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SUNDAY 01 DECEMBER 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH WEEKLY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY

5:30pm Saturday Vigil

7:30am Mass

9:30am Mass

MONDAY

No Mass Office closed

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass

Novena to St Padre Pio

9:45am Sacrament of Penance

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday

8:30am – 3:30pm

Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

BAPTISMS

11:00am

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays

Please contact the Parish Office.

Presentation Mass & Baptism

Information morning are held every

4th Sunday

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION

7:00pm Mass

3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:00pm Adoration - 9:00am Saturday

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish office.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday, 8.45am in the Church.

All welcome.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years

Bethany Catholic Primary School Hall

Contact Joanne D'Agostino, via the

Parish Office.

Dear Friends,

The year 2019 is coming to an end. We have begun preparing for Christmas. All of us are wondering how fast time is passing by. The whole world is gearing up for Christmas and we can't help but notice the decorations, lights and sale of gifts beginning to happen all around us.

This weekend we begin the first week of Advent. A season of preparation for the Lord. We are in fact, waiting for the Lord to return. Do we know the date of His return? No. Do we know the hour of His return? No. So why do we need to prepare? The answer comes from the Gospel of this Sunday. Jesus spoke of the days of Noah, when people went about living their lives and everything seemed to be normal. Little did they know what was going to happen to them. The floods destroyed them all at a time that they least expected it. Jesus even compares the Lord's return to that of a thief. No thief informs the owner of the house when he will break into the home. He comes in when no one expects. In the same way, we have got to be prepared.

As we begin the season of preparation, let us prepare our hearts, minds and homes to welcome the Lord. God wants to be part of our lives and that is why He humbles Himself to be one of us. He shares our joys and sorrows. The humble stable in which the Saviour of the world was born is a powerful reminder of what our God can do for the love that He has for us. Let us prepare ourselves in a such a manner that His coming makes meaning to our lives and that His visit will find us watching in prayer.

God Bless,

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar

Parish Priest.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

FRIDAY 13 DEC	6:30pm Christmas Carols Night	TUESDAY 24 DEC <i>Children may dress as a Nativity character.</i>	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass
MONDAY 16 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass		Children's Mass 6:30pm Carols 7:00pm Mass
TUESDAY 17 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass No 9:00am Mass		Family Mass 9:00pm Carols 9:30pm Mass
WEDNESDAY 18 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass No 7:00pm Mass	WEDNESDAY 25 DEC	Solemn Mass 11:30pm Carols 12:00am Mass Christmas Day Mass 9:00am Carols 9:30am Mass
THURSDAY 19 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass No 9:00am Mass	THURSDAY 26 & 27 DEC	No Masses or Communion Service
FRIDAY 20 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass No 9:00am Mass	Saturday 28 Dec	9:00am Mass 5:30pm Mass
SATURDAY 21 DEC	No 5:00am Mass 9:00am Healing Mass	Sunday 29 Dec	7:30am Mass 9:30am Mass
SUNDAY 22 DEC	No 5:00am Mass 7:30am Rooster Novena Mass 9:30am Mass	Tuesday 31 Dec to Friday 03 January	Communion Services
MONDAY 23 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass	Saturday 04 January	Normal Mass times resume

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Sunday 01 First Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Tuesday 03 St Francis Xavier

Saturday 07 St Ambrose

NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 04

8:45am Parish Prayer Group *in school hall*

9:00am Caroline Chisholm Thanksgiving Mass

7:00pm Gingerbread night

THURSDAY 05

Friendship Group after 9:00am Mass

All welcome for a cuppa & a chat

FRIDAY 06

First Friday Mass & All-night Adoration

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS W2 07/08 DECEMBER

Mass Time	5:30PM	7:30AM	9:30AM
Mass Coordinator	Leanne & John Gately	Maureen Klingner	Michael Gulli
Acolyte Senior Server	Aiman Jajo	Matthew Topp Melissa Topp	Chris Hersey Manny Medel Dave Williams
Altar Server	TST EDA AXA	LAL MAL HAL RTO JTO	EPO NHE JHE JOH DTS DWI
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Tracy Amituanai Mel Elmer Cecilienne Matienzo	Jan Fontana Melinda Almer Charmaine Cobol	+ Cristina Cignarella
Welcome & Hospitality	+ Therese Ediriweera	Melinda Almer Mary Catania Warda Family	Elvie Williams Maria Holy Hamilton Family
Commentator	Mel Elmer	Maria Aquilina	Margaret Rooney
Reader	Cecilienne Matienzo Lina Azzopardi	Jacinta Rastegorac Jacinta Aquilina	Gigi Cruz Marilou Pugoy
Music	Amen Choir	Bruce Murray	Padre Pio Choir
PowerPoint Operator	Choir Member	Kiera Warda	Toni Gulli
Children's Liturgy			Trudie Weber
Baptism Hospitality	Elvie Williams & Mary Catania		Baptism Acolyte Dave Williams
Cleaning Teams	Saturday	Team Two	Mary Catania

<p>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP Date: Tuesday 03 December Place: Boyet Remolador 5 Kukundi Dr, Glenmore Park Time: 7pm. Contact: Elvie on 0412 397 671 if you are interested in hosting the Rosary Prayer Group.</p>	<p>ADVENT & CHRISTMAS INFORMATION SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the 9:00am Saturday Masses in December. <i>Please avail yourself of this sacrament in preparation for Christmas.</i></p>
<p>BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL-THIS WEEKEND Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via the envelopes or the website: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE-NEXT WEEK There will be a Christmas Giving Tree at the back of the Church with tags that have specific gifts written on them. Parishioners are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift by placing it under the tree by Saturday 21/22 December. Non-perishable items are also needed for Christmas hampers which will go to help families in our community. These can go under the tree as well. <i>Thank you for your generosity.</i></p>
<p>FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION Would you come and spend an hour with me? Date: This Friday, 06 December 7:00pm: Holy Mass 8:00pm: All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:00am: Adoration will finish on Saturday with Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio. We encourage all parishioners to add their names to the sign-up sheets on the Welcome table.</p>	<p>HELP NEEDED WITH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS Volunteers are needed on Thursday 12 December @ 6pm to help decorate the Church and its surrounds for the Christmas celebrations. <i>Please write your name on the list at the back of the Church if you are able to help.</i></p>
<p>ADVENT BOOK FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION The Diocese of Wollongong has brought out a personal reflection book called 'The Way —Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections', containing short, spiritually rich, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. To order, phone: (02) 4222 2411 or via email: orders@dow.org.au</p>	<p>BETHANY SCHOOL & PARISH CAROLS NIGHT Date: Friday 13 December Time: 6:30pm. Sausage Sizzle & drinks for sale. We will also be holding a Parish cake stall and would appreciate donations of cupcakes, slices & muffins that are ready for individual sale. They can be dropped off at the office during the day or brought to the carols' night. <i>Thank You</i></p>
<p>CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS Roster sheets will be available next weekend. Please think about which Christmas Mass you will be attending and sign up for the ministries where you would like to help.</p>	<p>ROOSTER MASSES - NINE DAY NOVENA This Novena will begin on Monday 16 December at 5:00am and will conclude on Tuesday 24 December. Some Masses will be at a different time so please check the times on the Parish Advent and Christmas Mass timetable on the second page of this bulletin.</p>
<p>LETTERBOX DELIVERY OF CHRISTMAS FLYERS Details will be available next weekend. You can choose the street/s you would like to cover.</p>	<p>PARISH WORKING BEE A working bee will be held on Saturday 21 December in the morning to clean the Church and its surrounds in preparation for Christmas. It would be appreciated if many parishioners could lend a helping hand. <i>Please write your name on the list at the back of the Church if you are able to help.</i></p>
<p>MASS WAS OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them - Wedding Anniversary, Stella & Joseph Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Felicia Cruz, Milagros Ablir & Antonio Ablir. - Recently Deceased: Mariano Bajarias <p>Special Intentions: <i>Please pray for all our parishioners and friends who are ill at home or in hospital, including:</i> Karen Foley, Anne Hume, Jessie Zammit, Peter Sidgreaves, Lucy Xiberras, Elena Zamora, Jordan Gibbons, Lucia Longo, Barbara Paul, Kenneth Borlongan, Candida Irugalbandara, Bridgette Grech, Arno Struzina, Malcolm Maitland, Barbara Sawyer, Frank Azzopardi, Nicholas Dewal, Virginia Santos, Ian Wallace, Herb Middlebrook, Auriel Weber, William Chalice, Antonio Sulfaro, Pierina Sulfaro, Phil Walsh.</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S MASS Children are invited to dress as a Nativity character for the Children's Mass on the 24 December @ 7:00pm. There will be a cake cutting after this Mass, the Midnight Mass and 9.30am Mass on Christmas Day.</p>



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