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Sunday 08 March 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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 followed by Adoration till

9:00am Saturday

(3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet)

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,

Transfiguration of the Lord reminds us of Jesus' divinity. We are about to go into the Paschal Mystery of Christ, that is, His suffering, death and resurrection. God's plan of salvation must be fulfilled in this manner. Jesus takes three of His close collaborators to the high mountain. Peter, James and John were those disciples. These same disciples will be present with Jesus again at the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was about to go into His suffering.

When the Glory of God was shone around them at the Transfiguration, Peter wanted Jesus to remain in His glory and power. He proposes to Jesus that he prepares three tents for Jesus and the prophets Moses and Elijah. The appearance of Moses and Elijah is a clear evidence that Jesus is the culmination of the Law and the Prophets. He is the fulfilment of all the laws and prophecies.

Jesus was acknowledged by God the Father at the time of His baptism at the river Jordan saying, 'this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to Him'. God the Father reminds them again at Mount Tabor with similar words by saying, "this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to Him". Here, God's emphasis on listening to Jesus is very important. Listening to Jesus in our way of life, in decision making, in our family life and individual life is important. When we don't listen to Jesus things will go wrong in our lives.

Transfiguration is for God whereas transformation is for us human beings. We need to transform our lives constantly by following the precepts of God in order to lead a holy life. As we are in the Lenten season, let us make use of this season of Grace in order to return to God and make amendments in our lives that will enable us to live our lives in such a way that it gives praise to 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/_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
 - I. Marriage in God's Plan

Marriage in the Lord

1617 The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath¹¹¹ which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant.¹¹²

Virginity for the sake of the Kingdom

1618 Christ is the center of all Christian life. the bond with him takes precedence over all other bonds, familial or social.¹¹³ From the very beginning of the Church there have been men and women who have renounced the great good of marriage to follow the Lamb wherever he goes, to be intent on the things of the Lord, to seek to please him, and to go out to meet the Bridegroom who is coming.¹¹⁴ Christ himself has invited certain persons to follow him in this way of life, of which he remains the model:

"For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it."¹¹⁵

1619 Virginity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven is an unfolding of baptismal grace, a powerful sign of the supremacy of the bond with Christ and of the ardent expectation of his return, a sign which also recalls that marriage is a reality of this present age which is passing away.¹¹⁶




1620 Both the sacrament of Matrimony and virginity for the Kingdom of God come from the Lord himself. It is he who gives them meaning and grants them the grace which is indispensable for living them out in conformity with his will.¹¹⁷ Esteem of virginity for the sake of the kingdom¹¹⁸ and the Christian understanding of marriage are inseparable, and they reinforce each other:

Whoever denigrates marriage also diminishes the glory of virginity. Whoever praises it makes virginity more admirable and resplendent. What appears good only in comparison with evil would not be truly good. the most excellent good is something even better than what is admitted to be good.¹¹⁹

¹¹² Cf. DS 1800; ⇒ CIC, Can. 1055 # 2. ¹¹³ Cf. ⇒ Lk 14:26; ⇒ Mk 10:28-31. ¹¹⁴ Cf. ⇒ Rev 14:4; ⇒ 1 Cor 7:32; Mt 2:56. ¹¹⁵ ⇒ Mt 19:12. ¹¹⁶ Cf. ⇒ Mk 12:25; ⇒ 1 Cor 7:31. ¹¹⁷ Cf. ⇒ Mt 19:3-12. ¹¹⁸ Cf. LG 42; PC 12; OT 10. ¹¹⁹ St. John Chrysostom, De virg. 10, 1 PG 48, 540; Cf. John Paul II, FC 16.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK 3 14/15 MARCH

Mass Time	5:30PM	7:30AM	9:30AM
Mass Coordinator	HELP NEEDED	Maureen Klingner	Elvie Williams
Acolyte Senior Server	John Ward Farley Bartholomeuz	Glenn Kopps Maria Cimafranca	Brad Wilkinson Coley White Joe Badrov
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Peter McGann +	Charmaine Cobol Pat Canderle	Cristina Cignarella Gilbert Grech Melanie Elmer
Altar Server	MPR TST JXA NXA	AMA JPE	AWH ABA NBA
Welcome & Hospitality	HELP NEEDED	Maureen Klingner Georgina Rastegorac Jacinta Rastegorac	Gilbert Grech Natalie Wilkinson Kylie Sultana
Commentator	Phil Walsh	Trish Warda	Melanie Elmer
Reader	HELP NEEDED Mary Refalo	Meghan Warda Maria Aquilina	Gilbert Grech Margaret Rooney
Music	Daily Bread Choir	Bruce Murray	Padre Pio Choir
PowerPoint Operator	Macy Almer	+	Hannah Wilkinson
Children's Liturgy			Vanessa Gale
Baptism Hospitality	Ajumol Alexander & Kylie Sultana		Baptism Acolyte Coley White
Cleaning Teams	Saturday	Team Two	HELP NEEDED

<p>WELCOME TO BISHOP VINCENT LONG to our parish!</p>	<p>LITURGICAL CALENDAR</p>
<p>PLEASE NOTE: NEW PARISH PHONE NUMBER: 4789 2232</p>	<p>MARCH Sunday 08 Second Sunday of Lent Year A Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9</p>
<p>NEW DIRECTIVES FROM THE DIOCESE Due to the Coronavirus, the Diocese has issued new directives regarding the distribution of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is to be distributed only on the hand. Thank you for your co-operation. More information is available on the Diocesan website: https://parracatholic.org/virus/</p>	<p>NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR Wednesday 11 8:45am Parish Prayer Group Thursday 12 Friendship Group after 9:00am Mass All welcome for a cuppa & a chat</p>
<p>HELP NEEDED We require the help of a structural engineer to assess the bell tower. If anyone can help with this, please contact the parish office via email: glenmorepark@parracatholic.org Thank You.</p>	<p>LENT</p> <p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS When: Every Friday in Lent 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>PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES are available on the Welcome Table. Please take one with you for your sacrificial offering during Lent. More information can be found on the posters pinned to the noticeboards.</p> 	<p>LENTEN SUNDAY READINGS 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>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP Date: Tuesday 10 March Place: Amanda & Scott Morgan 27 Linara Circuit, Glenmore Park Contact: Elvie on 0412 397 671 if you are interested in hosting the Rosary Prayer Group.</p> 	<p>When: every Wednesday, 8.45am in the Church</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) in preparation for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum Date: Tuesday 31 March Time: 7pm Place: Church. Please note this date in your diary.</p>
<p>WEEKEND MASS ROSTERS We have many wonderful people who volunteer for a ministry at our weekend Masses. We are in need of many more volunteers. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help at our Masses. For those who are already on the rosters PLEASE check your email at least once each week and inform the MC or Lynn Young (liturgy@padrepio.org.au) if you cannot be at your Mass. Thank You</p>	<p>DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD 2020 The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day when Our Lord Jesus Christ was conceived in Our Lady's womb. We remember the dignity of the unborn and the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion. A prayerful street procession will take place through the streets of Sydney. When: 29 March 2020 Time: 12pm. Procession leaves St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney Ends at 1.30pm back at the Cathedral, for Benediction. https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/event/day-of-the-unborn-child-2020/</p>
<p>SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS (SREs) Scripture is taught to the children in our Government Schools on Tuesday & Thursday. Sadly, we have 2 Year 6 classes without a teacher. There is also a need for people to help the SREs in the classroom. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to help.</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 - Stella & Joseph Aaron, Ken Gaudoin <p>Recently Deceased: Keith Cavanagh, Judy So, William Chalice. The funeral for William Chalice will take place on Tuesday 10 March at 10.30am at St. Padre Pio Parish.</p> <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, Antonio Sulfaro, Pierina Sulfaro, Ken Player, Bandula De Silva, Leanne Gately, Joe Catania, Domenica Rossetto, Marta Pereira, Merleen Emberson.</p>	



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- 1. Tasmania: March 2020.** Only 3 couples left! Be quick and call Monica Ledger - 9896 0712 or 0414 859386.
- 2. Gorgeous Hawaii: September 2020.** Join us on a hilarious escorted tour: **Honolulu - Pearl Harbour Polynesian Culture - Maui - Hilo - Kona - Kauai.** Call Paul Vassallo: 9666 6684, Mob: 0416 951 502.
- 3. NEW TOUR: East Canada & USA: July 2020. Boston - Montreal - Quebec - Ottawa - Kingston - Toronto - Niagara Falls - Washington - New York.** Call Charlie - 9631 2689 or 0412 523 893.
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