



ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A – The Second Scrutiny
Laetare Sunday 14th March 2026 – 15th March 2026

Sunday

5.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday night)
7.30am Mass
9.30am Mass
12 noon Syriac Mass
5.00pm Mass

Monday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass

Tuesday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass
9.45am *St Anthony Novena*

Wednesday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass
6.00pm Adoration & Confessions
7.00pm Mass

Thursday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass
9.45am *Legion of Mary*

Friday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass

Saturday

9.00am Adoration & Confessions
10.00am Mass
4pm Confessions

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GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER VIGIL



EXPLORING THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH

7.30PM IN THE PARISH HALL

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Saint Patrick, Bishop Solemnity, Tuesday 17th March

St Patrick was born in Britain c.385 and as a young man was captured by Irish pirates and sold into slavery. After six years in Ireland he escaped, returned to his family and trained for the priesthood in Gaul. In c.435 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop. Through his work, Christianity flourished and the church became organised. Although not extensively learned, St Patrick was known for his sincerity and pastoral care, and was largely concerned with abolishing paganism and idolatry and encouraged monasticism. There are many legends about Ireland's most beloved saint, including his use of the shamrock for explaining the trinity, and his banishing of all snakes from Ireland.

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Optional Collection, Wednesday 18th March

Cyril was born in 315 of Christian parents and succeeded Maximus as bishop of Jerusalem in 348. He was active in the Arian controversy and was exiled more than once as a result. His pastoral zeal is especially shown in his *Catecheses*, in which he expounded orthodox doctrine, holy Scripture and the traditions of the faith. They are still read today, and several of the Second Readings of the Office of Readings are taken from them. He died in 386. He is held in high esteem by both the Catholics and the Orthodox, and he was declared a Doctor of the Church by the Pope in 1883.

Saint Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity, Thursday 19th March

St Joseph, the husband of the Virgin Mary and adoptive father of Jesus, was a descendant of King David and a carpenter by trade. During his betrothal to Mary he became distressed when he heard that she was with child, but an angelic vision reassured him that this was all part of God's plan. After Jesus' birth he was warned in a dream to flee with his family to Egypt, in order to escape from King Herod. Joseph showed great faith in his willingness to do whatever God asked of him.

SOLEMNITIES THIS WEEK

**TUESDAY 17TH MARCH
ST PATRICK
MASS AT 9.15AM AND 7PM**

**THURSDAY 19TH MARCH
ST JOSEPH
MASS AT 9.15AM AND 7PM**

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Beginning with Mass at 10.30am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Sunday 22nd March 2026, followed by a Marian procession at 12.15pm through the streets of Sydney for the dignity of human life.

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Joseph Estephen, Elvia Santaguida, Eriel Siregar, Mario Biordi, Peter Milazzo, Rappai Menoth, Remon Meekhail, Giuseppe Maltese

Anniversaries: Sharon Ajkay, Michelina Busa, Sofija Crnjac, Anthony Scerri, Domenico Santaguida, Giuseppina Agostino, Richard Rajan, Peter Attard, Zvonko Cornett, Beena Jose, Ross and Angela Cavallaro, Carmen Xerri, Maria Campisi, Sofija Crnjac, Theresa Sultana, Domenico Agostino, Michelina Tarzia, Paolo Mazzullo, Katalin Hamori, Giuseppe Tozzi, Isodoro & Vittorio Bianchi, Vincenzo Vitanza, Daniel Micali, Silvester Oros, Redempta San Jose, Ernst & Ella Herrmann, Jaime Centeno, Paolo Mazzullo, Zita Karam, Julia Devecchis, Giovanni Panella, Neville Court, Giuseppe Privitera, Franco & Marta Mosca

Also For: Gesu (Jesi) Lustri, Members of the Dimech Family

We remember those who are sick and we pray that the Lord will be their comforter and healer: Kerry De Vries, Robert Hockings, Rowell San Jose, Wendie Milazzo, Lexie Martin, Salvatore Terrazino, Giuseppe Zuccala, Cosimo Carlo Tassone, Marten de Vries, Saramma Raju, Mireya Isobel Grobler, Joe Araco, Marija Rados, Joe Gauci, Fr Noel Short, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Tomislav Juric, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Rene D'Silva, Mary Vella, Reynaldo San Jose, Danica Sto Domingo, Jose, Charito San Jose, Maria de Abreu



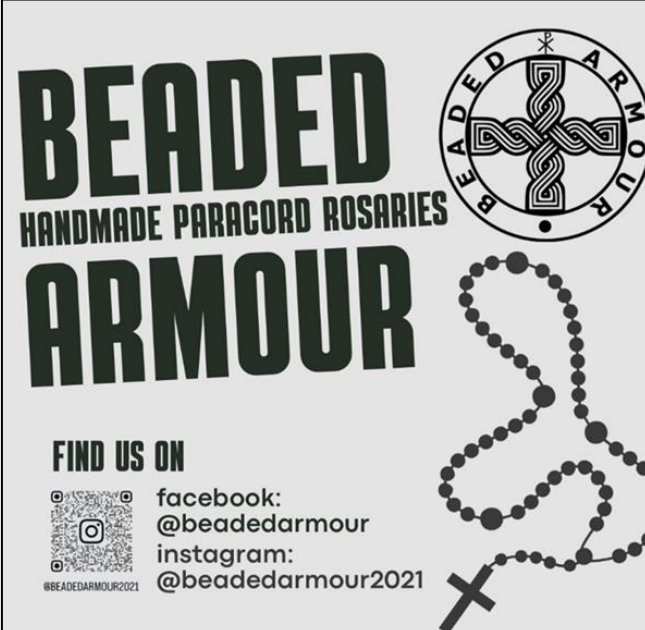
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PARENTS, PARISHONERS & FRIENDS ARE
WARMLY INVITED TO PRAY THE

Stations of the Cross



TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2026
10:00AM ARRIVAL FOR A 10:30AM START

ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE CENTRE
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TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED
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TODDLERS WELCOME

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CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Program until Sunday 22nd March

Monday-Friday 8.30am-9.15am

Wednesday 6.00pm-7.00pm

Friday from 7.00pm

Saturday 9.00am-10.00am

Saturday 4.00pm-5.00pm

Sunday from 8.30am

Program from Monday 23rd March

Monday 23rd March 8.30am-9.15am

Tuesday 24th March 8.30am-9.15am

Wednesday 25th March 8.30am-9.15am

Wednesday 25th March 5.00pm-7.00pm

Thursday 26th March 8.30am-9.15am

Friday 27th March 8.30am-9.15am

Friday 27th March from 7.00pm

Saturday 28th March 8.00am-10.00am

Saturday 28th March 3.00pm-5.00pm

Sunday 29th March 8.30am-9.15am

Monday 30th March 8.30am-9.15am

Tuesday 31st March 8.00am-10.00am

Tuesday 31st March 6.00pm-8.00pm

Wednesday 1st April 8.00am-10.00am

Wednesday 1st April 5.00pm-7.00pm

Please be mindful of others when planning your Lenten Confession. If you have more flexibility in your timetable, please make use of the less popular times and leave space for those who have less flexibility due to work commitments.

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS

ACUMS NIGHTS

WHEN: SUNDAY 22ND OF MARCH

AFTER 5PM MASS

WHERE: PARISH HALL

WHO: YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

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Dinner & snacks provided!

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THE ACIES – LEGION OF MARY

Saturday 21st March. The Legion of Mary are organising their 'Acies' Mass where all can join to consecrate themselves to the Blessed Mother. Begins with Rosary at 8.30am, then an individual act of consecration followed by quiet time in adoration. Mass will begin at 10.00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 9.45am and 7.15pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf Isaiah 66:10-11*

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult
and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

FIRST READING *1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22 R. v.1*

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

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5:8-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 8:12*

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ! I am the light of the world, says the
Lord; whoever follows me will have the
light of life. Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ*

GOSPEL *John 9:1-41*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon

be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.' Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.' So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf John 9:11,38*

*The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I
saw and I believed in God.*