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Sunday 14 November 2021

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH WEEKLY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass

MONDAY

No Mass & Office closed

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass
Novena to St Padre Pio
9:30am Sacrament of Penance
5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

BAPTISMS

11:30am
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays
Please contact the Parish Office.
Presentation Mass & Baptism
Information morning are held every
4th Sunday

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

8:00pm Adoration - 9:00am Saturday
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP (2022)

9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years
Bethany Catholic Primary School Hall
Contact Joanne D'Agostino, via the
Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish office or find
the information on the parish website.

Dear Friends,

'Where do we come from and where do we go from here?' Is there life after death? Is there life out there? Such questions always puzzled human thinking. Philosophers and thinkers have tried to answer these unanswered questions. We keep thinking about such notions. There are so many limitations in science to answer these ever-growing questions. When science cannot answer, the faith comes to our rescue.

In the Gospel of today, we see Jesus talking about the end of the world. He speaks of the fearful signs that will appear when the Son of God returns. Jesus is talking about these to strengthen our resolve to be prepared and not to frighten us. He wants of us to believe in the Son of God and in His words. Heaven and earth will pass away but His words will never pass away until its purpose is achieved.

Another question that remains unresolved is when will the world end? Only God knows. Yes, only God knows. Not even the Son in His humanity knows it. God began this world and He will end it when He returns in His glory. The second coming of Christ should prepare us to welcome Him at any time. So, we need to be ready. We cannot find any excuse for not being ready.

Are we prepared to welcome Him? Life is unpredictable and constantly changing. Only God is unchanging. So, how do we prepare? First of all, we need to make God as the topmost priority in our lives. Everything else is secondary. We need to live our lives in such a way, that it pleases God always. We too need to love one another to the best of our ability. Let us not postpone things in our lives. The best thing that we can give to one another is LOVE. The world is deprived of true love. At times, we don't even consider those who love us as we take them for granted. Let us acknowledge wholeheartedly if someone loves us unconditionally.

Finally, we need to trust the word of God always. Everything mentioned in the Holy Scripture will be fulfilled. It has happened in the past and it will happen in the future.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar

Parish Priest

Regarding the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (VAD) 2021

Currently, there is a Bill in front of the New South Wales Parliament called **Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (VAD) 2021** introduced by Alex Greenwich, MP. This Bill is in the process of being debated on, over the coming days and weeks. There is a lot of hype about this Bill from the public and certain MP's, making the Bill sound as this is the answer to what society needs to end the pain for the terminally ill-to provide assisted suicide. The media is one sided about this issue. They have not been portraying the truth about VAD. An informed decision is one who researches, looks at history and current events and is after finding the truth. History has proven, and by looking at countries where voluntary assisted dying and euthanasia laws have been passed, like Sweden, Netherlands, Canada, etc that VAD and euthanasia is definitely NOT the answer to end the pain of the terminally ill and is NOT what society needs. VAD/euthanasia can and have been used for ulterior motives, not for the "benefit" of the patient but rather for selfish or ulterior motives of others. Last Thursday, we remembered the fallen who gave their lives so that we have a better country, freedom, life and the values that they fought and died for. ***The Government should focus on End-of-life care, provide adequate funding in NSW for palliative care, which will also create jobs and help boost the economy. Palliative care is highly effective and upholds the dignity and importance of each person.***

More information about the VAD Bill 2021 is posted on the Noticeboards.

The below information is resourced from Right to Life NSW. It sheds light about the dangers of VAD and euthanasia laws:

It's a Slippery Slope

The international experience is that once these schemes are introduced there is pressure to relax safeguards and the scheme expand to include persons they were never intended to cover. The massive expansion of the scope of the Canadian assisted suicide scheme is further evidence of the slippery slope. Canada only passed its legislation in 2018 but the recent report showed that there 7,595 assisted suicides in 2019, accounting for 2.5% of all deaths in Canada, rising at an annual rate of 34%. If this rate of assisted suicide applied in NSW, there would be 1,400 assisted suicides per year.

Wrongful deaths

There is a lot of information but here's a little snippet. New data from Canada shows a shocking number of wrongful deaths:

- 4,120 Canadians were euthanised because they had cancer but with no discussion with an oncologist about this course of action;
- 2,650 people were euthanised who perceived they were a burden on their family, friends or caregivers;
- 1,373 people were euthanised who requested that their lives be ended because they felt isolated and lonely;
- 1,253 were euthanised with non-terminal conditions
- 227 people were euthanised because they were frail;
- 322 people were euthanised who needed disability support services but did not receive them;
- 126 people who needed, but could not access, palliative care were given access to euthanasia; 59 people who the practitioner assessed as requesting a lethal injection "voluntarily" determined 'informed consent' without directly consulting with the person.

People feeling like a burden & Elder Abuse

There is a real risk that persons who are elderly and dying might activate the assisted suicide process out of a sense of being a burden to their family. There is also the risk that some family members might encourage such a perception for financial motives. Elder abuse can take many forms through subtle emotional pressure, to direct coercion. In the case of the situation of a vulnerable person experiencing a terminal illness, the incentives of the suffering person and the beneficiaries of their estate are in direct conflict.

Vulnerable people with mental illness

The last attempt to legislate euthanasia in NSW excluded people with mental illness. The Greenwich bill does not. There is a strong risk that dying people with mental illness will activate the assisted suicide process as a result of their mental infirmity rather than a decision relating solely to their primary medical condition. The evidence from the overseas jurisdiction is that demand for access to assisted suicide for those with mental illness has increased dramatically. David Kissane, Professor of Psychiatry, Monash University Professor of Palliative Care Research, University of Notre Dame Australia, has indicated the risks to persons with mental illness of assisted suicide, in his submission to the WA Parliamentary Inquiry stating: "Depression and demoralization in the medically ill are common reasons that bring about a desire to die. This is confirmed by Australian studies. Depression and demoralization often pass underdiagnosed and undertreated in oncology and palliative care. Depression and demoralization have a significant impact on decision-making capacity, and if unrecognised, the vulnerable are put at grave risk by VAD legislation."

What can be done in regard to opposing this Bill in the NSW Government?

- Fill in this short Online Questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XRQNHFZ> On 19 October 2021, the NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Law and Justice commenced an inquiry into the provisions of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021. The Questionnaire ends on 22 November.
- Write to the MP's: <https://righttolifensw.org.au/framework-for-writing-a-letter-to-a-politician/>
- Raise awareness of the possible consequences if the Bill was to pass.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

These are available on the pews and the Welcome Table. Please use them to offer Mass for the faithful departed. We ask that you **PRINT** the names of loved ones neatly (only one name on each line). Use more than one envelope if needed. Suggested donation is \$20.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Please pray for the candidates who will be receiving their **Confirmation: 14 November & 21 November, 2:00pm**
May God continue to always be their guide through the reception of the Sacraments.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

The parish is inviting boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion, to consider becoming an altar server and serve during the Mass. It is a great way to get involved in ministry and training will be provided. Parents of interested children, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

CUSHIONS ON KNEELERS

Recently, we had cushions placed on the remainder of the kneelers in the Church. It is very important that these are looked after. A reminder to please avoid putting your feet on the cushions, and please take care that children do not walk or draw on them, or poke them with objects. Thank you.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR**November:**

Sunday 14 Thirty Third Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B
Readings: Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark 13:24-32

November:

Tuesday 16 St Gertrude, Virgin
Wednesday 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: 27 & 28 NOVEMBER

No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation to this Appeal will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal on the 27 & 28 November.

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES

The Office for Worship is running the Diocesan Liturgical Ministry Courses again in Blacktown or in Penrith, from mid-February onwards. It is for people wishing to become a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Give Holy Communion to the sick and dying or become a Minister of the Altar. If anyone would like to be involved in any of these ministries, please speak to Fr Suresh.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK ONE 2021

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Help Needed	Lynn Young	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Help Needed	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Help Needed 2. Phil Walsh	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
CLEANING TEAM	*Doris Cutajar *Paula Harris *Mel Gaudoin *Josephine Caruana *Rani Pulikkal		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK TWO 2021

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Gilbert Grech 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Marg Rooney	1. Rani Pullikal 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Mary & Frank Mifsud *Lupisan Family *Merley Gearin *Antionette Manna *Cheryl Bowen		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK THREE 2021

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Help Needed	Lynn Young	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Farley Bartholomeusz
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Lynn Young 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Regina Rossetto 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Mel Gaudoin *John & Leanne Gately Help Needed		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR 2021

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Help Needed	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Reginald Vibar	1. Bev Croft 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Help Needed 2. Help Needed
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CLINIC HOURS:
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