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SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2022

FOURTH 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 Son of Man Helps Us

The First Reading, 1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13, and the Gospel John 9:1-41 present us with the disturbing fact that one of the greatest concerns of people was the outward look. A defect of any kind meant one was sinful. Thus, such a person could not serve any good and was a nuisance to society. They were deemed only good for menial jobs or “good for nothing”. The greatest emphasis was on the appearance which when good, showed how good and favoured one was. This manifested when Samuel was sent to anoint one of the sons of Jesse as the new king of Israel. The drama that ensued could have thrown any of our young stars today into depression – no one considered me because they feel I am not good.

The journey of faith in Christ, for the catechumens and all of us, has the goal of making us stalwarts of faith, transforming us from nobody to somebody. The whole life of the forgotten little boy (David) changed when he was anointed – he became a man after God’s own heart. The life of the man born blind received a new course after Christ anointed his eyes with his spittle – sharing himself with the man. The waters of baptism and the anointing that follows, equally make us a new creation, “the old order is gone and a new being is there to see” 2 Corinthians 5:17. From darkness, we become light and subsequently, advocates of faith. We must ask ourselves, how grounded is our faith in the Son of Man and how far are we ready to go with him? Are we old enough to answer for ourselves? Or are we becoming more tepid because of human respect?

The anointing at baptism leads and brings us to faith in Jesus Christ (the Son of Man). We come to faith in him without seeing him, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” John 20:29. Freed from spiritual blindness, we no longer see things from the point of view of appearance. We look beyond physical appearance, to see the glory and dignity that is embedded in all. We restore that glory when it is distorted and restore the dignity when it is defaced. Anointed by power and Holy Spirit and filled with light to dispel the darkness of error, these times call us to permeate our society with the light and glory of God.

Although he did not know Christ from the beginning, the man (born blind) stood up for him after he received the gift of sight. Even they (Jews) jeered at him – “are you trying to teach us ... you are a sinner through and through ever since you were born” John 9:34 – and drove him out of their town. Despite these demeaning actions, when Jesus found the man, he affirmed his faith in the Son of Man and worshipped him. Beloved friends, our catechumens, let every opportunity that puts our faith to the test be turned into a golden moment to bear witness to Christ for he never abandons his own – “I am with you always; yes, to the end of time” Matthew 28:20.

Fr Chinonye

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

Readings & responses are from Year A due to RCIA Scrutiny.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING (Year A)

Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING (Year A)

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light.

That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL (Year A)

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

NEPEAN HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

The Pastoral Care Department is offering free training to those wanting to be a Pastoral Care Volunteer. They will visit patients within many wards offering spiritual and emotional support on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Training and supervision will be provided. Contact details: 47341675

michael.turner3@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: March 31st, 2022.

You ask me whether I am in good spirits. How could I not be so?

As long as faith gives me strength I will always be joyful! - Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

PARISH INFORMATION

LENT 2022: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There are several opportunities for you to prepare for Holy Week and Easter through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St Padre Pio Parish: 05 April

7:00pm and every Saturday after the 9:00am Mass

Cranebrook Parish: 29 March 7:00pm

Emu Plains Parish: 07 April 7:00pm

Penrith Parish: 07 April 7:00pm

PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible if you are able to donate palms.

E-PETITION RE THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL



Make your voice heard. Sign the E-Petition now. To abolish the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021.

NOW is the time to let the Legislative Council know that all human life has inherent value and that we reject State sanctioned suicide! Spread the word and stand for Life.

THIS WEEKEND: BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support?

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan the QR code on the poster. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MARCH

Sunday 27: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

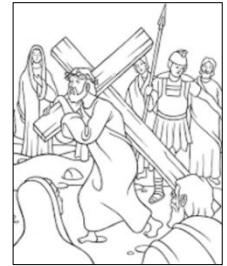
APRIL

Saturday 02: St Francis of Paola

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: Every Friday in Lent

Time: 7:00pm.



NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 29 March

Place: Jorge & Virgie Sasot 19 Allison Drive GP

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY MEETING

Date: Every Thursday, 6pm

Place: Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

Will you spend an hour with me ?

Friday, 01 April

8:00pm: All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am: Adoration will conclude on Saturday with Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio.

We encourage all parishioners including families, to add your names to the sign-up sheets on the Welcome table at the back of the Church. Come and be blessed by God who wants to pour so many graces on us!

WORKING BEE FOR HOLY WEEK SAT 09 APRIL AFTER 9AM MASS

We need as many people as possible to help at the Working Bee. We will be also decorating the Church for Palm Sunday. If you can help, please add your names to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table. Thank you.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS

Deceased: Charles Hage, Lynn Gerardis, Mark Vella, Carmen Camilleri, Genevieve Jereb, Tony Sroba

Prayers for the Sick: Maureen Klingner, Georgina Rastegorac, Waled Hana, John Bender.

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 26/27 MARCH 2022

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
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. Eric Ruiz 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Rastegorac Family *Helen Sipeli *Josephine Caruana *Rebekah Gomesz *Mel Gaudoin		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK ONE 02/03 APRIL 2022

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
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: Please contact 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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