



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

13 September 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Mon 14th Sep **The Exaltation of the Holy
Cross**

Tues 15th Sep **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Weds 16th Sep **St Cornelius & St Cyprian**

Thurs 17th Sept **St Hildegard & St Robert
Bellarmine**

Sat 18th Sept **St Januarius & the BVM**

❖ **Sanctuary Lamp:** *This week it burns for
Jeffrey Gallagher departed 06.01.2026,
and for Francis Raj*

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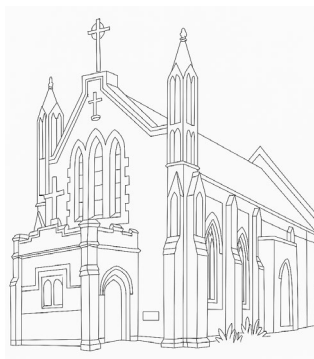
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Masses and Devotions

Sun	7.30am	Mass
	9.30am	Mass
Tues	12.30pm	Mass
Weds	12.00pm	Rosary
	12.30pm	Mass
	1.15pm	Lunch
Thurs	12.30pm	Mass
Fri	11.30am	Eucharistic Adoration
	12.30pm	Mass
Sat	5.00pm	Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,

YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon(Cf Sirach 36:18)

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 (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 (Psalm 102:1-4,9-12 R. v.8)

(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful;*

slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,

who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

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.'

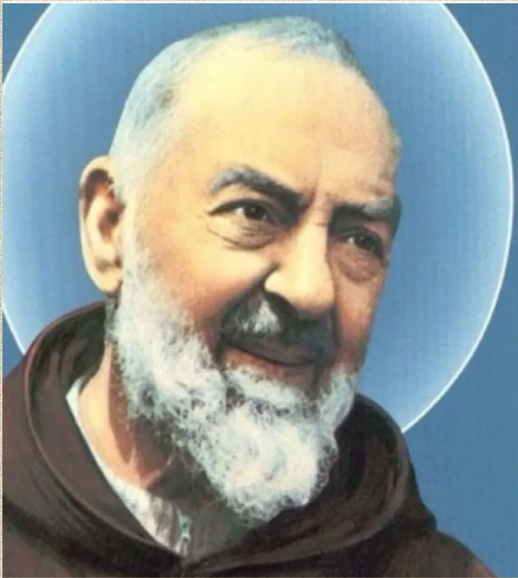
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 35:8)

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

NEWS & EVENTS



Happy Feast Day
ST. PADRE PIO
Pray, Hope and Don't Worry!

In honour of the
 Feast of St Padre Pio
 on **Wednesday, 23 September**
 Veneration of Padre Pio's relic,
 Blessing of the Sick,
 and Holy Mass will be celebrated at
St Thomas the Apostle Parish
2 College Road, Corner of Melville
Parade, Claremont
at 11:00 AM.

All welcome.
Invite your family and friends.

Next weekend's readings **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,**
Year A Isaiah 55:6-9, Psalm 144, Philippians 1:20-24,27,
 Acts of Apostles 16:14, Matthew 20:1-16