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SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2022

THIRD 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.

Coming to faith.

“Too late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient, O Beauty so new. You were within me, but I was outside myself, and there I sought you! You have sent forth your fragrance, and I have breathed it in, and I long for you. I have tested you and I hunger and thirst for you. You have touched me and I ardently desire your peace”. Confession of St Augustine.

From the above words of St Augustine, one realises that coming to faith in Christ is always preceded by great thirst. When the source and subject of this thirst are not identified, one is reduced to empirical speculations. Sadly though, some may end up with round pegs in square holes. But coming to faith when the source and subject of the thirst are properly identified is something we appreciate and value in our families. However, this is often taken for granted because many of us who became Christians as children were baptised either at the bidding of our parents or grandparents.

In the Gospel pericope of Third Sunday of Lent Year A John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42; the joy of the Samaritan woman coming to faith (in Christ) knew no bounds. She was so overwhelmed with joy that the whole town came to the faith through her witness. This Sunday, we have come to accompany the Catechumens, who are thirsty for God, the living God. More so, together with them, we thirst for the living water that wells up to everlasting life – whosoever drinks from this fountain shall never thirst again.

Brethren, the ceremony of the First Scrutinies reminds us of our vocation to bear witness to the faith. Witnessing can be quiet but effective when we “welcome the Word of God for it really is, the Word of God and not some human thinking”. Therefore, it is only when the Word takes root within us, can we become fruitful. For us to live our vocation (of witnessing) to the fullest, we need to identify the challenges or lifestyle that pose great obstacles to the implanting and taking root of the Word of God in our heart. The Samaritan woman leads the way for us here. She acknowledged her shortcomings (sinfulness), “he told me everything I ever did”. Buttressing this, St Paul warns us about being unrepentant. Furthermore, Jesus says to us; “if you do not repent, you will perish ...”. What do we need to trade-in? Have we identified it/them?

With the Samaritan woman and the Catechumens, let us keep asking from the Lord the living water, the courage to trade-in our sins (because if we conceal them, we will not succeed) for God’s grace. God is the only one who satisfies all our hunger. Outside of him, our lives become like a butterfly that never stops. May we all drink from the well of salvation and never thirst again. Finally, let us become his ambassadors, bringing others who thirst for him in the wrong places, to the living waters.

Fr Chinonye.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

These readings are for Sunday Masses only. Saturday Vigil readings are different due to the RCIA Scrutiny.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 (Year C)

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush.

Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said.

'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2,

**R. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (Year A)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory.

This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:17 (Year C)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9 (Year C)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

**"Do things for people not because of who they are
or what they do in return, but because of who you are."**

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

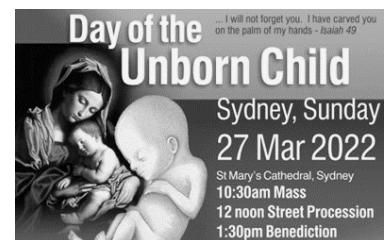
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Closing Date: March 31st, 2022.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

The **Feast of the Annunciation** is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day when Our Lord Jesus Christ was conceived in His mother's womb. We remember the dignity of the unborn and the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the

violence of abortion. A prayerful street procession will take place through the streets of Sydney led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher on 27 March 2022. Time: 10.30am Mass. 12pm: Procession leaves St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Ends at 1.30pm back at St. Mary's Cathedral, for Benediction.



PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (First Reconciliation)

Congratulations to the 63 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Reconciliation) last Tuesday. May you come to know God more and more through this Sacrament.

God bless you and protect you always.

CARITAS - PROJECT COMPASSION

Donations can be made via a Project Compassion box, a set of donation envelopes (both available on the Welcome Table), online: lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.

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.

NEXT WEEKEND- BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MARCH

Sunday 20: Third Sunday of Lent Year C

MARCH

Wednesday 23: St Turibius de Mogrovejo

Friday 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: Every Friday in Lent

Time: 7:00pm.

NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 22 March

Place: Gloria & Anton Malicdem 14 Ferntree Close GP

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY MEETING

Date: Every Thursday, 6pm

Place: Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

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

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

Date: Friday, 01 April

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

3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am: Adoration will finish 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!

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS

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 THREE – 19 & 20 MARCH 2022

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	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. Help Needed 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Regina Rossetto 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Mel Gaudoin *John & Leanne Gately * Susan Guy Help Needed		

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		

**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.

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