



# ST. PADRE PIO PARISH GLENMORE PARK

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**Sunday 26 December 2021**

## CHRISTMAS AND THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

**Year C**

### 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.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** \*Sign in with QR  
Code \*Wear a mask \*Use Hand sanitiser

Our Saviour is here to save us and our world through us.

The Saviour has been born to us. The “great reset” has started. No human being need be called ‘forsaken’ or ‘abandoned’ but God’s delight. Because he came among us, humanity has found favour with God. He will not be silent or grow weary until integrity dawns on us and salvation flames like a torch.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ, God from the beginning of time, is the Word through whom all things were. He took flesh in the lowly handmaiden (Mary) and dwelt among us. All who received him he gave power to be the children of God and from him we (all) who believe have received of his fullness grace upon grace.

He is the mighty God, the wonderful counsellor and prince of peace. Though of human stock by the Virgin’s birth, he understands the weakness of humanity, he sympathises with us as our head and redeemer. His coming fills us with new hope and renewed vigour. The story of our society and world for nearly two years has been unsettling. No time has humanity been shaken, frustrated, and agitated in the recent past as now. Spiritism and conspiracies have hijacked an unfortunate event and unscrupulous people are making a living out of the plight of humanity to the detriment of all.

The agents of darkness can only operate for a while but will certainly be startled and put to flight like chaff before the wind. The genealogy of Christ’s birth registers a chequered history. The unpleasantness of the lineage was overshadowed or swallowed in the light of heaven and grace – I bring you a news of great joy to be shared by the whole people, the Saviour has been born.

Beloved friends, he has pitched his tent among us. In our world today, the new stable is made visible in the lives of the saints and the just. As the beloved children of God, let us make room for him in our hearts, homes, and for our neighbours who need our comforting words and affection. Let us go all out, summoned by his light, and equipped by his grace to renew the face of our society and world defaced by selfishness. Let us worship him in spirit and truth by opening the world to his truth, to all that is good and to Christ. Let us come to the compelling service of those who are marginalised and all who earnestly await us. May we flood our society with his light and rid from among us every kind of self-inflicted slavery. Living daily in the light of his face means no situation is irredeemable.

**“Arise shine for thy light is come.” May his glory dwell in our land.**

Fr. Chukwunonyerem Akamadu

From <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/holy-family-20564>

### **Why do we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family?**

This feast day honours Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for all Christian families. They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.

*“Dear brothers and sisters, let us look to the Holy Family of Nazareth (Jesus, Mary & Joseph) as an example for all Christian and human families.”* - St. John Paul II

### **What does the Catholic Church say about family?**

The Church considers the Holy Family as the ultimate model for family life. Pope St. John Paul II writes, For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an intimate community of life and love; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small "domestic church" that must shine with the Gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model for every home.

In *Familiaris Consortio*, the Pope writes,

The family, which is founded and given life by love, is a community of persons: of husband and wife, of parents and children, of relatives. Its first task is to live with fidelity the reality of communion in a constant effort to develop an authentic community of persons.

The inner principle of that task, its permanent power and its final goal is love: without love the family is not a community of persons and, in the same way, without love the family cannot live, grow and perfect itself as a community of persons.

### **What importance does the Catholic Church place on the family?**

The family is the building block of society, and it is through the family that children should learn about God and the faith. Likewise, the parents learn from their children. St. Zélie Martin, the mother of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, said,

When we had our children, our ideas changed somewhat. We lived only for them. They were all our happiness and we never found any except in them. In short, nothing was too difficult and the world was no longer a burden for us. For me, our children were a great compensation, so I wanted to have a lot of them in order to raise them for Heaven.

Her husband, St. Louis Martin, said, “It’s this beauty [family] that brings us closer to Him.” This is another aspect of family life—through the love of our family, we can better understand the love of the Trinity.

Finally, the family unit is important to the Church and to the whole world. In fact, it would be difficult to overstate the importance of family life in relation to the Church and her mission. In *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope St. John Paul II taught,

Christian marriage and the Christian family build up the Church: for in the family the human person is not only brought into being and progressively introduced by means of education into the human community, but by means of the rebirth of baptism and education in the faith the child is also introduced into God's family, which is the Church.

*“The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society.”* – St. John Paul II

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Parent Letter & Enrolment Form for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2022, are available on the Parish Website and on the Welcome Table.

**CHRISTMAS INFORMATION**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Children are invited to dress up as a Nativity character for all Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve – Friday 24 December**

**6:00pm:** Children’s Mass (carols from 5:30pm)

**8.30pm:** Family Mass (carols from 8pm)

**12:00am:** Mass (Carols from 11:30pm)

**Christmas Day – Saturday 25 December**

**10:00am:** Mass (carols from 9:30am)

**5:30pm:** Mass of Christmas

A gentle reminder that CHRISTMAS DAY is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

**Feast Of The Holy Family**

**Sunday 26 December:**

8:00am & 10:00am: Mass of the Holy Family

**CHRISTMAS OCTAVE:**

Saturday & Sunday Masses as usual.

01/01/2022: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,

Mass 9am. 02/01/2022 Epiphany of the Lord.

Weekday Masses resume from 04 January, 9:00am.

Parish office reopens on 11 January.

First Friday Adoration continues in February.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**December:**

**Sunday 26**

**Feast of the Holy Family - Year C**

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

**Monday 27**

St John

**Tuesday 28**

The Holy Innocents

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in some way or another to making our Christmas celebrations wonderful, to the Christmas Hampers Appeal and to the Orphanage. May God bless you.

**NOTICE FROM THE DIOCESE**

“On 20 March 2020, Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 2 & Catechism 2181 by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. From 15 December 2021, this Decree is now revoked & the Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our Church buildings.”

**ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR 2022 – 25 & 26 DECEMBER**

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
CLEANING TEAM	*Rastegorac Family *Helen Sipeli *Josephine Caruana *Rebekah Gomez		

**ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK ONE 2022 – 01 & 02 JANUARY**

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 2022 – 08 & 09 JANUARY**

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. 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 2022 – 15 & 16 JANUARY**

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. Help Needed 2. Ajumul Alexander	1. Regina Rossetto 2. Help Needed
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CLINIC HOURS:  
Monday-Friday 8am-6pm Saturdays 9am-3pm Public Holidays 9am-1pm

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Dr P Accordi (Male)  
Dr T Murugathas (Male)  
Dr K Singh (Male)

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