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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

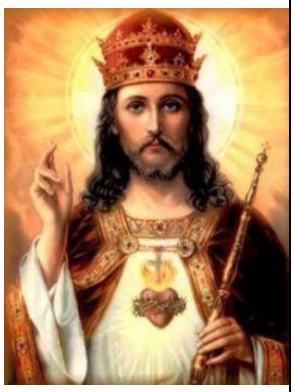
SOM YOUTH GROUP
Every Saturday 4:00pm
Ages 5-17 (during school terms)
School hall

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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



What is the meaning of Christ the King?
Christ the King is one of the most important titles of Jesus. Even though Jesus Christ was not a king in the earthly sense, He is the divine King of the Universe, who unites all of creation with the Father. As St. Paul tells us, **1 Corinthians 15:25-26** '*For [Christ] must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death'.* Christ has not only authority, divine authority, and power, but personal excellence and holiness, surpassing all creatures. Thus, in his encyclical On the Feast of Christ the King, Pope Pius XI explains,
It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign "in the hearts of men," both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind.
(Above is from: https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/christtheking/)

This feast reminds us that whatever earthly powers may do or ask of us, Christ is the true King who should reign in our hearts.

Here are eight things about this awesome feast you may not know:

1) **It was instituted less than 100 years ago in 1925.**
In the aftermath of the First World War, in the midst of the rise of Communism in Russia, and during the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea (325), Pope Pius XI instituted the feast in his 1925 encyclical *Quas Primas*, though its first celebration took place in 1926.

2) **It was first celebrated on Halloween in 1926**
It was originally supposed to be the last Sunday of October, just before the Feast of All Saints – which, in 1926, just happened to be October 31st.

3) **In 1969, Pope Paul VI revised the feast, giving it its current name and date:** Pope Paul VI gave the feast its current full title (the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe) and moved it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

4) The feast was a response to the rise of secularization, atheism, and communism.
While the world was increasingly telling Christians that they must compartmentalize their religion and give their highest allegiance to the government, Pope Pius XI wrote regarding the feast: *"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone."* (*Quas Primas*, 33)

5) Despite its recent Catholic origins, the feast is celebrated by many Protestants
Even though it was created by a pope less than a hundred years ago, some Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians celebrate the feast.

6) In the Protestant Church of Sweden, this Sunday is called "the Sunday of Doom"
Its official name is "the Return of Christ," but its colloquial name comes from the fact that they give a particular focus on the Last Judgement at Christ's Second Coming.

7) Some Anglicans refer to this Sunday as "Stir-up Sunday" This Sunday got this name for two reasons: First, the Anglican collect for the day begins with the words, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people…", **Second,** some old pudding recipes require the pudding to sit for several weeks before being cooked. This Sunday became a day that people would traditionally begin preparing pudding for Christians, which includes "stirring it up."

8) The "Christ the King" statue in Poland is one of the largest statues of Jesus in the world.
At 33 meters tall (one meter for each year of Jesus' earthly life), the Christ the King statue is three meters taller than the Christ the Redeemer in Brazil.

Above from: https://www.churchpop.com/8-things-didnt-know-feast-christ-king/?__hstc=127036498.cc1fd38c43429f0f78ed7e17314d491e.1676514103090.1763427646103.1763607632757.161&__hssc=127036498.1.1763607632757&__hsfp=3677431464. Picture from: https://au.pinterest.com/teddybear5548/i-love-king-jesus/

Novena to Christ the King

Recite One Our Father, One Hail Mary and One Glory Be per day followed by the Novena Prayer:

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.
Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.
Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.
We have deserved Your Just Judgment, have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy.
O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen. *From: https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-christ-the-king-295*

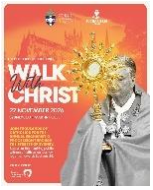


NOVEMBER IS ESPECIALLY DEDICATED TO PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY. Through the prayers and Masses offered for them, they will go to Heaven.
TO OFFER MASS FOR THE DECEASED:
Please use the November Mass Envelopes and the names will be added to the Book of Remembrance.
Prayer given by Our Lord to St. Gertrude the Great that takes 1000 souls from Purgatory to Heaven:
Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 28/29 NOVEMBER

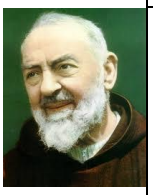
MASS TIME	5:30PM VIGIL MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00AM MASS
COORDINATOR	Maz Lirio	Trish Warda	**Help Needed**
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey	Dit Almer
READER	1. Steffi Sequeira 2. Parry Sequeira	1. Trish Warda 2. **Help Needed**	1.Deepa Cijo 2. **Help Needed**
MUSIC			
MORNING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

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION – WEEK FOUR



SYDNEY'S ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION WALK WITH CHRIST
THIS W/E: SUNDAY - 22 NOVEMBER
1:00pm festival at Martin Place.
The procession begins at **2:30pm** from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street.
You can download *The Walking with Christ: A Companion for Eucharistic Renewal* Resource at https://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/wwc-booklet-2026.pdf

ST. PADRE PIO DAY: 23RD OF EVERY MONTH
This Monday 23 November, 11:00am.



Adoration and Rosary, Confession and Mass in honour of St Padre Pio, followed by a Blessing with his relic. Please let others know. *All are welcome*.

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP: THIS TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER Come and prepare for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. **When:** every Tuesday in Advent, from this Tues 24 November, 7pm-8pm in the Church. If interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table. All welcome!

THIS FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 9AM MASS
This will be a Thanksgiving End of year Mass for Caroline Chisholm College.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION: Friday 04 December
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.

PARISH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: 05 Dec



Time: after the 5.30PM Vigil Mass in Bethany's School Hall. A great and festive occasion for the whole family to join in & celebrate the true meaning of Christmas! Sausage Sizzle, drink & electric candle $7-fundraiser for the Adoration Chapel & Wall. BYO: picnic blanket & fold out chairs. RSVP to the Parish office for catering purposes glenmorepark@parracatholic.org

UPCOMING MEMORIALS:
23 NOV: St Clement I, St Columban
24 NOV: St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions
25 NOV: St Catherine of Alexandria

NEXT SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER
First Sunday of Advent Year B
Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8, Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP
Date: Tuesday 24 Nov, Francis & May Ann Pabon
Date: Tuesday 01 December, Vangie & Shane McCaw



NATIVITY PLAY: this will take place on Christmas Eve 24 December at 5.30pm, followed by the 6pm Children's Christmas Mass. ***The practices will start on Sunday 29 November at 4pm in the Church.*** If your child would like to take part in the Nativity Play, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE - 05 DECEMBER
We would like to invite you to help decorate and clean the Church and the grounds after 9am Mass. *Please include this date in your diary.*

BRING YOUR MARRIAGE INTO THE CHURCH: CONVALIDATION
Were you married in a civil ceremony or in another faith tradition, and now wish to have your marriage recognized and blessed by the Catholic Church? Convalidation is the sacred moment a couple exchanges new consent before a priest and two witnesses to enter into a true sacramental union.

- Who is it for? Couples already married civilly or outside the Catholic form.

Next steps: Contact Fr Johnson or the parish office for more details, and how to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

RED NOVEMBER: Pray for persecuted Christians all around the world.
Register today and receive a free prayer card and complimentary pair of Rosary beads, handmade by Christians in Syria.
To join us in prayer, scan the QR code, or rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Deceased: Denzil Wilson, Raquel Troncoso, Jean Tabone, All Holy Souls in Purgatory and for those mentioned in the Book of Remembrance. **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, Elise Girdlestone, Daniel Varlow, 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.**

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FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him.

After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!



GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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