



# ST. PADRE PIO PARISH

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent Year (C)**

**23 December, 2018**

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday, 8:30am to 3:00pm (Closed 12.00pm to 12.30pm)

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Principal: Mrs. Cheryl Brown

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday** 5:30pm  
**Sunday** 7:30am and 9:30am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Tuesday** 9:00am Mass  
**Wednesday** 7:00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  
**Thursday** 9:00am Mass  
**Friday** 9:00am Mass  
**First Friday** 9:00am, 7:00pm Masses  
**Saturday** 9.00am Mass & Novena to St Padre Pio

**First Friday Mass & Adoration:** Mass: 7pm on First Friday of the month, Adoration: 8pm Fri - 9am Sat

**RECONCILIATION:** Following Saturday morning Mass

**BAPTISMS:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays @ 11:00am  
Please contact the Parish Office.

Presentation Mass & Baptism Information morning are held every 4th Sunday of the Month

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENQUIRIES

Please contact the Parish Office

Dear Friends,

It is Christmas. It is time for giving thanks to God for all the Graces and Blessings. Thanks be to God for the gift of His Only Son Jesus. The mystery of Incarnation reminds us all on the greatest truth, that is, Immanuel – God Is With Us. This is the central point on which all our celebrations should be focused upon. Christ brings to us the gift of His Mother Mary to us. She is heavily pregnant and about to give birth to her Son Jesus. Christmas is a time of mutual gift giving of Divinity to Humanity and vice versa.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for all that you have been for our parish for the year 2018. I am grateful to various councils, committees and contribution that you have made for the growth of our parish. Thanks be to God for you and your family which is a blessing to our parish. We have travelled through the year 2018 and stood together in thick and thin. Now that we deserve a well-earned break with our family and friends.

I wish all of you Merry Christmas and a Blessed New year 2019. I am looking forward to ministering with you in the new year. In the year 2018, we focused on Family and in the New Year 2019, we will focus on Evangelization. We will discuss further on how we are to go about in the near future.

May you have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. May the New Born Baby Jesus bring you His abundant Blessings and Graces. May the New year 2019 be filled with God's love and Blessings.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest.

## THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH, from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

(Source: [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c1a1.htm](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c1a1.htm))

### How do the Sacraments effect our daily lives?

#### SECTION TWO: THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH, Chapter One: The Sacraments of Christian Initiation, Article One: The Sacrament of Baptism. VII. THE GRACE OF BAPTISM

##### Incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ

**1268** The baptized have become "living stones" to be "built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood."<sup>74</sup> By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. They are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that [they] may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called [them] out of darkness into his marvelous light."<sup>75</sup> *Baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers.*

**1269** Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to him who died and rose for us.<sup>76</sup> From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to "obey and submit" to the Church's leaders,<sup>77</sup> holding them in respect and affection.<sup>78</sup> Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church.<sup>79</sup>

**1270** "Reborn as sons of God, [the baptized] must profess before men the faith they have received from God through the Church" and participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People of God.<sup>80</sup>

##### The sacramental bond of the unity of Christians

**1271** Baptism constitutes the foundation of communion among all Christians, including those who are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church: "For men who believe in Christ and have been properly baptized are put in some, though imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church. Justified by faith in Baptism, [they] are incorporated into Christ; they therefore have a right to be called Christians, and with good reason are accepted as brothers by the children of the Catholic Church."<sup>81</sup> "Baptism therefore constitutes the *sacramental bond of unity* existing among all who through it are reborn."<sup>82</sup>

##### An indelible spiritual mark . . .

**1272** Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (*character*) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation.<sup>83</sup> Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated.

74 1 Pet 2:5. 75 1 Pet 2:9. 76 Cf. 1 Cor 6:19; 2 Cor 5:15. 77 Heb 13:17.  
78 Cf. Eph 5:21; 1 Cor 16:15-16; 1 Thess 5:12-13; Jn 13:12-15.  
79 Cf. LG 37; CIC, cann. 208-223; CCEO, can. 675:2. 80 LG 11; cf. LG 17; AG 7; 23.  
81 UR 3. 82 UR 22 § 2. 83 Cf. Rom 8:29; Council of Trent (1547): DS 1609-1619.

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

**First Reading:** Micah 5:1- 4

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-44

## ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FIVE 2018

Mass Time	5:30PM	7:30AM	9:30AM
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Paul Bodel	Lynn Young	Cecilia Zammit
<b>Acolyte</b>	Aiman Jajo	Glenn Kopps	David Baker
<b>Senior Server</b>		+	
<b>Altar Server</b>	ASI EDA	LAL MAL	AWH KSI LEL JBA SBA
<b>Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist</b>	Paul Bodel Lorraine Vella +	Ashleigh Peters Maryann Peters Melinda Elmer	+ + Tracey Amituanai
<b>Hospitality</b>	Leanne & John Gately Annet Sijo Sands Family	Maureen Klingner Melinda Almer Sue Walsh Rani Pulikkal	Therese Baker Natalie Wilkinson Georgina Rastegorac
<b>Baptism Hospitality</b>	None		
<b>Commentator</b>	Joanne Potts	Trish Warda	Marilou Pugoy
<b>Reader</b>	Zon Lupisan Craig Wilson	Phil Walsh Lynn Young	Therese Baker Eric Ruiz
<b>Music</b>			Modern Harmony Choir
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Ashley Muscat	Agnes Forwood	Hannah Wilkinson
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Melanie Elmer
<b>Cleaning Team</b>	Saturday	Volunteers needed	Mary Catania

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 25 December: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday 26 December: St. Stephen, the first Martyr

Thursday 27 December: St John, Apostle & Evangelist

Friday 28 December: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Saturday 29 December: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

#### • REMINDER

A gentle reminder about the gifts for the children to be returned, with the label attached. These can be placed under the Christmas tree. Thank you!

#### • CHRISTMAS MASSES

Timings for all the Christmas Masses are available on the noticeboards inside the Church. Flyers are also available on the Welcome Table with this information.



### 2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

We would like to inform you about the **First Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation** to be held in 2019. **This will be held during Term 1, for Catholic children in Year 3 and older.** The celebration of the First Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will take place near the end of March 2019. **Parents are invited to enrol their child for this sacrament if they believe their child is ready to begin preparation. In order to do so, please hand in the enrolment form by Thursday, 7th February 2019 at the parish office.** Further details can be found in the information letter and form available at the parish office, website and noticeboards.

#### MASS ROSTERS FOR 2019

We will be updating Mass rosters for 2019. Please think about whether you would like to be a part of one of our ministries eg hospitality, welcoming people, church cleaning, commentator. Training is required for reading, Eucharistic Minister, altar servers & acolyte. Courses will be available in 2019. Please contact the parish office for a form or pick one up from the Welcome Table. If you are already on the rosters, please let me know if you would like to make any changes. Lynn Young liturgy@padrepio.org.au



#### CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Please note changes to weekday Mass times leading up to Christmas and beyond. After

Christmas, there will be Masses only on the weekends, as Fr Suresh will be away on holidays. Weekday Masses will resume from 15 January 2019. For any emergencies, please contact the neighbouring parishes. **N.B There will be no 9am Mass on 26 December, as previously advertised on the red flyers.**

#### CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

The Church Cleaning Teams are in need of more people to join them on the roster. You will only be needed for a couple of hours each month. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 4737 9735.



#### OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed from 22 December and re-opens on 15 January 2019.

#### CATECHISTS & HELPERS NEEDED FOR 2019

The Catechists Team is currently in need of volunteers to teach in our government schools in 2019. **Training & teacher manual provided!** If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms to be a teacher or a helper, please contact Joanne Hamilton on 0407 903 993.

**THE 'CATHOLIC WEEKLY' NEWSPAPER IS AVAILABLE for \$2 on the Welcome Table. Please pick up your copy today.**



#### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

THE ROSARY Prayer Group will be at the home of Brad & Natalie Wilkinson, 9 Dungara Cres on Boxing Day: **Wednesday**

**26 December at 7pm. (Please note change of day)** Please join the group to pray the Holy Rosary & receive the blessings from our Blessed Virgin Mary. **Please ring Elvie on 0412 397 671 if you are interested hosting the Rosary Prayer Group.**

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS AND OTHER CHRISTMAS ITEMS

There are Christmas Cards for sale (\$5 for a packet of 8) and other Christmas items at the back of the Church

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: 28 DECEMBER

Feast of the Holy Innocents will be held on Friday 28 December 2018 at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville (8 Diana Avenue). Starting with Holy Mass at 11am in the parish church followed by a procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville. Lunch available. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries: 02 9629 2595.

#### MASS WAS OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

- Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them
- Tayla Family & Essata Family
- Fernandez Family, Andrew Francis & Family, Netto Family
- Jordan & Kristie Gibbons
- Lucian Silvana J

Death Anniversary: Stella Aaron



**Please pray for all our parishioners and friends who are ill at home or in hospital, including:** Karen Foley, Anne Hume, Jessie Zammit, Peter Sidgreaves, Lucy Xiberras, Elena Zamora, Jordan Gibbons, Lucia Longo, John Denniss, Aiyana Cabanero, Barbara Paul, Kenneth Borlongan, Martin Bianca, Candida Irugalbandara, Bridgette Grech, Arno Struzina, Ann McKinnon, Leyan Dias Bandaranayake, Herbert Middlebrook, Wendy Van Mullekom, Mary Bender, Malcolm Maitland, Joe Vassallo. *Please notify the Parish office if the person is no longer sick or requiring the prayers.*



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- 2. 12 Days- Gold Coast to Cairns: 3 - 14 August.** Gold Coast - Brisbane - Sunshine Coast - Noosa - Bundaberg - Rockhampton - Mackay - Proserpine - Townsville - Karunda - Fitzroy Island and Cairns! We join the Australian Outback Spectacular! Enjoy the Great Barrier Reef Cruise! Call Charlie Felice on 9631 2689 or 0412 523 893.

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