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Sunday 23 February 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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,

There has never been a time wherein faithful people have been persecuted as now. Millions live under constant fear and danger to their lives. Day after day we hear news on the kidnappings, killings and vandalising. We wonder when this situation will change and how can we help to change it.

In spite of the persecutions, the Church keeps growing in many parts of the world. The faith lives in the hearts of the people not in the structures or systems. The faith is gifted from God and no one can destroy it. In the Gospel of this weekend, Jesus speaks of turning the other cheek when we are slapped on one. He wants of us to be generous to the people who robs us. At times, it is very hard to accept since we feel that this is injustice done to them. The answer comes in the second reading of today.

*Do you not know that you are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

*If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person;
for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.*

St. Paul teaches us to leave it to God when we are persecuted. In the Magnificat, Mother Mary reminds us, that God scatters the proud hearted and raises the lowly. No one can hide behind the compassionate God after doing injustice to His Children as He is also a Just God! Let us keep on being good to those who hurt us. We may not be capable of giving them the justice but God will. He is our protector. He is our refuge.

There is certain beauty in being kind to those who persecute us. This kindness gives us our identity of being called Christians. We are children of God and we will be Blessed if we listen to Jesus.

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/_P51.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 THREE THE SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Article 7: THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Marriage under the regime of sin

1606 Every man experiences evil around him and within himself. This experience makes itself felt in the relationships between man and woman. Their union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation. This disorder can manifest itself more or less acutely, and can be more or less overcome according to the circumstances of cultures, eras, and individuals, but it does seem to have a universal character.

1607 According to faith the disorder we notice so painfully does not stem from the nature of man and woman, nor from the nature of their relations, but from sin. As a break with God, the first sin had for its first consequence the rupture of the original communion between man and woman. Their relations were distorted by mutual recriminations;⁹⁶ their mutual attraction, the Creator's own gift, changed into a relationship of domination and lust;⁹⁷ and the beautiful vocation of man and woman to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth was burdened by the pain of childbirth and the toil of work.⁹⁸

1608 Nevertheless, the order of creation persists, though seriously disturbed. To heal the wounds of sin, man and woman need the help of the grace that God in his infinite mercy never refuses them.⁹⁹ Without his help man and woman cannot achieve the union of their lives for which God created them "in the beginning."

Marriage under the pedagogy of the Law

1609 In his mercy God has not forsaken sinful man. the punishments consequent upon sin, "pain in childbearing" and toil "in the sweat of your brow,"¹⁰⁰ also embody remedies that limit the damaging effects of sin. After the fall, marriage helps to overcome self-absorption, egoism, pursuit of one's own pleasure, and to open oneself to the other, to mutual aid and to self-giving.

1610 Moral conscience concerning the unity and indissolubility of marriage developed under the pedagogy of the old law. In the Old Testament the polygamy of patriarchs and kings is not yet explicitly rejected. Nevertheless, the law given to Moses aims at protecting the wife from arbitrary domination by the husband, even though according to the Lord's words it still carries traces of man's "hardness of heart" which was the reason Moses permitted men to divorce their wives.¹⁰¹



1611 Seeing God's covenant with Israel in the image of exclusive and faithful married love, the prophets prepared the Chosen People's conscience for a deepened understanding of the unity and indissolubility of marriage.¹⁰² The books of Ruth and Tobit bear moving witness to an elevated sense of marriage and to the fidelity and tenderness of spouses. Tradition has always seen in the Song of Solomon a unique expression of human love, a pure reflection of God's love - a love "strong as death" that "many waters cannot quench."¹⁰³

⁹⁶ Cf. ⇒ Gen 3:12. ⁹⁷ Cf. ⇒ Gen 2:22; ⇒ 3:16b. ⁹⁸ Cf. ⇒ Gen 1:28; :/]; ⇒ 3:16-19. ⁹⁹ Cf. ⇒ Gen 3:21. ¹⁰⁰ :/]; ⇒ Gen 3:16, 19.

¹⁰¹ Cf. ⇒ Mt 19:8; ⇒ Deut 24:1. ¹⁰² Cf. ⇒ Hos 1-3; ⇒ Isa 54; ⇒ 62; ⇒ Jer 2-3; ⇒ 31; ⇒ Ezek 16; ⇒ 23; ⇒ Mal 2:13-17. ¹⁰³ ⇒ Song 8:6-7.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK ONE 01 MARCH

Mass Time	5:30PM	7:30AM	9:30AM
Mass Coordinator	Deb Sands	Lynn Young	Therese Baker
Acolyte Senior Server	John Ward Guy Sands Deb Sands	Martin Warda	David Baker Dave Williams Coley White
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist	+ Sybil Chalice	Jan Fontana Pat Canderle	Therese Baker Maria Holy
Altar Server	ASI ISU	CWA JPE	KSI SRO JBA SBA
Welcome & Hospitality	Annet Sijo Joanne D'Agostino	Agnes Forwood Mary Catania	Mel & Lily Jayachandran + Bethany Students
Commentator	+	Bev Croft	Bethany (student or teacher)
Reader	Sandra Galea Zon Lupisan	Ajumol Alexander Trish Warda	Bethany Students
Music	YFC Choir		Parish Children's Choir
PowerPoint Operator	Choir Member	Meghan Warda	Choir Member
Children's Liturgy			+
Baptism Hospitality	Therese Baker	Baptism Acolyte David Baker	
Cleaning Teams	Saturday 29 February	Team Five	Volunteers needed

<p>THANK YOU to all who contributed to the sponsorship of SRE books. We raised \$323.60. If anyone would still like to contribute, please leave the donation at the parish office. God bless you!</p>	<p>LITURGICAL CALENDAR</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>Sunday 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48</p> <p>Wednesday 26 ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR</p> <p>Wednesday 26 No Parish Prayer Group</p> <p>Thursday 27 Friendship Group after 9:00am Mass All welcome for a cuppa & a chat</p>
<p>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 25 February</p> <p>Place: Toni & Michael Gulli 9 Windorra Ave, Glenmore Park</p> <p>Contact: Elvie on 0412 397 671 if you are interested in hosting the Rosary Prayer Group.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">LENT</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, 26 February. It is a day of fast and abstinence. <i>There will be two Masses:</i> 9:00am: Bethany students will also attend this Mass 7:00pm: (please note that there will not be a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help during this Mass).</p> 
<p>PARISH WORKING BEE</p> <p>Date: This Saturday 29 February</p> <p>Time: after the 9am Mass.</p> <p>We are hoping that many can assist with this working bee, to prepare the Church and its surrounds for Lent. Those who can, are kindly asked to write their contact details on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table. Thank you.</p>	<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p> <p>When: Every Friday in Lent, starting this Friday 28 February</p> <p>Time: 7:00pm There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table for volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to walk with Jesus through His Passion and death.</p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL FOOD EXPERIENCE- PARISH FUNDRAISER-NEXT SUNDAY</p> <p>Date: 01 March, after the 7.30am Mass & 9.30am Mass</p> <p>Type of Food: Indian & Sri Lankan</p> <p>The Indian & Sri Lankan communities are kindly invited to donate food for this parish fundraiser and are encouraged to wear their cultural outfits. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table for people to write what food they can bring. Food can be dropped off between 7.30am & 8am at the Church. Thank you.</p>	<p>LENTEN SUNDAY READINGS</p> <p>The Lenten Sunday readings will be reflected on during the Parish Prayer Group. You are invited to take part as preparation for the season of Lent and Easter. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>When: every Wed, 8.45am in the Church (except on 26 Feb) Please note there will not be the Parish Prayer Group on Ash Wednesday due to the Ash Wednesday 9am Mass.</p>
<p>REMINDER</p> <p>A gentle reminder to wear your Sunday Best for the weekend Masses on the first weekend in March.</p> <p>When: 29 Feb & 01 March</p> <p>Wearing your Sunday best is for all Masses on every first weekend each month (Please ensure that attire is decent)</p>	<p>PLEASE NOTE:</p> <p>The Stations of the Cross will take place instead of the First Friday Mass. These will be followed by the usual All-Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.</p> <p>When: Friday 06 March</p> <p>Time: Stations of the Cross start at 7pm.</p>
<p>AUTUMN EMBER DAY: SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE: FRIDAY 06 MARCH</p> <p>Ember Days mark the beginning of each of the four seasons, where the Church prays to the Lord for the various needs of humanity, especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labour and to give thanks to Him publicly. This has been observed in the Roman Church since the fifth century.</p>	<p>RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX AND HER PARENTS TO VISIT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL</p> <p>When: 04 March from 9.30pm till 6.15am for overnight veneration. The relics are expected to leave the Cathedral at 6:15am the following day for the Diocese of Broken Bay. Books and various items will be available for purchase.</p>
<p>GRACE: A Lenten Reflection Book containing short daily reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions. Contact: 4222 2411 or orders@dow.org.au</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 - Philomena Bartholomeusz <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, Lucia Longo, Kenneth Borlongan, Candida Irugalbandara, Bridgette Grech, Arno Struzina, Malcolm Maitland, Frank Azzopardi, Virginia Santos, Ian Wallace, Herb Middlebrook, William Chalice, Antonio Sulfaro, Pierina Sulfaro, Ken Player, Bandula De Silva, Leanne Gately, Joe Catania, Domenica Rossetto, Marta Pereira.</p>



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