

# ST. PADRE PIO PARISH GLENMORE PARK

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**Sunday 12 January 2020**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**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,

One of the ministries I cherish and enjoy doing is baptising babies. Baptism is a very significant journey in the life of the baby as well as the family. The Church rejoices at the birth of the new human person as well as at the baptism of the child, wherein, the child becomes a child of God and a member of the Catholic Church. Baptism initiates the child's journey with Christ. The following Sacraments such as the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation follow the baptism and the child completes the Sacraments of initiation.

Baptism is a journey not a one-off event. In this journey, the role of the parents and Godparents is very important. They promise at the baptism that they will do their best to bring up the child close to Christ. That is why the parents are requested to choose practicing Catholics to be the Godparents. It is much more than mentoring and guiding but rather it is accompanying. The Godparents must make sure that the child is growing Spiritually in his/her prayer life and a regular to Mass and Sacraments.

The Baptism of our Lord reminds us of our own Baptism in Him. We share His baptism so we will also be sharing His resurrection. The Baptism that we receive is more than the baptism of John the Baptist. He baptised the people with water and called them for repentance whereas, Christ baptises us with the Holy Spirit. This is the vocation that all of us have received. It unites us and makes us one as the body of Christ. We are one body and Jesus is our head. Baptism unites us as a family.

Do we remember the date of our baptism? If not, it is good to know and celebrate the anniversary of our baptisms. Please make an effort to find out when and where you were baptised. It is good to connect with our Godparents as well. If you are a Godparent to someone, please make sure that you guide your God child towards Christ.

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/\\_P4J.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P4J.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: Christ the physician

**1503** Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people"<sup>103</sup> and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins;<sup>104</sup> he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of.<sup>105</sup> His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: "I was sick and you visited me."<sup>106</sup> His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them.

**1504** Often Jesus asks the sick to believe.<sup>107</sup> He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands,<sup>108</sup> mud and washing.<sup>109</sup> The sick try to touch him, "for power came forth from him and healed them all."<sup>110</sup> and so in the sacraments Christ continues to "touch" us in order to heal us.

**1505** Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."<sup>111</sup> But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world,"<sup>112</sup> of which illness is only a consequence. By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion. "Heal the sick . . ."

**1506** Christ invites his disciples to follow him by taking up their cross in their turn.<sup>113</sup> By following him they acquire a new outlook on illness and the sick. Jesus associates them with his own life of poverty and service. He makes them share in his ministry of compassion and healing: "So they went out and preached that men should repent. and they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them."<sup>114</sup>

**1507** The risen Lord renews this mission ("In my name . . . they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."<sup>115</sup>) and confirms it through the signs that the Church performs by invoking his name.<sup>116</sup> These signs demonstrate in a special way that Jesus is truly "God who saves."<sup>117</sup>

**1508** The Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of healing<sup>118</sup> so as to make manifest the power of the grace of the risen Lord. But even the most intense prayers do not always obtain the healing of all illnesses. Thus St. Paul must learn from the Lord that "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness," and that the sufferings to be endured can mean that "in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his Body, that is, the Church."<sup>119</sup>

<sup>103</sup> Cf. Lk 7:16; cf. <sup>104</sup> Mk 2:5-12. <sup>105</sup> Cf. Mk 2:17. <sup>106</sup> Cf. Mt 25:36. <sup>107</sup> Cf. Mk 5:34, <sup>108</sup> Mk 7:32-36; <sup>109</sup> Cf. Mk 7:32-36; <sup>110</sup> Cf. Mk 8:22-25. <sup>111</sup> Cf. Jn 9:6-7. <sup>112</sup> Cf. Lk 6:19; cf. <sup>113</sup> Mk 1:41; <sup>114</sup> Mk 1:34; <sup>115</sup> Mk 16:17-18. <sup>116</sup> Cf. Acts 9:34; <sup>117</sup> Cf. Mt 1:21; <sup>118</sup> Cf. 1 Cor 12:9, <sup>119</sup> 2 Cor 12:9; <sup>120</sup> Col 1:24.

## ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS - WEEK 3 18/19 JAN 2020

Mass Time	5:30PM	7:30AM	9:30AM
Open Church	Rosie Bartholomeusz	Pat Canderle	
Mass Coordinator	Leanne & John G	Maureen Klingner	Elvie Williams
Acolyte	+	+	Brad Wilkinson
Senior Server	Farley Bartholomeuz	Maria Cimafranca	Coley White
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Peter McGann Lorraine Vella +	Charmaine Cobol Alyssa Yuzon Pat Canderle	Cristina Cignarella Gilbert Grech Melanie Elmer
Altar Server	MPR TST JXA NXA	AMA JPE	AWH LEL ABA NBA
Welcome & Hospitality	+	Georgina Rastegorac Jacinta Rastegorac	Gilbert Grech Natalie Wilkinson Kylie Sultana
Commentator	Phil Walsh	Trish Warda	Melanie Elmer
Reader	+	Meghan Warda Maria Aquilina	Gilbert Grech Margaret Rooney
Music	Daily Bread Choir	Bruce Murray	
PowerPoint Operator	Macy Almer	+	Hannah Wilkinson
Children's Liturgy			Vanessa Gale
Cleaning Teams	Saturday	Team Three	Trish Warda

<p><b>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP</b>  <b>Date:</b> Tuesday 14 January  <b>Place:</b> Mark &amp; Narelle Cashmere  3 Lavender Close, Glenmore Park  <b>Time:</b> 7pm.  <b>Contact:</b> Elvie on 0412 397 671 if you are interested in hosting the Rosary Prayer Group.</p>	<p><b>LITURGICAL CALENDAR</b>  <b>JANUARY</b>  <b>Sunday 12</b> The Baptism of the Lord Year A  Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38  Matthew 3:13-17  <b>Friday 17</b> St Anthony</p>
<p><b>SINCERE THANKS TO:</b>  <b>Joanne Hamilton</b> and <b>Mary Marsh</b> for coordinating the Special Religious Education (SRE) Program in the State Schools for the last two years. <i>God bless you for your valuable work. Your efforts will have everlasting effects.</i> We are happy to announce that Lynn Young will be the new SRE Coordinator for 2020. We wish her all the best as she takes up this new role.</p> <p>Sincere thanks to <b>Michael &amp; Toni Gulli</b> for donating a cupboard for the Piety Store to promote the devotion to St. Padre Pio.</p> <p>Sincere thanks to <b>all who contributed</b> to the Fire Fighters' Fundraising appeal last weekend. We raised \$2916 and along with the parish contribution, <b>we donated \$3000 to the Fire Fighters Relief Fund.</b> We continue praying for rain and for all those affected by the bush fires.</p>	<p><b>HAND MADE ITEMS FOR SALE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE SISTERS OF ST. ELISABETH CONVENT IN BELARUS</b></p> <p>The Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent will be visiting our parish on 22 &amp; 23 January. They provide spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults. They run a TB clinic, a rehabilitation center for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and a rehabilitation facility for females released from jail, the homeless and mentally challenged women. Many struggling people get a chance to tackle their problems and start a new life with God.</p> <p>Many of these people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God, working together with the nuns and sisters, making beautiful articles with love and prayer. Items range from: hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts and vestments.</p> <p>Their handmade items will be for sale on the dates below and proceeds of sale will go to the Sisters in support of their ministries. Thank you for your support.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, 22 January</b>  7:00pm Mass and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  <b>Thursday, 23 January</b>  9:00am Mass</p>
<p><b>PARISH PRAYER GROUP</b>  The Parish Prayer group resumes  <b>Date:</b> This Wednesday 15 January 2020.  <b>Time:</b> 8.45am.  <b>Place:</b> Church  <i>All are welcome</i></p>	<p><b>OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES</b>  <b>These courses will commence in early February 2020.</b>  Forms are available on the Welcome Table. Please consider serving in the Church through ministry.  Filled in forms can be handed to the office or to Fr Suresh.  For more info: please contact 8838 3456  or email: <a href="mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org">anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org</a></p>
<p><b>FIRST SACRAMENT OF Penance AND RECONCILIATION: LETTER &amp; FORM AVAILABLE</b>  The forms for the First Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation are <b>due in to the parish office by 31 January 2020.</b> These forms are available on the Welcome Table, the parish website and from the parish office. This Sacrament will be held on <b>17 March</b> for Catholic children in Year 3 and above.</p>	<p><b>'TAP AND GO' MACHINE</b>  We have a 'Tap &amp; Go' machine, next to the candle stand, to make it easier for anyone who would like to make a donation via card. The machine is set to \$5. If more would like to be donated, multiple taps can be made to the amount that the person wishes to donate.</p>
<p><b>HOME BLESSING &amp; VISIT</b>  If you would like your home blessed at the beginning of a new year, kindly fill out a Home Visit Request Slip, found at the Welcome Table and please hand it in to the parish office.</p> <p><b>MASS WAS OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them</li> <li>- Stella &amp; Joseph Aaron, Ken Gaudoin</li> </ul> <p><b>Recently deceased:</b> Greg Steven  <b>Death Anniversary:</b> Patricia Dawn Graham</p> <p><b>Special Intentions:</b> <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, 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, Lynn Young.</p>	







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