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SUNDAY 06 MARCH 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

The Lenten season has begun with Ash Wednesday – though it has left us with more to wonder with the ashes sprinkled on the head – with no marks of bold cross on our faces telling anyone who cared to look at our foreheads what is on. The first Sunday of Lent greets us with the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness after he fasted 40 days and 40 nights. This is reminiscent of the 40 days' journey of Elijah to Mount Horeb and the 40 years journey of the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised Land – journeying with the Lord.

The wilderness experience of the Israelites can be viewed in two fronts: the time of great intimacy with God who carried them on eagle's wings and the time of great expectation (in the wilderness) when they longed to go back to Egypt for the rich food and life it offered them. The book of Deuteronomy says in their wandering days and years, they were cared for by the Lord – till they reached the Promised Land. In the case of Jesus, he was led by the Spirit while Elijah was fed by an angel.

We're invited to journey with the Lord (these 40 days), situating within them our pilgrimage to behold the Lord. This journey like that of Christ, Elijah, and Israel of old is fraught with temptations and or obstacles. These adversaries encountered often leave us unsettled, sometimes frustrated or depressed. Our minds race up and down with too many offers for solutions and the lure to settle for quick-fire solutions is as intense as Sheol. When juxtaposed with the temptations of Jesus Christ, we realise that he suffered and left us an example to emulate. In a world ruled by pragmatism, there is the lure to feel and appear important and powerful. We may want to live for ostentations, what meets and wins the approval of the people – "change these stones into bread". Often blinded by this quest, we lose sight of who we are, and swept off our feet. Consequently, it doesn't really matter how we attain greatness, short-changing oneself or others, defamation or calumny or throwing every principle away.

The crave for power opens the door to lust for earthly goods – "if you worship me, I'll give you the riches of the earth for your heritage". The religion of materialism takes the centre stage, the god of hedonism is worshipped, every effort is geared towards getting what seems to be pleasurable to the senses, the self (human person) is idolised and enthroned. All that matters are riches, fantasies, and pleasures. What satisfies the indulgent self is revered.

Humanity living this way creates an alternate reality – "you" are all that matters; live the way "you" deem fit because Christ has paid for your debts and saved you. What a deception. Humanity is putting God to the test – "jump down from this height ... for he has set his angels charge over you ... that you may not hurt your leg against a stone". The worst deception leading to destructive illusion is uncovered – God's mercy is there for us even when we deliberately reject him. The harsh reality is, what we reject is no longer available – once a bad decision is made, the consequences follow.

Amid this drifting (away) into oblivion, this holy season jolts us to rethink about ourselves in relation to God. When he carried Israel on eagle's wings, the people were catered for. When Christ lived his humanity in relation to his divinity, the angels ministered to him. The times call us to retrace our steps, live for the Lord in trying times and temptations, never to lose the self through the ruse of life offered to us by the world. Remember and live for and by the pillars of this time; prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Fr. Chinonye.

PLEASE TAKE THIS COPY OF THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:
"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

VOLUNTEER CARERS FOR CHILDREN ARE NEEDED

Carers for children aged 0 to 5 years are needed for

Mamre Crèche located at Mamre House,

181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills.

This program is a service of CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, which supports Sudanese Refugee Families. We are looking for motivated, caring people who enjoy interacting with young children and can volunteer some of their time in supporting the staff at the Crèche.

If you are interested, please contact Iolanda Martino, Crèche Co-ordinator, CatholicCare Social Services (02) 8843 2506 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 9am & 2pm) or email iolanda.martino@ccss.org.au

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.

"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

CARITAS

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. You can donate via a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes. These are on the Welcome Table. Donations can also be made online: lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

MARRIED MENTOR COUPLES

Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program.

When: Friday 18th March 7.30pm

Place: Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion St, Blacktown. To book your attendance or to ask further questions please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa 0412280017.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MARCH

Sunday 06: First Sunday of Lent Year C

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Tuesday 08: St John of God

Wednesday 09: St Frances of Rome

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: Every Friday in Lent

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.

NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 08 March

Place: Brennen & Lorraine Muller, 7 South St, GP

LEGION OF MARY MEETING

Date: Every Thursday, 6pm

Place: Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL 2022

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 March

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. *Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan appeal.*

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin, 0403305431 or Marisa, 0412280017

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS

Deceased: Rev. Fr. Edmund Njoku, Chimezie Azike, John & Kelina Scicluna, Maria Farrugia, Stella & Joseph Aaron, Ken Gaudoin

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 ONE 2022 – 05 & 06 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Help Needed	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Freeda Fernandez 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 Help Needed		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK TWO 2022 – 12 & 13 MARCH

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. Help Needed 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Mary & Frank Mifsud *Lupisan Family *Merley Gearin *Antionette Manna *Cheryl Bowen		

HELP NEEDED: Please contact Lynn Young (liturgy@padrepio.org.au) or the Parish Office if you are able to help fill any of the gaps in the roster for Masses. *Thank You*



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Join **Fr Januario Pinto** on a 2-week tour to the **Holy Land** – August 2022.

Join **Monica Ledger** on an 11-day tour to **Western Australia** – early November 2022. Book with Annette Mifsud to Malta and you go in a draw to win your money back!

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