



St. Therese Catholic Church Padstow

For 12th - 13th July 2025

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Sunday Masses: Vigil 6.30PM, Sun 8.00AM, & 9.30AM

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays, Thursdays at 8.30AM,

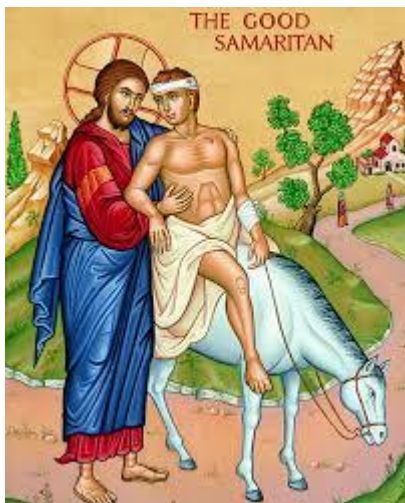
Fridays, Saturdays at 9AM & Wednesdays at 7.30PM.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 5PM. **Baptisms & Marriages:** By appointment.

We pray for our sick: John Aiello, Manny Crescini, Alex Aiello, Sam Merechea, Leonie Spiteri, Scorro Azul, Linda & Antoun Ghosen, Doris Xuereb, Josick Comarmond, JoJo Mariano, Baby Santino Rillera, Matilda Rodriguez, Matthew Aiello, Marie Mouawad, Ida Aiello, Jenny Francis, Nepomuceno Crus Jr, Beryl Brady, Marilyn Tangonan, Les McManus, Bronwyn Pearson, Zita Sebastian, Jack Lloyd, Pearl Savage, Rosa Daigdigian, Hian Y, Sam Bonanno, Matilda Tipping, Doreen Preval, Amanda Liauw, Yvette Jonathan, Luisa Lacorte, Violete Nehme, Labibe Mokbel, Deba Beaini, Michael Kenny, Rosie Galea, Thomas Cudmore, Emile Epay, Roumonos Nehme and all our sick.

We pray for our dead: Vincent Orogan, Malama Van Yzendoorn, Lois Turner, Susan Ryan, Carl Salim, Paul Sammut, Ro Jeffreys, Therese Chan, Amy Wright, Irene Stempak, Benjie Fuentes, Amy McLaughlin, Elizabeth Dimond, Mary Knight, Monica Adams, Margaret Kennedy and Thelma McDermott, John & Dianne Mc Grath and for all our departed friends, relatives and benefactors, especially for those for whom Masses are being offered. Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them may they rest in peace.

Please forward the names of your deceased for whom you like to have Masses. My email address is: sdebono@optusnet.com.au



15th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

From Fr. Stephen's Desk.

There is a story of a modern Samaritan, a woman driving a red car on a toll road. Pulling up to the tollbooth, she handed the attendant seven tickets. "I am paying for the next six cars," she said. As each of the cars stopped, the attendant in the booth said: "The lady in the red car has already paid for you. Have a nice day!"

The woman in the red car attributed her generosity to something she had read: "Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty." It suggests that "random kindness" can create a tidal wave of kindness, just as "random violence" can. All revolutions begin slowly, with a single act. Let it be yours." In today's gospel, by telling the story of the Good Samaritan Jesus is extending a similar challenge to believers, with one notable exception. The followers of Jesus are not called to *random* acts of kindness but to *purposeful acts* of loving, sacrificial service.

The Scribe in today's Gospel asked Jesus a very basic religious question: "What should I do to inherit eternal life?" In answer to the question, Jesus directed the Scribe's attention to the Sacred Scriptures. The scriptural answer is "love God and express it by loving your neighbor." However, to the scribe the word "neighbor" meant another Scribe or Pharisee – never a Samaritan or a Gentile. Hence, the Scribe insisted on further clarification of the word "neighbor." So Jesus told him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable clearly indicated that a "neighbor" is anyone who needs help.



I like to invite children aged 4 years to first Holy Communion to come together in the crying room at the beginning of Mass every Sunday during the school term but not during the Sunday school holidays. I am sure they will enjoy this time together, with a little bit of prayer and special activity. They will join their parents in the church at the Offertory. They will bring up the gifts for our Eucharist. I like to thank all who help in this ministry.



First Reconciliation will be celebrated in the next term of school. An invitation letter went out to all the children who are eligible last Tuesday. If you haven't received a letter there are copies of it at the back of the church.

The Information and Registration meetings will be held when school goes back for the 3rd term on Wednesday 23rd July at 3.30pm and 6pm in the Hall.

- *Please remember that the Morning Mass will be at 9am. During the school holidays.*

Parish Finances: If you like to make an online donation to our parish here are the details. It is easier and cheaper for us than using the planned giving envelopes. Your donations will be receipted in the usual manner, sadly they are not tax deductible. I thank you for your generosity.

Account name is St. Therese Parish Padstow church account.

Account number is 05345001 BSB 062784

The new Series of envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please see me after Mass if you like a set of envelopes. The receipts for tax deduction purposes will be made available shortly. I thank you for your generosity.



ROSTERS for: 19 th – 20 th July 2025			
	6.30PM MASS	8.00AM MASS	9.30AM MASS
READERS	B Prior P Mc Dermott	M Roumanos K Ryan	P Ortiz J Youssef
ACOLYTES	Roger	Madonna	Kevin
ALTAR SERVERS	M Lau		A Kssuma
MUSIC			
CLEANERS	J & K Agzarian	ROSARY	C Russell
COUNTERS	John & Kathy Ryan		
BANKERS	Ron		
ALTAR SOCIETY	Group C: M Roumanos, J Malone, D Preoac		