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**SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Brendan Byrne SJ

With the Gospel of today (Luke 6:39-45) we come to the third major section from Jesus' instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. Where the section set for last week dealt with action towards others, now we seem to have something that is trying to reach deeper: to the wellspring of action found in the human heart. Get the heart – the fundamental attitude – right, Jesus seems to be saying, and all else will follow.

The opening commands not to judge and not to condemn are already bound up with this. They raise the issue of just how difficult it is for people to have the kind of understanding that would really allow them to make judgments of others. The illustrations of one blind person leading another and of attempting to remove the speck in a neighbour's eye when one has a log in one's own eye, again, as is so often the case with Jesus' image and illustrations, exaggerated and humorous. It is so hard to know what is in one's own heart – to recognise the 'plank' that may be there, inhibiting right vision and right judgment. Yet, even with such impediment, we are still so confident that we can see and set about rooting out the failings of others. If God, who really does see the heart, acts with such generosity, understanding and compassion, then that – not judgment and condemnation – should surely be the model for human interaction.

This should certainly be the case within the community of the kingdom. But Jesus may also mean it to apply even to outsiders who persecute and maltreat members of the community (see Paul's handling of this issue in Rom 12:17-21). This leads into a more general reflection on the continuity that must prevail between the heart – the ultimate source of human behaviour – and the external action that flows from it. This has been well prepared for by the short First Reading from Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:4-7, with its swift series of vivid images illustrating how a person's quality can be told from their speech. Where the Old Testament reading goes from speech to heart, the instruction of Jesus, using the image of a tree and its fruits, goes in the opposite direction: from heart to words. But both make the same point: get the heart right and all else falls into place. Religion, and above all judgment made in the name of religion, must proceed from conversion of heart, and a truly humble and accurate appraisal of oneself. Otherwise, it will be simply dangerous and destructive.

The Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, offers the highly rhetorical, festive conclusion of Paul's instruction on the resurrection – more specifically since 15:35 on the possibility of believers sharing in the bodily risen existence of Christ. In the section just preceding Paul has described death as the 'last enemy', the one outstanding force not yet totally subject to the power of the risen Lord. Though death continues, Paul, in a vivid image, asserts that Christ has drawn its 'sting'. That is, that he has overcome that which, like the sting of a poisonous spider, gave physical death power to be eternal death: namely, sin.

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Believers may still die physically but the gift of the Spirit, as a consequence of the resurrection of Jesus, will enable them to live the righteous lives that will ensure their own resurrection and hence death's final conquest (Rom 8:3-17). In this sense the power of the risen Lord operative within them ensures that even now they can claim 'victory'. Paul's long instruction about the resurrection ends on a strong note of encouragement. 'Keep on working', he says, 'at the Lord's work, knowing that in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.' Though so often we seem to be getting nowhere and are tempted to give up, the hope of resurrection means that nothing is valueless, nothing – even failure and seeming defeat – is wasted. It is all part of a great design in which the power of the risen Lord is at work in us, overcoming the forces of death and negativity to reclaim the universe for life and for humanity. Though, as is usually the case, Paul's instruction has little in common with the Gospel, it is very consoling in its own right.

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.

#### **FIRST READING**

Sirach 27:4-7

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality  
of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

***The word of the Lord.***

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

#### **SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Philippians 2:15-16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

**Alleluia!**

#### **GOSPEL**

Luke 6:39-45

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **Communion Antiphon**

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

***"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions, you should only speak to Him with your heart."-St. Padre Pio.***

## PARISH INFORMATION

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (First Reconciliation)

Preparation for First Reconciliation has started in our parish. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during this special time.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent starts this Wednesday 02 March. It is a day of fast and abstinence. There will be two Masses: 9am and 7pm.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**When:** every Friday in Lent, starting on 04 March

**Time:** 7:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table for volunteers who would like to lead the Stations of the Cross.



### FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

*Would you come and spend an hour with me?*

**Friday, 04 March 8:00pm:**

All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins

**3:00am:** The Divine Mercy Chaplet

**9:00am:** Adoration concludes on Saturday with 9:00am Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio. We encourage all parishioners to add their name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome table.

### JANUARY'S INCOME & EXPENDITURE

The income and expenses sheet for January 2022 is on the Church noticeboard.

### OLD PALMS

Please bring in your old palms and place them in the basket on the Welcome Table. These will be burnt and the ash used on Ash Wednesday. *Thank You*

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

**Sunday 27:** Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Year C

#### MARCH

**Wednesday 02:** Ash Wednesday

**Friday 04:** St Casimir

### NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 01 March

**Place:** Teresa Brombal, 3 Woodi Close GP, Glenmore Park

#### LEGION OF MARY MEETING

**Date:** Every Thursday, 6pm

**Place:** Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

### CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY:

#### THIS WEEKEND 26 & 27 FEBRUARY

This year's theme For All Future Generations comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

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### MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS

**Thanksgiving:** Sipin Paul & Family **Deceased:** Rev. Fr. Edmund Njoku, Chimezie Azike, Rocco Stillisano, Avelino Bhundoo, Baby Theo James Sajonia, I Nengah Santika

**Prayers for the Sick:** Maureen Klingner, Georgina Rastegorac, Waled Hana

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered for Thanksgiving, birthdays, recently deceased, death anniversary or prayers for someone who is sick.

### ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR 2022 – 26 & 27 FEBRUARY

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 *Mel Gaudoin		

### ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK ONE 2022 – 05 & 06 MARCH

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
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