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SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY FOURTH 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.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 September)

THE GOSPEL OF SUFFERING

25. The witnesses of the Cross and Resurrection of Christ have handed on to the Church and to mankind a specific Gospel of suffering. The Redeemer himself wrote this Gospel, above all by his own suffering accepted in love, so that man "should not perish but have eternal life"⁽⁸⁰⁾. This suffering, together with the living word of his teaching, became a rich source for all those who shared in Jesus' sufferings among the first generation of his disciples and confessors and among those who have come after them down the centuries.

It is especially consoling to note—and also accurate in accordance with the Gospel and history—that at the side of Christ, in the first and most exalted place, there is always his Mother through the exemplary testimony that she bears *by her whole life* to this particular Gospel of suffering. In her, the many and intense sufferings were amassed in such an interconnected way that they were not only a proof of her unshakeable faith but also a contribution to the redemption of all. In reality, from the time of her secret conversation with the angel, she began to see in her mission as a mother her "destiny" to share, in a singular and unrepeatable way, in the very mission of her Son....

The Gospel of suffering speaks first in various places of suffering "for Christ", "for the sake of Christ", and it does so with the words of Jesus himself or the words of his Apostles. The Master does not conceal the prospect of suffering from his disciples and followers. On the contrary, he reveals it with all frankness, indicating at the same time the supernatural assistance that will accompany them in the midst of persecutions and tribulations "for his name's sake". These persecutions and tribulations will also be, as it were, a *particular proof* of likeness to Christ and union with him. "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you...; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you... A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me they will persecute you... But all this they will do to you on my account, because they do not know him who sent me"⁽⁸⁵⁾. "I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"⁽⁸⁶⁾.



This first chapter of the Gospel of suffering, which speaks of persecutions, namely of tribulations experienced because of Christ, contains in itself a *special call to courage and fortitude*, sustained by the eloquence of the Resurrection. Christ has overcome the world definitively by his Resurrection. Yet, because of the relationship between the Resurrection and his Passion and death, he has at the same time overcome the world by his suffering.

Yes, suffering has been singularly present in that victory over the world which was manifested in the Resurrection. Christ retains in his risen body the marks of the wounds of the Cross in his hands, feet and side. Through the Resurrection, he manifests *the victorious power of suffering*, and he wishes to imbue with the conviction of this power the hearts of those whom he chose as Apostles and those whom he continually chooses and sends forth. The Apostle Paul will say: "All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted"⁽⁸⁷⁾.

Excerpt from SALVIFICI DOLORIS by St. Pope John Paul II:

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/1984/documents/hf_ip-ii_apl_11021984_salvifici-doloris.html

Picture from: <https://au.pinterest.com/pin/qodprayerbiblefaith--434527064058364032/>

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & MEMORIALS:

14 SEPTEMBER: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 SEPTEMBER: Our Lady of Sorrows

16 SEPTEMBER: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

17 SEPTEMBER: St Robert Bellarmine,

St Hildegard of Bingen 19 SEPTEMBER: St Januarius

NEXT SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 55:6-9, Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18,

Philippians 1:20-24. 27, Matthew 20:1-16

OUR LADY, MOTHER OF ORPHANS: 27 September,



10am Mass. Our Lady, Mother of Orphans title, marks the miraculous liberation of St. Jerome Emiliani by the Blessed Virgin Mary from prison and the beginning of his life of conversion, resulting in him becoming the founder of the Somascan Order.

OTHER NOTICES

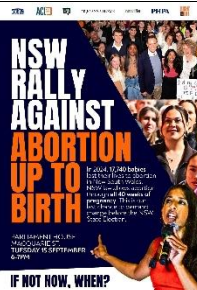
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 15 September: Earl & Alfa Kabiling

Tuesday 22 September: Lorna & Arnold Cayabyab

THANK YOU

- To the Legion of Mary who organised a beautiful celebration for Our Lady's Birthday.
- To all who helped during the Parish Working Bee in preparation for the Feast Day. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! God bless.



PRO-LIFE RALLY OUTSIDE NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE: 15 September

A pro-life rally is to be held outside NSW Parliament House, at 6pm on this Tuesday September 15th in support of a bill banning the practice of sex-selective abortion. A show of significant numbers will greatly help

this cause as we advocate for the protection of all unborn children and particularly our baby girls who are especially vulnerable. They have no voice but ours. Please do all you can to attend and bring others with you. This will be a family friendly event. More information can be found

at: <https://www.drjoannahowe.com.au/nswrallyforlife september2026>

Register your attendance below:

Join us at the Rally for Life! Register under

"SOMASCANS + " at:

<https://www.drjoannahowe.com.au/rally-rego>

Please note: There will be no TAKEAWAY BIBLE STUDY this Thursday due to the Triduum.

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 19/20 SEPTEMBER

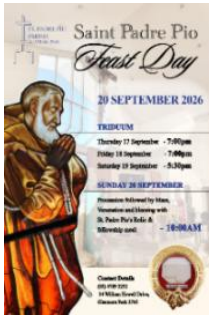
MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	NO 8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida		Mel Almer, Trish Warda, Lynn Young
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Daniel Rossetto		Chris Hersey Dit Almer Daniel Rossetto
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Trudi Almeida		1. Mel Almer 2. Noel Xavier
MUSIC	Our Daily Bread		Parish Choir
HOSPITALITY	Feast Team		Feast Team
CLEANER	Susan Guy, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Trevor Coutinho – more helpers needed please		

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH FEAST INFORMATION

NEXT WEEK:

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH FEASTDAY



Please invite your family and friends to our Parish FEAST DAY.

3-day Triduum, Novena and Mass:

Thursday 17 Sept, 7:00pm

Friday 18 Sept, 7:00pm.

Saturday 19 September, 5.30pm.

FEAST DAY:

Sunday 20 September, 10am

10am Procession followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. **(NO 8AM MASS ON THAT DAY)**

Few important things to keep in mind:

- Bring along your family and friends to receive the blessing and intercession of our beloved patron St. Padre Pio.
- It is OUR PARISH FEAST so come dressed in your Sunday best.
- The Procession will start from the **playground in the park, across from the Church.** Please allow sufficient time for yourself to park and proceed there.
- If the car park is full, then you will need to use the streets to park. Please ensure no driveways are blocked.
- After the Mass, we will have a fellowship meal with all.
- The blessing by the Holy Relic of St. Padre Pio will take place during the fellowship meal. Every family will be blessed individually.

- There will be a piety store with religious items on sale.
- Please follow the guidance of the ushers and for parents/carers to supervise their children all throughout the Feast Day.

PARISH RAFFLE

To those who have taken raffle tickets to sell, please return all raffle tickets and money to the parish office no later than **this WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER.**

There are Raffle tickets for sale to raise money for the Adoration Chapel and Wall. Please support this and there are great prizes to be won! **Price: \$2 a ticket.** Thank you for your support!

First Prize. iPhone 17e

Second Prize: St Padre Pio Painting

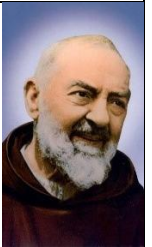
Third Prize: Picnic for two

PLEASE BRING A PLATE to share for the **Parish Feast Day.**

As you know, we are going to have many parishioners and visitors coming to the Feast. It is a wonderful opportunity to show our hospitality to others. Please write down what food you can bring on the sheet found on the Welcome Table.

Kindly LABEL what your food is and ingredients within.

Food can be dropped off at the 'Kiss and Ride' zone in the car park between 8am – 9am. Then after 9am, food can be dropped off at the bus bay on William Howell Dr. Thank you!



UPDATE ON THE ADORATION CHAPEL AND WALL

The Diocese has approved the project of the Adoration Chapel and Wall and the paperwork has gone to the Council. This weekend, the proposed drawings will be shown at the end of the notices. Please continue keeping this project in your prayers and donations towards this important project are greatly appreciated!

MASSSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Birthdays. **Deceased:** Irene, Federico Estigoy, John Brombal, Leslie Gatt, those who died in the 9/11 attack in USA, Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, Beverley Morrison, Paul, Philomina & Chinnamma. **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 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of
the Lord,

who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most
High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

The Lord is kind and merciful;

slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;
if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so
that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy
times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I
forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven
times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but
seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants.
When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who
owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of
paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold,
together with his wife and children and all his possessions,
to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down
at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will
pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so
sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a
fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and
he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him.
"Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at
his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will
pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary,
he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.
His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw
what had happened, and they went to their master and
reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for
him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that
debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not
bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I
had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him
over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And
that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless
you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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