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Third Sunday of Advent Year (C)

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OFFICE HOURS

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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,

These days, the streets are bubbling with so many activities. People are buying and selling. The Churches, homes, shops are glittering with lights and decorations. What are we preparing for? Who are we expecting? Are we done yet or do we need something else that is more important that is yet to be done? St. John the Baptist speaks about some important things that we need to take note of during this festive season. He wants of us to prepare our lives more than our surroundings.

St. John the Baptist was acknowledged by Christ Himself as "Born of all women, there is no one who is greater than John the Baptist". But such a person of honour recognises Christ, that he is 'not worthy to undo the sandals on His feet.'

Let Christ open the doors of our hearts and reside in us. Let Him be part of our celebrations and families. Let us be another Christ for those who are in need of us and our love. Christmas is all about giving rather than receiving. Let us give our best time to God, family and friends without neglecting the needy and the poor.

May God be in our preparations and celebrations.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar.

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

(Source: http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccs_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

For the forgiveness of sins . . .

1264 Yet certain temporal consequences of sin remain in the baptized, such as suffering, illness, death, and such frailties inherent in life as weaknesses of character, and so on, as well as an inclination to sin that Tradition calls *concupiscence*, or metaphorically, "the tinder for sin" (*fomes peccati*); since concupiscence "is left for us to wrestle with, it cannot harm those who do not consent but manfully resist it by the grace of Jesus Christ."⁶⁷ Indeed, "an athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."⁶⁸

"A new creature"

1265 Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature,"⁶⁹ member of Christ and co-heir with him,⁷⁰ and a temple of the Holy Spirit.⁷¹

1266 The Most Holy Trinity gives the baptized sanctifying grace, the grace of *justification*:

- enabling them to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him through the theological virtues;
- giving them the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit;
- allowing them to grow in goodness through the moral virtues.

Thus the whole organism of the Christian's supernatural life has its roots in Baptism.

Incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ

1267 Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ: "Therefore . . . we are members one of another."⁷² Baptism incorporates us *into the Church*. From the baptismal fonts is born the one People of God of the New Covenant, which transcends all the natural or human limits of nations, cultures, races, and sexes: "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body."⁷³

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

⁶⁷ Council of Trent (1546): DS 1515.

⁶⁸ 2 Tim 2:5.

⁶⁹ 2 Cor 5:17; 2 Pet 1:4; cf. Gal 4:5-7.

⁷⁰ Cf. 1 Cor 6:15; 12:27; Rom 8:17.

⁷¹ Cf. 1 Cor 6:19.

⁷² Eph 4:25.

⁷³ 1 Cor 12:13.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR 2018

Mass Time	5:30PM	7:30AM	9:30AM
Mass Coordinator	Matthew Topp	Lynn Young	Cecilia Zammit
Acolyte Senior Server	Khalid Younan Guy Sands Deb Sands	Martin Warda Aiman Jajo	David Baker Chris Hersey
Altar Server	AWO JMU AMW EFA SFA	CWA LWA AMA	EPO JBA RHE SBA
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Matthew Topp Melissa Topp Luisa Wood	Maryann Peters Ashleigh Peters Denise Robens	Coley White Tracey Amituanai Manny Medel
Hospitality	+ Melissa Topp	Agnes Forwood Maureen Klingner Marlene Schoebel	Therese Baker Grus Family +
Baptism Hospitality	No Baptism Presentation Mass & Baptism Preparation Class		
Commentator	Zon Lupisan	Bev Croft	Elvie Williams
Reader	Eric Ruiz Joanne Potts	Trish Warda Anna Dedovic	Cecilia Zammit Frank Zammit
Music	Mitchell/Walsh Choir		Pio's Voices Choir
PowerPoint Operator	Sands Family	Meghan Warda	+
Children's Liturgy			Gayathri Ediriweera
Cleaning Team	Saturday	Team Four	Zon Lupisan

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

Friday 21 December: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

NOTICES REGARDING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

• THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to all who gave to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal, the Christmas Hampers and gifts for the children. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Thank you to the people who distributed the Christmas flyers around the neighbourhood!

• 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!

• ROOSTER NOVENA MASSES

The Rooster Novena Masses commence on 16 December, please check the notice board for more information.

• 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.



HEALING MASS: SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER

There will be a Special Healing Mass this Saturday 22 December at 9am. Please bring the sick and housebound to receive prayers and blessings from God.



WORKING BEE: SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 22 December, after the Healing Mass to clean the Church and its surrounds in preparation for Christmas. We encourage parishioners to give some of their time to take part in this. Thank you.

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.

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. 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

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

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.

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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

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

MASS WAS OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

- Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them
- Joaquim Mendes & family
- Helen Antonio

Death Anniversary: Carl Klingner

Recently Deceased: Cecilio De Leon Senior



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.

Please notify the Parish office if the person is no longer sick or requiring the prayers.

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



ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

THE ROSARY Prayer Group will be at the home of **Matthew & Melissa Topp, 123 Garswood Road, Glenmore Park** on **Tuesday, 18 December at 7pm.** 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.



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- 1. 16 Days Highlights of New Zealand: 6 - 21 March.** All inclusive tour of both North and South Islands. This is the 18th time we are running this magnificent tour! Guaranteed the best price on the market. Its filling up quick! Call Monica Ledger on 9896 0712 or 0414 859 386.
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