

# ST. PADRE PIO PARISH GLENMORE PARK

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**SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019**

**THIRD 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,

It requires tremendous courage to go against the mainstream when it comes to defending the truth. Most of us fear the consequences of doing so. The history makers belong to the courageous few. History watchers disappear in time. Are we history makers or history watchers? Jesus and John the Baptist belong to the history makers category. They had to pay a big price for it. It wasn't easy for them to go against the mainstream of society in order to speak the truth.

The Gospel of this weekend speaks on the mutual recognition between Jesus and John the Baptist. Jesus acknowledges that John the Baptist is the greatest among all born of woman, whereas John acknowledges that he is not worthy to carry His sandals. John the Baptist was the messenger sent by God to prepare the way for the Lord.

The reed that sways in the wind is not able to withstand the wind and it goes wherever the wind takes it. Whereas the prophet is called to stand for the truth no matter what the cost is. We too are called to be prophets. We are called to speak the truth.

Being Catholics, let us put Christ back into our Christmas. Political correctness will not give us heaven. In fact, the political correctness is making humanity tired and weary. People don't communicate with one another for fear of political correctness. Christmas was a time when God came to us, as one of us, in everything but sin. Christmas is a time when our sins are washed away. Christmas is a time when we receive the gift of the Saviour. Let Christmas be Christmas!

God bless.

Kind Regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

## ST PADRE PIO PARISH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

FRIDAY 13 DEC	6:30pm Christmas Carols Night	TUESDAY 24 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass
MONDAY 16 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass	<i>Children may dress as a Nativity character.</i>	
TUESDAY 17 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass No 9:00am Mass	WEDNESDAY 25 DEC	Children's Mass 6:30pm Carols 7:00pm Mass
WEDNESDAY 18 DEC	5:00am Rooster Novena Mass No 7:00pm Mass		Family Mass 9:00pm Carols 9:30pm Mass
			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 15** Third Sunday of Advent Year A  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6, 10  
**Second Reading:** James 5:7-10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

### NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY 18**  
**8:45am** Parish Prayer Group  
**THURSDAY 19**  
**9:00am** Friendship Group after 9:00am Mass  
 All welcome for a cuppa & a chat

## ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK 4 22 DECEMBER

Mass Time	5:30PM	7:30AM	9:30AM
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Matthew Topp	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
<b>Acolyte Senior Server</b>	Khalid Younan Guy Sands Deb Sands	Martin Warda	David Baker Chris Hersey
<b>Altar Server</b>	EFA SFA SMA	CWA AMA	EPO JBA FMU RHE SBA
<b>Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist</b>	Matthew Topp Melissa Topp	Maryann Peters Ashleigh Peters Denise Robens	Coley White Maria Holy Kylie Sultana
<b>Welcome &amp; Hospitality</b>	+ Melissa Topp	Agnes Forwood Maureen Klingner Marlene Schoebel	Grus Family +
<b>Commentator</b>	Zon Lupisan	Bev Croft	Elvie Williams
<b>Reader</b>	Eric Ruiz Marina Fanucchi	Trish Warda Liam Warda	Therese Baker Regina Rossetto
<b>Music</b>	Mitchell / Walsh Choir		Pio's Voices Choir
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Choir Member	Meghan Warda	Choir Member
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Gayathri Ediriweera
<b>Cleaning Team</b>	Saturday Week Three	Team Three	Trish Warda

## ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 17 December

**Place:** Brad & Natalie Wilkinson  
9 Dungara Cres GP

**Time:** 7pm.

**Contact:** Elvie on 0412 397 671 if you are interested in hosting the Rosary Prayer Group.



## CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Please note changes to weekday Mass times leading up to Christmas and beyond. After Christmas Day, weekday Masses will resume from 07 January 2020. Masses on the weekends are as normal.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

**The Office will be closed** from 25 December and re-opens on 07 January 2020.

## CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS

Please sign up for the ministries where you would like to help at the Christmas Masses. The roster sheet is at the back of the church. *Thank You.*

## PLEASE NOTE:

**A gentle reminder that CHRISTMAS DAY is a holy day of obligation.**



## LETTERBOX DELIVERY OF CHRISTMAS FLYERS

Thank you to those who have already taken flyers for the letterbox drop. We need more people to help with this. There is a list of streets and bundles of flyers on the Welcome Table. Please highlight the streets you can deliver to & how many flyers you have taken. They are in bundles of 20. Thank you!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2020 CALENDARS** There are Christmas Cards and 2020 Calendars for sale at the back of the Church.

## MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS at Kellyville Parish

There will be the annual Mass of the Holy Innocents

**Date:** Saturday, 28 December, 11am

**Place:** Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville. Following the Mass, there will be a Rosary procession to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Lunch will be available. Please bring a plate to share. For enquiries, please contact the parish office on (02) 9629 2595.

## MASS WAS OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS

- Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them
- The funeral of **Antonia Iaria** took place here last Friday. Our prayers and condolences go to her family. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.*
- **Death Anniversary:** Claudio Toro
- **Recently Deceased:** Auriel Weber, Barbara Paul

**Special Intentions:** *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, Kenneth Borlongan, Candida Irugalbandara, Bridgette Grech, Arno Struzina, Malcolm Maitland, Frank Azzopardi, Nicholas Dewal, Virginia Santos, Ian Wallace, Herb Middlebrook, William Chalice, Antonio Sulfaro, Pierina Sulfaro, Phil Walsh, Ken Player.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**07 DECEMBER – 21 DECEMBER**

Available after the 9:00am Saturday Masses in December.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 15 DECEMBER

**21 DECEMBER**

A gentle reminder to the parishioners who took a tag from the Christmas tree, to please place the gift, with tag attached, under the tree by **21/22 December**. There are bags under the tree for **non-perishable items** that will go to needy families in our community. *Thank you for your generosity.*

### CHRISTMAS NINE DAY NOVENA - ROOSTER MASSES

**MONDAY 16 DEC – TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER**

Mass times will be different so please check the Parish Advent and Christmas Timetable in this bulletin.

### HEALING MASS

**SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 9:00AM**

Everyone is invited to attend this Healing Mass. Please invite family, friends and neighbours who are not well so they can receive a special blessing for healing.

*Morning tea will be provided after Mass.*

### PARISH WORKING BEE

**SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER**

It would be appreciated if many parishioners could lend a helping hand, after morning Mass, to clean the Church and its surrounds in preparation for Christmas. Please add your name to the list on the Welcome Table if you are able to help.

### CHILDREN'S MASS

**TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER**

**6.30PM CAROLS - 7:00PM MASS**

Children are invited to dress as a Nativity character for this Mass. A cake cutting will take place after this Mass, the Midnight Mass and 9.30am Mass.







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