lord Jesus Christ came so that we might have life and have it in abundance (cf. *Jn* 10:10). This gift of life lies at the very heart of our mission as disciples and of our shared calling to build a civilization of love. As we observe this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we are once again invited to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator.

Today, we are witnessing many crises and much human suffering. At the same time, it seems that the disruption to the harmonious balance of creation is accelerating. These phenomena are not unrelated; they are a single plea for healing and peace arising from a wounded world.

The God of life, revealed in Jesus Christ, offers a peace that the world cannot give: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (*Jn* 14:27). This peace is neither superficial nor fleeting; it flows from the enduring love of Christ and his care for every human person.

Yet this promise of peace stands in stark contrast to the realities we see in many parts of the world. The prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when nations “shall beat their swords into plowshares” (*Is* 2:4), transforming what destroys life into what sustains it. But today, we too often witness the very opposite, as efforts continue to be directed toward violence and war.

War leaves wounds that extend far beyond the battlefield. It claims lives, tears families apart and forces millions to flee their homes, thereby deepening fear, injustice and division (cf. [*Gaudium et Spes*](#), 77-82). War also leaves behind social and ecological destruction that endures for generations. Moreover, the interaction between armed conflicts and environmental degradation often creates a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security. This fuels poverty, inequality, and new social tensions that can contribute to the emergence of further conflicts.

What is more, war creates wounds that damage the whole fabric of life, harming not only individual persons and communities, but also their broader network of relationships with the whole human family, and their harmony with creation. It reveals a deeper failure to live in God's image and likeness, to respect life and to care for the earth entrusted to us. This is not only a political failure, but also a moral and spiritual one. Rooted in distorted desires and the misuse of human freedom and power, war stands as a counter-witness to the Gospel of peace.

The above-mentioned crises call not only for responsibility but also for a conversion of heart that will bear fruit in a deeper fidelity to God, love of one another and respect for the gift of creation. Indeed, the discord we see in the world, such as violence, injustice and ecological degradation, is not simply the result of flawed systems or structures; it is a "symptom of the deeper dichotomy that is rooted in humanity itself" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 10). In fact, the human heart is the place where the deepest struggles unfold and our fallen condition reveals itself. It is not merely the seat of emotion, but the center of the person — the place where reason, desire, will and conscience converge. It is here that we wrestle with the contradictory desires within us between love and indifference, truth and illusion, justice and injustice (cf. *Jas* 1:14–15). The wounds of war and the degradation of the earth, then, are profoundly linked to the condition of the human heart. The conflicts that torment humanity are in many ways the outward expression of interior discord and division. When the heart is distorted, relationships suffer, and the structures we build begin to reflect that disorder.

[Pope Benedict XVI](#) reminded us that "the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast" (*Homily for the Solemn Inauguration of the Petrine Ministry*, 24 April 2005). This calls us to recognize that, in some way, what is broken around is also broken within us. In order to build a peaceful society, therefore, we must not only

reform structures but also renew our hearts. The deep-set causes of conflict and the exploitation of creation stem from an ethical and cultural crisis, including the loss of a sense of limits, the desire for domination, the pursuit of immediate profit, and the inability to recognize the God-given dignity of each human person.

The prophetic call to "beat swords into plowshares" (*Is* 2:4) is therefore not only a vision for nations, but a call to each person. It invites us to transform harm into life. Yet this transformation cannot be achieved through external change alone. It requires, through cooperating with God's grace, a deeper personal and collective conversion — a returning to God, who will reorder our desires, heal our wounds and help us grow in virtue.

Without this inner transformation, peace will remain fragile and short-lived. But where hearts are renewed, new possibilities begin to open. What has been used for destruction can be redirected toward life, toward the care of the poor, the nourishment of the hungry, and the safeguarding of creation. This is the path of authentic ecological conversion, where the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us (cf. Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 217). Peace, then, begins in the heart and flows outward to our relationships, communities and the broader world.

(for the full version, go to: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>)

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 PARISH ROSTER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 05/06 SEPTEMBER

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

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: * In case of an emergency this week, please call 0456 712 333.



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

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.

* This Sat 05 Sep 5.30pm & Sun 06 Sep 10am Masses, children will be receiving their First Holy Communion.

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:** 7:00pm, fellowship and food. *Please bring own candles for the Rosary Procession and flowers for the flower offering.*



PARISH FEAST 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 & WORKING BEE. There will be raffle tickets for \$2 each being sold outside the Church. **First Prize:** iPhone, **Second Prize:** St Padre Pio Painting, **Third Prize:** Picnic for 2. The **Working Bee** will be on **Saturday 12 September** at 9.30am. We need many people to help!

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & MEMORIALS:

03 SEPTEMBER: St Gregory the Great

05 SEPTEMBER: St Teresa of Kolkata

NEXT SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Ezekiel 33:7-9, Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 01 September: Beth & Butch Alcantara

Tuesday 08 September: Terry Patos

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. We give thanks for our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/donate/clergy-support-foundation> Thank you for your generosity!

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

Please Note: This week, the Bible Study is going to be only on Zoom starting at 7pm.

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

Please invite others, BYO Bible. All are welcome.

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/>

'BE THE WITNESS' Musical: 10-13 September. At Riverside Theatres, Parramatta. Visit bethewitness.com.au

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Birthdays: Various people. **Deceased:** Mark Young, Avelino Bhundoo, Mario Cauchi, Layla Deehart, Peter Delange, Leslie Gatt, Maximo Abad, Susan Wells, Neville Maitland. **For the Sick:** Mel Laycock, Josephine Delos Reyes, Eduardo João Tota, 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 Poulose, 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,

I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;

for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary

to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

For you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;

your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him,

I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings,

by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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