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Sunday 19 January 2020

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

Dear Friends,

"Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world", these words that we use at the Mass, come from John the Baptist. He gave witness to Christ who came down, in order to take away the sins from humanity. John the Baptist witnessed the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus when He was baptized. John's testimony is very important as he testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. Among all the prophets who were sent to speak for God, John was given the privilege of seeing the Son of God and testifying for Him. John feels that his mission on earth is complete with this testimony.

We are living in a world that is losing the sense of sin. The morality is down the drain in all aspects of our lives. There seems to be a norm that is spreading that anything can be accepted as long as it is accepted by a mob. This very mob mentality has been killing the truth systematically. A lie is a lie no matter how many accept it. Truth is truth even when no one accepts it. The world is in need of God more than before. The more we forget Him or fail to include Him in our lives, the more that we are in need of Him.

As Baptised Catholics we have a responsibility to give the gift of God to the world. We may not be able to speak about Him from the pulpit but we can speak about Him from our way of life. Firstly, we need to begin with our lives, our families, then we need to make Him known to the whole world. "He is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". Only He can give us salvation and new life. Going away from Him is like going away from eternal life. Let us be open to the gift of new life which comes from God.

God Bless.

Kind Regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar

Parish Priest

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

(Source: www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/__P4K.HTM)

How do the Sacraments affect our daily lives?

PART TWO: THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

SECTION TWO THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

CHAPTER TWO THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Article 5 THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

1 Its Foundations in the Economy of Salvation: "Heal the sick . . . "

1509 "Heal the sick!" ¹²⁰ The Church has received this charge from the Lord and strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick as well as by accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. She believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies. This presence is particularly active through the sacraments, and in an altogether special way through the Eucharist, the bread that gives eternal life and that St. Paul suggests is connected with bodily health.¹²¹

1510 However, the apostolic Church has its own rite for the sick, attested to by St. James: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders [presbyters] of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."¹²² Tradition has recognized in this rite one of the seven sacraments.¹²³

A sacrament of the sick

1511 The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick:

This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord.¹²⁴

1512 From ancient times in the liturgical traditions of both East and West, we have testimonies to the practice of anointings of the sick with blessed oil. Over the centuries the Anointing of the Sick was conferred more and more exclusively on those at the point of death. Because of this it received the name "Extreme Unction." Notwithstanding this evolution the liturgy has never failed to beg the Lord that the sick person may recover his health if it would be conducive to his salvation.¹²⁵

1513 The Apostolic Constitution Sacram unctionem infirmorum,¹²⁶ following upon the Second Vatican Council,¹²⁷ established that henceforth, in the Roman Rite, the following be observed:

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given to those who are seriously ill by anointing them on the forehead and hands with duly blessed oil - pressed from olives or from other plants - saying, only once: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."¹²⁸

| ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS - WEEK 4 25/26 JAN 2020 | | | |
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| Open/Lock Up | Matthew Topp | Pat Canderle | Elvie Williams |
| Mass Time | 5:30PM | 7:30AM | 9:30AM |
| Mass Coordinator | Matthew Topp | Mel Almer | Regina Rossetto |
| Acolyte Senior Server | Khalid Younan | Martin Warda | David Baker Chris Hersey |
| Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist | Matthew Topp Melissa Topp | Maryann Peters Ashleigh Peters Denise Robens Mel Almer | Coley White Maria Holy Kylie Sultana |
| Altar Server | EFA SFA SMA | CWA AMA | EPO JBA FMU RHE SBA |
| Welcome & Hospitality | + Melissa Topp | Agnes Forwood Maureen Klingner Marlene Schoebel | Grus Family + |
| Commentator | Zon Lupisan | Bev Croft | Elvie Williams |
| Reader | Eric Ruiz Marina Fanucchi | Trish Warda Liam Warda | Therese Baker Regina Rossetto |
| Music | | | Pio's Voices Choir |
| PowerPoint Operator | + | Meghan Warda | Choir Member |
| Children's Liturgy | | | Gayathri Ediriweera |
| Cleaning Teams | Saturday | Team Four | Zon Lupisan |

REMINDER

A gentle reminder to wear your Sunday Best for the weekend Masses on the first weekend in February. **When:** 01 & 02 February

This will recur for the Masses on every first weekend each month (Please ensure that attire is decent)

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 21 January Place: Debbie & Guy Sands 23-25 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa



Time: 7pm. **Contact:** Elvie on 0412 397 671 if you are interested in

hosting the Rosary Prayer Group. PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer group has resumed.

When: every Wednesday

. Time: 8.45am

Place: Church

All are welcome.

HAND MADE ITEMS FOR SALE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE SISTERS OF ST. ELISABETH CONVENT IN BELARUS This will take place on:

This Wednesday, 22 January 7:00pm Mass and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Thursday, 23 January 9:00am Mass.

Method of payment will be cash only please. Thank you.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD You are invited to bring candles to the: Vigil Mass on Saturday 01 Feb and Sunday Masses 02 Feb, for them to get blessed and to be used at home during prayer. It is a tradition in the Church for candles to get blessed on this day. The blessing will take place prior to the Mass.



OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Please consider serving God and His Church through ministry.

Courses available are: *Ministers of the Word, Safe Ministry Training, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Communion to the Sick & Dying & Ministers at the Altar.* Forms are available on the Welcome Table and **are due in** to Fr Suresh or the parish office **by next weekend: 26 January. These courses will commence in early February and are available in Penrith (St. Nicholas of Myra Parish) and in Blacktown (Institute for Mission).**

MASS WAS OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS

- Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them
- Bandula De Silva

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, 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, Ken Player, Lynn Young, Bandula De Silva, Leanne Gately, Joe Catania.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

JANUARY

| Sunday 19 | Second Sunday Ordinary Time Year | |
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| | Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 | |
| | John 1:29-34 | |
| Tuesday 21 | St Agnes | |
| Friday 24 | St Francis De Sales | |
| Saturday 25 | The Conversion of St Paul | |

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NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 22 Parish Prayer group

RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION 2nd DRAFT EXPOSURE BILL

Australians of family and faith want to be able to live their lives in accordance with their faith and their convictions. More and more people are facing harassment, intimidation and persecution because of their religious beliefs and actions. Some are even losing their livelihoods. It highlights the need for positive religious freedom laws.

The Federal Government released its second exposure draft of the Religious Discrimination Bills. This did address some changes, but there are still major issues of concern. Below are solutions for some of the issues:

• Religious corporate bodies and religious unincorporated associations must be protected from discrimination.

• Full legal protection must be given to religious bodies to preference the employment of staff that support their religious ethos as well as preference people of faith in the use of their facilities.

• Employees must be protected, if they make genuine statements of belief, inside and outside work, without fear of retribution from their employer.

• Charitable organisations with traditional views of family and faith must retain their charitable status without having to conform to public policy and not lose its tax-exempt status due to its traditional view of marriage.

• To ensure that health practitioners and faith-based health institutions are protected to exercise conscientious objections.

The public is encouraged to make a submission to the Federal Attorney General's Department via email to: FoRConsultation@ag.gov.au

Submissions close Friday 31 January 2020. The second exposure draft Bills are available at:

http://ag.gov.au/Consultations/Pages/religious-freedombills-second-exposure-drafts.aspx

