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Sunday 05 December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

What is particularly striking, I think, about Luke's presentation of John's message is the care with which he pins it down historically by mentioning all those rulers at the start: from the emperor in Rome to the high priests in Jerusalem.

To relate 'sacred history' to what was going on in the world at large is a distinctive feature of Luke's contribution to Christianity, both in his Gospel and also in his second work, the Acts of the Apostles. Luke in this way pointed the early Church to the world as much as to say, 'It's not all bad out there!' Aspects of the world order at the time, especially the peace and legal structure of the Roman empire could be of assistance to the spread of the Gospel.

So the salvation that John heralds and that Jesus will bring is not something confined to a purely spiritual realm detached from everyday life and history. It comes at a particular time, into a particular place and culture. As it works itself out – beyond the time of Jesus into that of the Church – it will interact with all the cultures that it meets, challenging them and transforming them as it seeks to bring the human race back to its true home in the Kingdom of God.

Beyond the vision of Baruch, what John sees is not just the return of the dispersed Israelites, but the 'way of the Lord'. At the head of the new humanity, restoring it to freedom, will be the figure of Jesus. Those whom he gathers and leads will be 'returned ones,' not now in the physical sense of returnees from exile, but in the biblical sense of 'return' which also denotes conversion of heart.

Once again, this Advent, John summons us to the change of heart whereby the Church becomes ever more deeply the vanguard of a human race making its homecoming to God and its own true humanity. The vocation of the Church, as a whole and its local communities, is to be the 'light of the nations', so 'all humankind may see the salvation of God.'

Scripture Commentary by Fr. Brendan Byrne SJ.

Continued from last week...

From a registered nurse re the Voluntary Assisted/Euthanasia Bill being debated in NSW Parliament

Humanity is about protecting life; it always has been, and it always must be! If we are in the process of dictating death on ourselves what meaning will it hold for the value of life? We are so blinded today by “Our autonomy”, “Our rights”, “Our dignity” and false notions of equality and freedom that we no longer understand the true concept/ essence of these terms. What is dying in a dignified way? There is no dignified dying than dying for another person. So, what kind of dignity are we proclaiming when we are so absorbed in protecting all that is “Mine” and concerns “Me”; do we even pause to consider how it may affect our family, friends or people who look up to us? Are we willing to hold on to life, that your daughter may have the peace of having a mother or a son his father for a little while more; however short, feeble, or miserable that may be? So that they learn and conceive that what is inherent in life is to endure and not to renounce and that it is hope that sustains the very foundations of life which is achieved by gazing beyond the grimaces of time.

I knew a person who was told that he has utmost two months to live before his cancer would kill him, but life surprised him with three beautiful years after which he died peacefully. Imagine if he were to have consented to Euthanasia when he was told he had two months! He would not have the most precious three years of his life which he treasured every day. Quality of life depends on how we perceive it. Life does not mandate us to have full control over everything in our life to enjoy contentment and quality. It is the simplest virtues that we hold that determines the outlook on our lives.

We are in a world of technical and scientific advancements like never before. Something that was not possible yesterday could be possible tomorrow. How are we to explore those possibilities if we are so ready to give up? What is the significance of having all these developments and advancements if there are no people to avail them? We care so much about protecting lives at one end that we are even happy to compromise on our liberties and in the other end constantly searching for venues to end it? How can we justify this? How can the government justify these contradictory norms? If so, we support that whoever is suffering and does not see light at the end of the tunnel can take their lives, then suicide can be legalised too?

I have worked as a mental health nurse for over 12 years. I have seen genuine clients and clients who take advantage of the system. They come saying “I feel like I want to kill myself”, though with much confidence you could say that they just need a place to stay, we still admit them and provide support as we do not want to take the slightest chance of causing harm in anyway and make sure that we do everything in our capacity to preserve their lives. How so then if a mentally depressed client says tomorrow that they are done with the mental torture they go through every day and want to end their life? Now we categorise them as mentally incapacitated rather than giving them the right to suicide. How is it going to be if the Bill is passed? How is it any different to physical pain? They do not see an end to their issue/ depression that they face, they understand fully what it means. How is it any different to a client who is diagnosed with a terminal illness and suffering bodily pain? So, will euthanasia be considered for mentally ill as well? Or if tomorrow a 19-year-old says they are done with their life and does not want to live anymore because of a relationship breakdown, because it means terminal to them and do not want to endure the mental pain of living, are we to say it is right? By what other grounds can we differentiate pain? Because pain is pain whether it is mental or physical and hopelessness is despairing whether it is more days in our lives or the feeling of no life in the future days.

It is then we need to realise the fact that our focus should be about cultivating resilience, tolerance and hope rather than shortcuts to avoid harsh realities. We need to focus on the developing tolerance to see beyond the pain, resilience to feel the possibilities and hope to identify the immaterial concepts of life that forms the very essence of our existence- mutual love and dignity of life. We should invest in finding ways to make life more meaningful to those who suffer the most and plan strategies towards making treatments affordable and means to support those who are torn between the inconsistencies and fragility of life.

To be continued

LEGION OF MARY STARTING IN THE PARISH

Father Suresh has requested that a Legion of Mary group be formed here in the parish. The Legion of Mary members will be present at this weekend’s Masses. They would love to have a chat with you about the Legion Apostolate and how you may like to be involved. Legionaries will be available before and after each Mass outside the Church. If you are not able to stay after Mass for a chat but would still like to enquire, please pick up an information leaflet or else contact the parish office 4789 2232 for further details on your parish Legion of Mary group.



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FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday 8 December 2021, 9:00am Mass, please join us for the Rosary after the Mass.

COMMUNION SERVICE:

Thursday 09 December at 9:00am instead of Mass.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS INFORMATION**WORKING BEE IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

Church Cleaning & Church Decoration.

This **Saturday 11 December**, after 9am Mass.

Please enter this date in your diary as we need as many people as possible to clean & decorate the inside and outside of the Church. Limited cleaning items available, feel free to bring your own. Thank you.

MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 9:00am Mass on **Saturday 18 December**.

ORPHANAGE MEAL & NEW CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN

As you know, Fr Suresh is looking after an orphanage which currently has 45 children. He would like to provide them with a new set of clothes and a three-course meal for Christmas. He is asking the parish community if there would be people who are willing to donate \$45 per child, so the orphans will have new clothes and a 3 course meal this Christmas. The monetary donations can be given to the parish office. *Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR**December:**

Sunday 05 **Second Sunday of Advent - Year C**

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1- 6

Tuesday 07 St Ambrose

Wednesday 08 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ROSTERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

If you can help with our CHRISTMAS MASSES, please add your name to the rosters on the Welcome Table. Thanks.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

After the 9:00am Saturday Masses in December. **Please avail yourself of this sacrament to prepare for Christmas**

ROOSTER MASSES

Dates: 16 December to 24 December Time: 5:00am only
Please note: Sat 19 & Sun 20 December, there will be no 5:00am Rooster Mass. Masses at usual times.

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

8.30pm – Family Mass

12:00am – Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Saturday 25 December

10:00am

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree will be put up during the Working Bee on Saturday 11 December. Everyone is invited to bring non-perishable items and place them under the Christmas Giving Tree **by Sunday 19 December**. These items will go to help families in our community. *Thank you for your generosity.*

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK TWO - 12 DECEMBER 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 – 19 DECEMBER 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 * Susan Guy		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR – 26 DECEMBER 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
CLEANING TEAM	*Rastegorac Family *Helen Sipeli *Josephine Caruana *Rebekah Gomesz		



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CLINIC HOURS:
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