



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS
Under the Patronage of **ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP**

Acknowledges the Darug and Gundungurra people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our churches are built and we pay respect to elders past, present and emerging

CLERGY

Fr. John McSweeney PP VF
Fr. Peter Lamont (AP)
Fr. Jessie Balorio (AP)
Rev. Alan Skofic (Deacon)

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat: 5pm Leura
Sat: 5pm Lawson
Sat: 5pm Mt Victoria
Sun: 8am Wentworth Falls
Sun: 8.30am Lawson
Sun: 9.30am Blackheath
Sun: 10am Katoomba
Sun: 5pm Leura

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon: 9am Katoomba
Tue: 9am Leura
Wed: 9am Blackheath
Thu: 9am Wentworth Falls
Fri: 9am Lawson
Fri: 12pm Katoomba
Fri: 4pm Megalong Valley
(3rd Fri of the month)
Sat: 9am Katoomba

CONFESSION

Fri: After 12pm Mass Katoomba
Sat: 9:30-9:50am Katoomba
Sat: 4:30-4:50pm Leura
NOTE: Confessions are always available upon request.

Weddings & Church Bookings

For Inquiries:
mmparishubm@gmail.com

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday @ Katoomba 11:00am
4th Sunday @ OLN Lawson 10:30am
Inquiries: 47822804
Email: bluemountains@parracatholic.org

ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Canice's, Katoomba
Mon 9.30am to Fri 6pm
closed at other times.

Christian Meditation

Tuesdays-10am
@Sacred Heart Blackheath



Please mute your mobile at Mass. Let's turn off the technology and turn on to God!

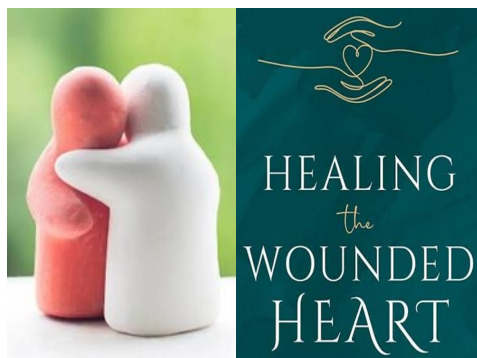
FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN THE MIST

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. 13 September 2026
REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The message of this Sunday's readings is forgiveness. The message is clear, as it is in the "Our Father", if we don't forgive, we won't be forgiven.

Jesus also makes it clear in His parable that we have no means of making



good on what we have done. Each and every sin has broad and far-reaching consequences. It affects us, it affects the people around us and through them it goes on affecting people way beyond our social reach. Sin affects us and others particularly because it affects attitudes, and even if it constitutes a small shift in attitude, it will increasingly lead down a certain

path of thought, word and action. It will in effect cause a snowball effect of unhealthy attitudes in a person if not stopped. This is where God's forgiveness cuts in. He can stop the snowball, He can reverse the trend through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

God does not forget sin, nor minimise the seriousness. Rather He heals us because He wants the best for us. He knows we have faults and weakness because we are human, because we live in an imperfect world. We are made in His image and likeness. We too must care for everyone we have contact or dealings with. We members of the Body of Christ in this world through which the Spirit enters this world and so we need to forgive. We need to train ourselves to start to see like God sees, that other people have their weaknesses and problems because of their environment and genetics but ours in not to condemn or dole out punishment, but rather bring healing. This means that we do not bare any grudges, ill feelings, or resentments. We may not be able to associate with certain people, but we must never wish them any ill will. Any time that an idea or inclination enters our mind which desires some form of retribution or discomfort or harm to another because of something they have said or done, this must be quashed. Say a pray asking God to be freed from this resentment.

Just as the resentful wishes taint and twist our character and attitudes, so too do positive thoughts of wanting to help another. By concentrating on the positive thoughts of good will we will be healing our attitudes through the Graces of God, and these attitudes will affect those around us and through them those far beyond our social reach.

Deacon Alan

Parish Churches

LAWSON: Our Lady of The Nativity, Somers St; **WENTWORTH FALLS:** St. Francis Xavier's, 3 Day St. **LEURA:** St. Bonaventure's, Railway Pde. **KATOOMBA:** St Canice's, 158 Katoomba St. **BLACKHEATH:** Sacred Heart, 165 Wentworth St. **MEGALONG VALLEY:** St Joseph's, Megalong Rd. **MOUNT VICTORIA:** St Paul, 65 Great Western Highway. * Pictures on this bulletin are taken from the website. Copyright infringement is unintended. Acknowledgment is due.

CONTACT US

Parish Office: 158 Katoomba St, Katoomba 2780.

Postal Address: PO Box 526, Katoomba NSW 2780.

Phone: (02) 4782 2804.

Office Hours: 10am-3pm Tuesday-Friday.

After Hours Emergency Number: 0490814284.

Calls only; no texts please.

Parish email address:

upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org

Parish websites:

bluemountainscatholic.org.au

sacredheartblackheath.org.au

lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au

Facebook: [facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic)

[bluemountainscatholic](https://facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic)

Lawson Facebook: facebook.com/olncclawson

Blackheath Facebook: facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076756208721

Parish YouTube:

youtube.com/@UpperBlueMountainsCatholic

SUNDAY MASS

Live streaming of the 10am Sunday Mass at St Canice's this week. The live feed will be via our parish YouTube page as per usual.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.

MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL HEALING, DELIVERANCE AND EXORCISM

Email: deliverus.caseofficer@parracatholic.org;
deliverance.exorcist@parracatholic.org

Phone/ Call: 0472761879 or

Reached out to the Receptionist of Office of the Bishop or the Chancery.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Canice's Catholic Primary School

Katoomba Street, Katoomba.

Principal: Ms. Miriam Meaney.

Phone: (02) 4780 6800.

Email: stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Primary School

Somers Street, Lawson.

Principal: Mr. Matthew Bond.

Phone: (02) 4753 2200.

Email: oln@parra.catholic.edu.au

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS

If you or your loved ones are sick and would like a visit, please contact the parish office or Barbara Davidson (0417 490 103)

USUAL ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS

Sat and Sun: 4:20pm, Leura.

Mon 8.30am before Mass, Katoomba.

Tue: 8.30am before mass, Leura.

Wed: 8.30am before Mass, Blackheath

Thu: 8.30am before Mass, Wentworth Falls

Fri: 11:30am before Mass, Katoomba.

Fri: 5.00pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.

First Fri: 7.00pm Benediction Lawson

Sat: 8:30am before Mass and Rosary after, Katoomba.

Notice for Parish Bulletin. If you wish to receive electronically or via email our parish bulletin, please email us on upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org. If you also want to include any items for the weeks' parish bulletin, email us on mmparishubm@gmail.com before Wednesday afternoon.

RCIA For all enquiries regarding joining or coming back to the Church please contact Deacon Alan via the Parish office.

Volunteer's Needed for Sunday's Mass livestreaming . All are welcome and training provided. Contact the Parish Office or email: dmoore@abaxkf.con.au

Parish Finance Council Members

Fr John
Fr Peter
Fr Jessie
Dec Alan

John Tweedie (Chair)
Elaine Smith (Deputy Chair)
John Grant
Jenny Gannon

Maylin Corros
Marilyn Rowe
Tom Boyd

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Fr John
Fr Peter
Fr Jessie
Deacon Alan
Matthew Brawn, Katoomba
Paul Gannon, Lawson
John Brell, Wentworth Falls
Maria Dodd, Lawson

Russell Smith (Chair), Leura
Pamela Nash (Deputy Chair), Blackheath
Maria Kells, Mt Victoria
Julie O'Keeffe (Deanery Pastoral Council Rep), Blackheath
Therese Moore, Katoomba
Maria Eades (DPC Rep), Leura
Roger Bowen (Sub)
Ex-officio John Tweedie (Parish Finance Chair)
Diane Steward (Sub)

Thanks to all these generous members of our new Parish for your generosity in serving our Church communities as the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Finance Council (PFC) Members

Since the 1st of July 2026, we have merged our Parish Banking arrangements for Parish Contributions. Our parish finances need a consistent income. If you consider using Direct payment, we would be most grateful!

Donations thru Bank Transfer:

For 2nd collection (for the support of the Parish) please use **BSB 067 950 Account 000 00594 Name: Catholic Parish of Upper Blue Mountains (Ref: your surname and church eg SmithMtVic)**

For 1st collection (for the support our priests) **BSB 067 950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference either the parish Name or the parish code 6038**

From the Finance Chair

To all parishioners who contributed via Direct Bank Transfer to account with BSB 067 950 with an account number: 000 00594, we kindly request you to include both of your surname and church community name (abbreviated if necessary) in the payment reference .

This will assist us in correctly allocating funds to your church community. Thank you for your generous support to our Parish.

Parish BPoint. For both 1st and 2nd collations. When choosing 2nd collection please note name . Please follow this link.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/MaryMackillopParishUpperBlueMountains>



REDISCOVERING THE VALUE OF FAITH. Our fifth session will be held on Sunday 27th September following Mass in St Canice's Hall, 11am for an 11.30am start. The first presentation and discussion will be **Mary, the Saints and Devotions**, followed by **The Eucharist**. Whether you are deeply rooted in your faith, returning after time away, or simply seeking to grow and understand more... **You are most welcome.**

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL. If you would like a rostered holy hour each week or to be on the temporary fill in list, please contact Conor on 0451 461 697 to register your details or scan the QR code. Hours currently available: Tuesday 1-2pm, 5-6pm, Wednesday Noon-1pm, 6-7p; Thursday 11am-Noon, 9-10pm, Friday 1-2pm. If you are a regular Adorer, requesting a roster change to your hour or the person replacing you has not arrived. **Please Contact: Catherine on 0420 337 033**



THE LEGION OF MARY The Church's largest lay apostolate. We meet every FRIDAY at 6:15 pm in the old adoration chapel at Katoomba. You are most welcome to attend and see what the Legion is all about.



Christian Contemplation. "The purpose of meditation is to learn to live our lives as fully as possible in the presence of God." Father John Main OSB

Every Tuesday 10:00am-10:45am in the Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath



MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS

Special Intentions: Harald, Masoud, Jared, Charles , Li, Ingrid, Wang, Anna and their families.

Recently Deceased: Flav Varnier, Hernan Orrego, Kevin Medlin, Erika Najjar, Fr Eugene Stockton, Ray Wood, Zac Giles, Terence Teodori, Yudit Kayatsky, Lauren Hall, Mary Marsh, Salwa Jabbour, Marie Perrott,

Death Anniversary: Margaret Mary Kozlowski, Peter Nicholas Aboud, Edna Sweeny, Luke William O'Connor, Andrew Krawczyk, Aiyana, Diane Wood, Mark Bittner, Tochillo (Scott) Brown, Wtodek Kozlowski, deceased members of Kozlowski, Foley, Roome Families and all forgotten souls in purgatory.

Pray for the Sick and their Carers: Robyn Bogart, Peter Slough, Vlad, John Barclay, Mildred Taft, Charlie Congreve, Malik, Maureen O'Reilly, George and Laura Boffa, Sarah-Jane Hallett, Les Hayward, Chloe Newton, Kelly Gale, Nathan, Susan Sergent, Sandy Mowbray, Joella, Doreen Kinsella , Bern McPhee, Maria Cora, Josephine Burdett, Beverly Bateup, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Lan Franco Matteucci. Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Sienna Erdmanis, Mary Whyte, Shirley Bennet, Richard Kemmis and All Private Intentions.

NB: Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.



CLERGY SUPPORT
FOUNDATION

Bishop's FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Honour a lifetime of faithful
service this Father's Day.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

- Matthew 25:23



Your tax-deductible gift today helps care
for our retired priests and clergy in ill-health.
parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal



Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains



The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely.

SEASON OF CREATION

(1 September to 4 October)

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL ... ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY

INTERCONNECTION OF HUMAN WELL-BEING & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALING

There is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail,
in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face

Join the mountain parishioners and friends for a morning of prayer,
discussion and reflection in this Season of Creation. Discover the message
of Pope Francis and be inspired by his insights to care for our world.

Date: 13th September

Morning Tea: 10.30am

Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Venue: Sacred Heart Church Hall,
165 Wentworth St, Blackheath

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PRESENTER

Merilyn Hancock
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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

First Friday Adoration and Benediction

OUR LADY
OF NATIVITY
CHURCH,
LAWSON

7.00 pm | 2nd October 2026



254 Great Western Highway, Lawson, NSW 2783
- Deacon Alan Skofic



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

About the Society ... Shopping with purpose

"Here is where Vinnies Finds becomes
more than a fashion platform.

Every purchase made on Vinnies Finds
has been reinvested directly into St
Vincent de Paul Society NSW programs
and services supporting people
experiencing homelessness, housing
insecurity, and financial hardship across
the State

A recent YouGov survey commissioned by the Society NSW found
that more than half of Australians are cutting back on food,
medicine and other essentials just to keep a roof over their heads.
The cost-of-living crisis is not easing and for many people, Vinnies
is the call they make when there is nowhere else to turn.

When a shopper buys a pre-loved dress or a vintage coat on
Vinnies Finds, they're not just making a sustainable choice."

From: St V de Paul 'Vision' Magazine, Winter 2026 edition.

Russell F Smith, St V de Paul Blue Mountains Regional President.



"SPIT ROAST DINNER & ELVIS PRESLEY SHOW" OLON
Lawson is holding a 3 course Spit Roast Dinner & Live Elvis Presley show on Saturday 7th November at 6pm at the St. Canice's Hall, Katoomba with a cost of \$60 per person. Please note that there is a vegetarian option on the menu. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all other churches to join our fun night to help raise needed funds for Lawson church's ongoing maintenance. There is a lucky door prize on the night so you may be the lucky winner. Tickets are available for purchase in Black Heath, Katoomba, Leura & Lawson church foyers after each mass and payment can be made by cash or use the Eftpos machine. Alternatively ring the Katoomba office on 4782 2804 to book at ticket. Ticket sales will continue up until the last week of October but get in quickly to secure your table."



Holy Shroud Exhibition. St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is hosting the Holy Shroud Exhibition featuring a life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin. From Sunday September 6– Sunday September 13, 9:00 am—6:00 pm. From Thursday September 10—Sunday September 13 September, the exhibition will have extended opening hours from 9:00 am—10:00 pm daily and will be located in the Chapel. Parking Available via Victoria Road. Everyone is welcome. For more details please contact: coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au.

ACBC Social Justice Statement. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Social Justice Statement Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division explores recent developments in Australia including the Bondi Beach attack of December 2025 as well as the alarming rise in Islamophobia and other forms of racism. If you have any questions about the Social Justice Statement or need support with using it in your parish, please reach out to our Peace, Justice & Ecology Team via met@parracatholic.org

Healing and Support Service offered by the Diocese: Our Diocese offers a Healing and Support Service providing pastoral, therapeutic and spiritual care to anyone who has experienced harm in a Church context. We provide direct support, resources, and pathways to assist individuals in their process of healing and recovery. Our approach is person centred, assisting according to each person's individual needs and circumstances. If you, a loved one or someone you know has experiences abuse in a Church context, you are welcome to contact our Healing and Support Counsellor lorena.portocarrero@parracatholic.org, or for more information visit parracatholic.org/safeguarding/healing-and-support

Our Commitment to Safeguarding at The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains

We are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to... Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person; Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.



CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS



SACRED HEART CHURCH COMMUNITY BLACKHEATH

"Yanama Budyari Gumada– Walk with Good Spirit"

DONATIONS: Please see the Parish Finance section for details

Blackheath Vinnies Support phone number:
0490 709 547

Sacred Heart Care Group Helping parishioners in need:
Monica Bright 0420 937 690

WEDNESDAY CUPPA'S TOGETHER IN SACRED HEART HALL! Cuppas has resumed on Wednesdays. Come for coffee, home made cakes and a catchup with other locals. All members of the community are welcome to come along. Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm each Wednesday. Location: Sacred Heart Church Hall - Wentworth St, Blackheath.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ The Sacred Heart Church Community Blackheath every Friday at 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm.

Season of Creation: This is a special time when we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine action that calls us to love and care for God's abundant gifts of life. The season runs for the month of September and concludes on the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th. You can access the message of Pope Leo: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2026— Message of the Holy Father on the occasion of the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation [1 September 2026] (15 August 2026)

A Quiet Day. Parishioners and friends are invited to a Quiet Day of Meditations and Reflections based on the writings of Thomas Merton. Guest Speaker will be Linda Chapman. This is a spiritual nourishment and renewal and will be held in Sacred Heart Church Hall and grounds on Saturday November 21 10:00 am—2:00 pm. For more information please contact Marilyn Jones 0401637759.

CAKE, PLANT AND CRAFT STALL

CALLING ALL BAKERS, GARDENERS AND CRAFTY PEOPLE

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

ALL DONATIONS OF CAKES, SLICES, JAMS, PLANTS, WORM POO AND CRAFT ITEMS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

Please Donate, Buy and Support our Parish





OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH LAWSON



BBQ SPIT ROAST™

SPIT ROAST DINNER AND ELVIS SHOW. OLON, Lawson's next event is a Spit Roast Dinner & Elvis Presley show on Saturday 7th November, 2026 @ St. Canice's Hall at Katoomba and will cost \$60 at 6pm for 6.30pm dinner. Vegetarian option is available. Please bring your own drinks; dancing shoes. Tickets will be available each weekend till the end of October by cash or by the Eftpos machine and written receipt provided. Please look for Jenny Gannon or Kate Powell

OLN MEETING ROOM. To book the meeting room, please see Jenny Gannon or contact the parish office and leave your details.

DRAWN TOGETHER. Our parish group, now known as 'Drawn Together' is planning to recommence at the beginning of term 4, 2026. We will be gathering on a fortnightly or weekly basis depending on interest at the newly refurbished OLN Parish Hall, Lawson on Mondays at 3:30 pm till 5:30 pm. You only need to bring a couple of drawing pencils 2B and 6B, eraser, sharpener, and A3 drawing Diary. All available at local stores. Even if you have never ventured into art but always longed to, you will fit in perfectly. Please contact Lorraine Phillips, try hard artist at lorrainemarv64@gmail.com



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH WENTWORTH FALLS

Lectors and Acolytes. If you are willing to read the Sunday's scripture readings as lector and willing to serve as an Acolyte. Please call the Office and trainings will be provided.



ST. PAUL CHURCH MT VICTORIA

Vigil Masses every **Saturdays at 5:00 pm**. Address- 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria NSW 2786



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH MEGALONG VALLEY

Our next mass at the Valley will be on Friday 18th September at 4:00 pm. Address: 1270 Megalong Rd, Megalong Valley NSW 2785. An ideal venue for small and intimate Wedding Celebrations. Book Now ! Call Parish Office.



ST BONAVENTURE LEURA

Change of Tuesday Mass Time on 15th September 2026- Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows with Exposition, Adoration and Rosary. Mass will be at 5:30 pm.

ST BONAVENTURE'S CCPT



Our church building, like so many in the parish, is a heritage listed building with the BMCC. It is also an old building, almost 100 years old. As well as the major issues identified in the parish building survey, here at St Bonaventure's there are ongoing issues found in any building; heaters and sound systems in need of repair

leaking taps, electrical and sewerage issues.

It is with these issues that we seek your help.

- We are looking for someone with handyman skills.
- Also trades people. **Do you know or can recommend one?**



We need to hear from anyone who would like to work with us in the area of fundraising. Your skills are needed!

Barbara needs assistance with organising and running an open garden at her home in Leura on the weekend of 10/11 October.

CAN YOU HELP?

Contact:

CCPT: Barbara Davidson, Maria Eades, Clive Kanes, Pam LeBreton. Tony Eades. Russell Smith.



ST. CANICE'S CHURCH KATOOMBA

Morning Tea on Sunday 4th October 2026 after the 10 am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Volunteer Needed for Morning Tea. We are still in need of helpers for the monthly Morning Tea. Please contact the Parish Office with your details and we will pass these on to Tess who has generously agreed to be the morning tea Coordinator.



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P0 Box 7250 1 Cowpasture Pl, Wetherill Park NSW 2164



DIOCESE NEWS & BEYOND

THE MESSENGER

Inspired by St Gabriel's mission, this weekly update brings news from across the Diocese of Parramatta for clergy, parishes and agencies

OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING.

National Child Protection Week is held from 6-12 September. This year's theme is: **"Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action"** The resources from NAPCAN are now out. You can find information, posters and email tiles here: <https://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2026/>



The Bishops Father's Day Appeal for the Clergy Support Foundation will run across four weekends, from **29—30 August to 19—20 September 2026**. Envelopes are available in your pews.

Peace Justice News. Join the mountain parishioners and friends for a morning of prayer, discussion and reflection in this Season of Creation. Discover the message of Pope Francis and be inspired by his insights to care for our world on Sunday 13th September after mass at 11.00am – 1.00pm. There will also be organically grown veggies and jams on sale at our produce stall for the Community Kitchen Garden on this morning to celebrate the Season of Creation and to raise funds for the garden.

About Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines. In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed. Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region. To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject. Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.





ST. PADRE PIO
PARISH
GLENMORE PARK

Saint Padre Pio Feast Day

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

TRIDUUM

Thursday 17 September	- 7:00pm
Friday 18 September	- 7:00pm
Saturday 19 September	- 5:30pm

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Procession followed by Mass,
Veneration and blessing with
St. Padre Pio's Relic &
fellowship meal. **- 10:00AM**

Contact Details
(02) 4789 2232
34 William Howell Drive,
Glenmore Park 2745

The Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) team is inviting Parishes to participate in the annual Year 12 HSC Parish Youth Masses initiative. This is a great opportunity to connect with local

secondary schools, and to support our young people. The HSC in NSW begins on Tuesday, 13 October. We strongly encourage you to choose a Mass time on the weekend of 3-4 October. Please register your Parish Mass by completing the form available here. CYP will collate the masses submitted by 9am on 21 September into a poster to be distributed across the Diocese and to Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese (CSPD). Prayer cards and stress balls for students are available if requested. Any questions, please contact cyp@parracatholic.org

Journeys of St Paul & the Cities of the Book of Revelation

This pilgrimage on the 7th April next year. For more information please contact Harvest Journeys on harvestjourneys.com/pv2601 Free-Call: 1800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING (Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9)

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING (Romans 14:7-9)

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL (Matthew 18:21-35)

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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men shelter in the shadow of your wings.



Bishop's
**FATHER'S DAY
APPEAL**

THANK YOU

for returning love and care to
our spiritual fathers after their
lifetime of faithful service.

 Scan to see the impact of your kindness
parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou