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Sunday 12 December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.

This Sunday in Advent was traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday because of the theme of ‘rejoicing’ that pervades it (‘Gaudete’, the Latin for ‘Rejoice’, being the opening word of the old entrance [‘Introit’] antiphon). The liturgy invites us to rejoice because at the halfway moment of Advent we are aware of how close we are to proximity of the salvation that will come to us at Christmas.

The main theme in the First Reading, from Zephaniah 3:14-18, is ‘Do not fear’; Israel’s God is so close as to be actually already ‘in your midst’. Even more striking perhaps is the assurance that the Lord God ‘will renew you by his love’ and ‘will dance with shouts of joy for you’. Scripture is constantly challenging our image of God. The idea of the Lord God as one who ‘dances with Israel as on a day of festival’ is perhaps novel in Australia – though I have been at liturgies in Africa where everyone, including the clergy, join in the dance. We have lost a great deal by reducing our liturgical celebrations to something so ‘spiritual’ and so cerebral. If Scripture invites us to think of God as dancing with shouts of joy, perhaps we should not be so hesitant to bring our bodies and their capacity for movement back into our celebrations.

Likewise, St Paul insists in the Second Reading, from Philippians 4:4-7, that his community rejoice. Joy stems above all from a sense of being loved. In the Christian community the experience of the Spirit is essentially a sense that one is loved by God and lovingly grasped within God’s saving design (Rom 5:5; 8:15; Gal 4:6-7). Of course, anxieties and worries remain. Paul’s remedy for this is that they be taken to God in prayer. Also, he urges the community to cultivate at all times a sense of thanksgiving. Thanking and blessing God, even for the difficult things that come our way, creates a mysterious sense of peace that is truly the gift of God.

The Gospel, Luke 3:10-18, returns to the preaching of John the Baptist. In response to the people’s query as to how conversion of heart might work itself out in practice, John first offers some concrete suggestions, addressed to three distinct groups: the crowds, tax collectors and soldiers. Beneath the advice in each case is a central Lukan concern: nothing so hinders relationship to God, nothing so dehumanizes human beings and ruins life in community, as attachment to wealth and possessions. In each case John urges justice and generosity. Social justice is always the acid test of true conversion of heart.

Scripture Commentary by Brendan Byrne SJ

ORPHANAGE MEAL & NEW CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN

Photos have been put up next to the Christmas Tree, of Fr Suresh saying Mass with the children from his Orphanage in India. If you wish, you can still donate towards this cause via the parish office or the parish website. Thank you!

Continued from last week...

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

And above all who can guarantee the exact days a person will live and the exact time when a person may die? How would any treating doctor state authoritatively how many more days anyone could live? Life is so frail and flimsy, COVID should have taught us that! The doctor who might state the verdict to the ill that he may not live beyond two months may himself meet an accident and may be dead in the next couple of hours and the person given the verdict may continue to feel a breeze of hope tomorrow with the radiant sun or enjoy soothing of their pain in the eyes of their beloved and may find their moments worthwhile.

How can we confidently determine that we may not change our stance the next minute? We don't see every day the same way, not any moment in our life is the same and that is the uniqueness and preciousness of life. Because we are humans, we think, and think differently every moment and consider every available possibility and as long as we have the flame in us to strive and look for them, our possibilities are infinite and unlimited. How many examples do we need to understand that? We need to remember that it is the pain of not having a beloved one near to hold and love that makes life miserable than any physical pain.

We need to focus on spreading compassionate care for those suffering and need our support that they may be able to see the dignity in their lives and help reflect on their share of hardships and their achievements. Let us instill hope because if there is no hope there is no tomorrow for mankind. There is dignity in human life and there is dignity in dying when you decide to stand up to the harsh blows of life with hope and valour. And then when you die, you pass on what is called principles, values and virtues for the next generation to look up to not emptiness, self-centeredness and ways to quit. Whatever we decide today will affect not only us but our future generations. It will not only affect their choices but their perspectives about life and values.

We need to think gravely about what we are pointing at and what we are hoping to pass on to the generations to come. We always have a choice, that is how God created us. What is important is what we decide to do with our liberty and offices that we hold. It will be history whatever we decide. We common people depend on you politicians to make the right decisions that would concern our lives and the lives of the future Australians. So then, I urge you, men and women in authority, that it may not befall, that your names be written with ones who have made the regrettable decisions pertaining to human life in this beautiful country, but let it be, that you stood for the value and true essence of life and that you did your best to support and enrich human life in every possible way! There is no mercy in Killing!

VISIT OF LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY PILGRIM STATUE

The centenary pilgrim statue of Our Lady from the Legion of Mary is coming to our parish on Tuesday.

This statue is a replica of the image of Our Lady found on the front of the Miraculous Medal and the statue that is present at every Legion of Mary meeting all over the world.

The Legion of Mary have been blessed to be celebrating their centenary year. The first Legion of Mary meeting was on 07 September 1921 at Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin Ireland. Since then, it has spread to every continent.

The Legion of Mary in NSW have chosen to celebrate this wonderful occasion by having a pilgrim statue of Our Lady travel to all the parishes where the Legion of Mary is present. The Legion of Mary would like to express their gratitude to the Glenmore Park Parish as we welcome the pilgrim statue of Our Lady and celebrating with us this wonderful milestone of grace.

A BIG THANK YOU to the men who put up the Christmas lights and to all who came to help with the Working Bee and to decorate the Church for Christmas. God bless you for your generosity, effort, and time to the House of God.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2022
The Parent Letter & Enrolment Form for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2022, are available on the Parish Website and on the Welcome Table.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

ROOSTER MASSES

16 December to 24 December @ 5:00am only.

Please note:

Sat 18 & Sun 19 December, Mass times as normal

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

St Padre Pio Parish:

Saturdays, after the 9:00am Mass

OR St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith:

Tuesday 21st December at 7pm. *Please avail yourself of this Sacrament to prepare for Christmas.*

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 Mass

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

December:

Sunday 12

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

Monday 13

St Lucy

Tuesday 14

St John of the Cross

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree has been put up and all are invited to bring non-perishable items and place them under it by Sunday 19 December. These items will go to help families in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

ROSTERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need many people to help with our Christmas Masses. PLEASE add your name to the roster on the Welcome Table. Thank You

Feast Of The Holy Family – Sunday 26 December

Saturday 25 December: 5:30 Vigil Mass - **Sunday 26 December:** 8:00am & 10:00am Mass

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. 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 2022 – 22 & 23 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. 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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