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SUNDAY 06 SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY THIRD 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 NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



What is the significance of the Nativity of Mary?

Only three birthdays are celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar, the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25), the Nativity of His Forerunner, John the Baptist (June 24), and the Nativity of His

Mother on September 8. Thus, the Church uniquely honors the three principal figures connected to the Incarnation and the Redemption.

Mary's birth lies at the confluence of the two Testaments – bringing to an end the stage of expectation and the promises, and inaugurating the era of grace and salvation in Jesus Christ. The birth of Mary is ordained in particular toward her mission as Mother of the Savior. Her existence is indissolubly connected with that of Christ: it partakes of a unique plan of predestination and grace. God's mysterious plan regarding the Incarnation of the Word embraces also the Virgin who is His Mother. In this way, the Birth of Mary, as her Divine Child, is inserted at the very heart of the History of Salvation.

Why is the birth of Mary important to the Church?

The Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday is important due to her vital role in salvation history. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 489) says,

Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary. At the very beginning there was Eve; despite her disobedience, she receives the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living. By virtue of this promise, Sarah conceives a son in spite of her old age. Against all human expectation God chooses those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth his faithfulness to his promises: Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Deborah; Ruth; Judith and Esther; and many other women.

Mary "stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from him. After a long period of waiting the times are fulfilled in her, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established."

How was Mary born?

Mary was conceived and born in the normal way. However, having been justified at her conception (the Immaculate Conception), rather than in the womb as John the Baptist (Luke 1:41), or by Baptism, as we are, Mary was born “full of grace” (Luke 1:28). In this gift of God she grew by her cooperation without sinning to the end of her life.

How do you celebrate the Nativity of Mary?

The faithful can celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Mother, and honor her, in many ways. Since Mary always points us to her Son, we can attend Mass that day. We can read Scripture concerning her role in salvation, such as the Annunciation, the Visitation, or the Wedding Feast at Cana. And we can pray the Most Holy Rosary. Especially for those celebrating with children, the faithful could have a birthday cake or a small party in honor of Mary’s birthday.

Who are the parents of the Virgin Mary?

Sts. Joachim and Anne are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They had no other children, so Mary had no siblings.

Was Mary’s mother, Anne, also a virgin?

No, St. Anne was not a virgin. The only virgin birth was the birth of Our Lord. However, her birth was still miraculous in that St. Anne conceived Mary, the Mother of the Redeemer, even though she was past child-bearing years and barren until then. As if to point to the freshness of the New Covenant, Anne’s kinswoman Elizabeth also conceived the Forerunner of the Redeemer after her years had passed.

Who are the patron saints of grandparents?

Since ancient times, Sts. Joachim and Anne have been venerated in the Church as powerful intercessors. Most importantly, both of them are the patron saints of grandparents since they are the only biological grandparents of Our Lord.

Article from: <https://ewtnmission.com/seasonsandfeastdays/nativityofmary/>
Picture from: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/feast-of-the-nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-.html>

OTHER NOTICES

HOLY SHROUD EXHIBITION

St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta is hosting the Holy Shroud Exhibition featuring a life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin!

 **Sunday 6 – Sunday 13 September**

 **9:00am – 6:00pm**

From **Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 September**, the exhibition will have extended opening hours from **9:00am – 10:00pm daily** and will be located in the Chapel. **Parking:** Available via Victoria Road.

Everyone is warmly invited to visit this special exhibition and learn more about the history and significance of the Shroud of Turin. For more details, please contact: coordinator@stpatrcathedral.com.au

PRO-LIFE RALLY OUTSIDE NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE: 15 September

A pro-life rally is to be held outside NSW Parliament House, at 6pm on 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/nswrallyforlifeseptember2026>

TAKE AWAY BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JOHNSON

The Bible Study takes place every Thursday: in person, inside the Church and on Zoom, at 7pm.

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

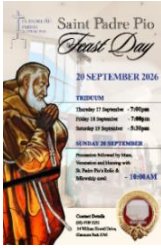
Please invite others, BYO Bible. All are welcome.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 12/13 SEPTEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Lya Layug	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
ACOLYTE	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Aiman Jajo		
READER	1. Steffi Sequeira 2. Parry Sequeira	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Belinda Bunter	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC			Manny, Bruce & Co
BAPTISM			
MORNING TEA		Mal Weber	Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
CLEANER	Zon Lupisan, Bebs Perez, Ancy Presty		

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

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.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$2 each outside the Church. **First Prize.** iPhone

Second Prize: St Padre Pio Painting,

Third Prize: Picnic for two

The WORKING BEE is on this Saturday 12 September 9.30am. Many people needed to help!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing a very happy and blessed Father's Day to all fathers and father figures. God bless you!



THIS WEEKEND: BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL-CARING FOR OUR RETIRED AND UNWELL PRIESTS.

This Father's Day, as we thank the fathers or father

figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurtured our faith but are now retired or unwell. Your generous tax deductible gift will help our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team provide the personal, practical and professional support they need, including accommodation, meals, transport and medical care. Please give generously via the envelopes or parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you.

FOOD SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE PARISH FEAST DAY

Everyone is invited to bring a plate of food to share on the Feast Day. Please see the food items needed for the Feast Day, listed on the sign-up sheet found on the Welcome Table.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & MEMORIALS:

08 SEPTEMBER: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09 SEPTEMBER: St Peter Claver

12 SEPTEMBER: The Holy Name of Mary

NEXT SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7, Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8,

Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 08 September: Terry Patos

Tuesday 15 September: Earl & Alfa Kabling



THIS WEEKEND: FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

Please pray for the children who are receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion this weekend at 5.30pm Vigil Mass and 10am Mass.

This Tuesday: BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY

Novena prayed before Mass till 07 Sep

On 08 Sep (Tues): 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.



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.



ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS-VIGIL OF REPARATION-This Friday 11 Sep with

7.30pm Mass to Saturday 12 Sep 12.15am

Mass. Program is on the noticeboard.

MASSSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Deceased: Fred Galea, Lucrita Leonardo, Ruth, Joseph, Stella, Ken, Mercy, Arthur, Amanda Sithirajvongsa, Concordia Abad, Rosa Dizon, Maria Barbara, Kenn McDonald, Debra Jane, Joseph Bugeja, Cosimo & Grazia Fiorentino, Emmanuel, Manuel, Adelina & Holy Souls in Purgatory. **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.**

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FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments:

You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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