



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. 6 September 2026

REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In the first reading this Sunday, God tells Ezekiel that it's his responsibility to point out the wrong doings of the people of Israel. In the second reading, St Paul tells us that all the commandments are based on the principle of love that is, wanting the good of the other. In the Gospel, Christ gives

"FOR WHERE
TWO OR THREE ARE
GATHERED TOGETHER
IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I IN THE
MIDST OF THEM."

MATTHEW 18:20



instructions to His Disciples as to how they are to handle any disagreements within the Church. So, there is a common thread: responsibility.

We are responsible for the good of the other. We are responsible to love our fellow human beings. For love is wanting the good of the other. But love implies that the want is not based on a compulsion of duty but rather a connection based on a rational and emotional connection. This responsibility of love means that we need to consider the people we encounter in their wholeness. We need to be concerned for their physical,

emotional (psychological) and spiritual wellbeing. But to fulfill this responsibility when we interact with people we need to actually care about the person. Actively listen, actively engage. We all have the means to engage, we all have life experiences and memories that we can draw on to feel what the other person is talking about. Until we engage with our hearts and minds, we will not be able to focus on the other person. We don't know what is needed in a particular person's life. It may all look okay, but that's rarely the case. They may just need to talk, and that's a very real need. Even if we spot obvious needs, like financial needs very often there are a number of other needs as well, some possibly contributing to the financial issues. We should never preach pointing out wrongs and failings because in doing that we would be causing emotional and spiritual damage by driving people away. But this care and concern, this genuine desire to see the good of the other is something that needs nurturing and growth. That's why we need to pray and receive the Sacraments because these will turn an understanding of our responsibility as a duty into a desire to embrace our responsibility as an expression of the fact that we are children of God and we share in His out pouring of life into creation.

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



Recently Deceased: 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: 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 Mobray, 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.



Bishop's FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

HONOUR A LIFETIME OF
FAITHFUL SERVICE THIS
FATHER'S DAY



BISHOP'S ANNUAL FATHERS DAY APPEAL

The annual Bishop Father's Day appeal for the Clergy will run across for four weekends, from 29-30 August to 19-20 September 2026 will take place. This year's focus will be on Fr John O'Neill, recently retired Parish Priest of St John Vianney's, Doonside. This appeal supports all the retired priests of the Diocese, and your donations are very much appreciated. Full information will be provided next week, but if you wish to get in early, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/donate/clergy-support-foundation>.

Envelopes are available on the Pews



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

About the Society ... Did you know?

Since Vinnies Finds was launched in May 2025,

- The platform, up to May 2026, has sold more than 53,635 items.
- The most searched categories are; dresses, jewellery, bags, boots and jackets.
- Waste diverted: 53 tonnes.
- Fastest selling item took 2 minutes to sell
- Most search brands spanned Country Road, Gorman, and Nike through to Gucci, Chanel and Prada.

The standard pieces from year one reflected the remarkable quality of what passes through Vinnies Shops every day - an Yves Saint Laurent crossbody bag, Celine knee-high boots, a Christian Dior jacket and a vintage Burberry trench coat.



From: St V de Paul 'Vision' Magazine, Winter 2026 edition.
Russell F Smith, St V de Paul Blue Mountains Regional President.

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

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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 | 04 SEPT 2026



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

"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."



The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated last Saturday at St Canice's Church, Katoomba.

Young people from the all the Catholic Parish Communities of the Upper Blue Mountains, from Mount Victoria to Woodford were confirmed by Bishop Vincent Long



The climax or high point in the Confirmation ceremony happened when each Candidate was anointed with the Oil of Chrism just as they were at their Baptism. They are anointed to share in the work of love, justice and compassion that Jesus himself lived. This anointing gives our young people a sense of mission, which is fundamental to Christian life and our Catholic Community. So, we pray not only for our Confirmees and their families, but for all of us that we too will remember our mission to help build the kingdom of God.

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.

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.

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

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. Today, Sunday 6 September, the Sacred Heart Church Community will celebrate the Season of Creation Mass that was celebrated by Pope Leo during the week.

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.

The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains is a CHILD SAFE ZONE

The Care and Protection of Children is everyone's responsibility. Help us to care and protect your children by always knowing what your child is doing, where he/she is and who he/she is with. Parents /Guardians Always Keep and Eye on your Children.





OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH LAWSON



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



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH WENTWORTH FALLS

Music Ministry Needed. We thank Mary for playing the violin everyday Sunday but we badly need to support her by organizing a choir and a music ministry for Wenty Church.

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.

Altar Servers. If your kids are willing to serve at the Altar, boys and girls preferably year 4 to 6 who usually attends this mass are welcome. Please call the Office for Inquiries and for future trainings.



ST. PAUL CHURCH MT VICTORIA

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

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. 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

ST BONAVENTURE'S CCPT

Fundraising.

A reminder that we need to undertake some fundraising initiatives for proposed works projects here in St Bonaventure's.

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.

Also Needed: Someone from St Bonaventure's to join a committee with Barbara and the other churches to organise a whole parish Christmas Party on the feast of St Nicholas, December 6.



CAN YOU HELP?

Contact: *Barbara Davidson*

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

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ST. CANICE'S CHURCH KATOOMBA

Morning Tea on Sunday 6th of August 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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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/>



Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Centenary Jubilee Celebrations at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Come join us as we give thanks for the past 100 years and entrust the future to the loving care of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt.

Date: Sunday 13th September

Time: Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10am start.

The celebration is to conclude at approximately 3pm. The day will begin with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP followed by light refreshments and an official program. Parish bus groups are encouraged. An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary will be available for viewing in the Family Hall from 8:30am – 6:00pm. To RSVP and for more information scan the QR-Code or visit: www.schoenstatt.org.au

Married Couples' Retreat – Reflect, Renew & Reconnect: 5 September. Married couples are invited to a special retreat day, *Reflect, Renew & Reconnect*, on Saturday 5 September 2026 at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown. The day runs from 8:30am–4.30pm and includes Mass with Bishop Vincent, light refreshments, and lunch.

Couples will explore 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 strictly limited. Bookings are essential. Register now at parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/.

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.

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.



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.

Be The Witness' Musical: 10-13 September. Arrives at Riverside Theatres Parramatta, 10–13 September. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish, with a full cast and chorus now in place and rehearsals beginning this weekend, excitement is building. Gather your parish and book now at bethewitness.com.au



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

*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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

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 person: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked 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 person to renounce his ways and repent, and one does not repent, then one shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING (Romans 13:8-10)

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your neighbour 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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)

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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



Season of
Creation 2026



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Prayer for Fathers on Father's Day

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster
father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they
care for their families. Give them strength and
wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them
ability to love in a way that reflects your love.
Support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them, as we look to
you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in
a way that would bring honour to You and them.
Bless and heal all those wounded by the
imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal
rest to our fathers you have called from this life to
yourself, through Jesus Christ Lord.

Amen