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SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass

MONDAY

No Mass and 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

BAPTISMS

11:30am 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
Sundays. Please contact the
Parish Office. Presentation and
Baptism Information morning
are held every 4th Sunday

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

8:00pm – 9:00am Saturday Mass
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

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.

Dear Friends,

First, let me congratulate our children who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May the Holy Spirit fill you with His gifts and guide you all your lives. Congratulations to the parents who rendered a great support in the formation of the children. My sincere thanks to the Sacramental team, Regina Rossetto, Annabelle Bhandoo, Lynn Young and the team of teachers who assisted us in the Sacramental program. They have put in hard work in order to give God experience to our children. Now that they have completed all Sacraments of initiation, we as parents, teachers and parish need to ensure that these little continue grow closer to God in their lives.

PRAYER

The central theme of the Gospel this weekend is Prayer. True Prayer is to connect our hearts to the heart of God. It transcends words, phrases and language. It is a deep profound connection with our God. It varies from person to person. For some people prayer comes very naturally. For some, a little help is needed. Though some people prefer community prayers such as Mass, family Rosary or praise and worship, one must try to find ways and means of individual prayer. It is a God given skill to pray. Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, in other words, He taught them how to talk to Him. The prayer ‘Our Father’ is not merely a bunch of words but rather it is a beautiful expression of love for God in a deepest possible relationship. The very first phrase, ‘Our Father’, indicates the closeness with God. It is a proof that we belong to the family of God.

PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER

God knows what we need even before we ask Him. He is a loving God who cares for His children. At the same time, He prefers us children to make our choices and let Him know of our choices. He will not mess up with our choices. The gifts of intellect and will, give us the freedom to choose. It is because we are made in the image and likeness of God and God loves us as His loving children. We need not go by instincts or being controlled by God. He allows us to grow as free. When we enjoy this freedom, we should always persevere in our prayer lives. Never give up on God come what may. He will never give up on us either! We should begin our day with prayer and end our day with prayer. Praise Him always. We should express our gratitude to Him always.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Give your best time to prayer. Try to concentrate on God by feeling His presence. The highest form of Prayer is the Holy Eucharist. So, make sure that you don’t miss Sunday Mass. Nothing should be replacing the Mass as it is the source and summit of the Christian life. Every Catholic should keep Mass as the topmost priority. No excuses. Family prayer is a must these days to fight the challenges of our lives. The family that prays together will stay together. Holy Rosary is a weapon to fight all sorts of evil things in the world. Let us enjoy talking to God in prayer.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar

Parish Priest

Below is from

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/dominic-savio-543>

SAINTS

Saints are the heroes of the Catholic faith. They lived lives in holiness, dedicated to serving God and spreading His message of salvation. Indeed, many Catholic saints courageously met their deaths simply because of their faith. Today, the saints serve as examples for all Catholics, showing us how to lead a more satisfying, more spiritual life in communion with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They are reminders that this life will come to an end, and only what was done for Christ will have a lasting reward. Each saint's story is a fascinating one. They lived at different times in different places throughout history, but they all shared a love of God that has been meticulously documented through the teachings of the Catholic Church.

St. Dominic Savio

Here is a boy-saint who died at the age of fifteen, was one of the great hopes of St. John Bosco for the future of his congregation, and was canonized in 1954.

He was one of ten children of Carlo and Birgitta Savio. Carlo was a blacksmith and Birgitta was a seamstress. When Don Bosco was looking for young men to train as priests for his Salesian Order, his parish priest suggested Dominic Savio. Dominic became more than a credit to Don Bosco's school—he single-handedly organized those who were to be the nucleus of Don Bosco's order.

St. Dominic Savio was twelve when he met Don Bosco and organized a group of boys into the Company of the Immaculate Conception. Besides its religious purpose, the boys swept and took care of the school and looked after the boys that no one seemed to pay any attention to. When, in 1859, Don Bosco chose the young men to be the first members of his congregation, all of them had been members of Dominic's Company.

For all that, Dominic was a normal, high-spirited boy who sometimes got into trouble with his teachers because he would often break out laughing. However, he was generally well disciplined and gradually gained the respect of the tougher boys in Don Bosco's school.

In other circumstances, Dominic might have become a little self-righteous snob, but Don Bosco showed him the heroism of the ordinary and the sanctity of common sense. "Religion must be about us as the air we breathe," Don Bosco would say, and Dominic Savio wore holiness like the clothes on his back.

He called his long hours of prayer "his distractions." In 1857, at the age of fifteen, he caught tuberculosis and was sent home to recover. On the evening of March 9, he asked his father to say the prayers for the dying. His face lit up with an intense joy and he said to his father: "I am seeing most wonderful things!" These were his last words.

Thought for the Day: "I can't do big things," St. Dominic Savio once said, "but I want everything to be for the glory of God." His was the way of the ordinary: cheerfulness, fidelity in little things, helping others, playing games, obeying his superiors. This heroism in little things is the stuff of holiness. (Taken from Catholic Encyclopedia)

The following is from

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/cecilia-520>

St. Cecilia

The name of St. Cecilia has always been most illustrious in the church, and ever since the primitive ages is mentioned with distinction in the canon of the Mass, and in the sacramentaries and calendars of the church. Her spouse Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, an officer, who were her companions in martyrdom, are also mentioned in the same authentic and venerable writings.

St. Cecilia was a native of Rome, of a good family, and educated in the principles and perfect practice of the Christian religion. In her youth she by vow consecrated her virginity to God, yet was compelled by her parents to marry a nobleman named Valerian. Him she converted to the faith, and soon after gained to the same his brother Tiburtius. The men first suffered martyrdom, being beheaded for the faith. St. Cecilia finished her glorious triumph some days after them. Their acts, which are of very small authority, make them contemporary with Pope Urban I, and consequently place their martyrdom about the year 230, under Alexander Severus; others, however, place the triumph of these martyrs under Marcus Aurelius, between the years 176 and 180. Their sacred bodies were deposited in part of the cemetery of Calixtus, which part, from our saint, was called St. Cecilia's cemetery. Mention is made of an ancient Church of St. Cecilia in Rome in the fifth century, in which Pope Symmachus held a council in the year 500. This church being fallen to decay, Pope Paschal I began to rebuild it; but was in some pain how he should find the body of the saint, for it was thought that the Lombards had taken it away, as they had many others from the cemeteries of Rome, when they besieged that city under King Astulphus in 755.

One Sunday, as this pope was assisting at matins as was his wont, at St. Peter's, he fell into a slumber, in which he was advertised by St. Cecilia herself that the Lombards had in vain sought for her body, and that he should find it; and he accordingly discovered it in the cemetery called by her name, clothed in a robe of gold tissue, with linen cloths at her feet, dipped in her blood. With her body was found that of Valerian, her husband; and the pope caused them to be taken over to her church in the city; as also the bodies of Tiburtius and Maximus, martyrs, and of the popes Urban and Lucius, which lay in the adjoining cemetery of Praetextatus, on the same Appian road. This was done in 821.

St. Cecilia, from her assiduity in singing the divine praises (in which, according to her Acts, she often joined instrumental music with vocal), is regarded as patroness of church music. The psalms, and many sacred canticles in many other parts of the holy scripture, and the universal practice both of the ancient Jewish and of the Christian church, recommend the religious custom of sometimes employing a decent and grave music in sounding forth the divine praises. By this homage of praise we join the heavenly spirits in their uninterrupted songs of adoration, love, and praise. And by such music we express the spiritual joy of our hearts in this heavenly function, and excite ourselves therein to holy jubilation and devotion. Divine love and praise are the work of the heart, without which all words or exterior signs are hypocrisy and mockery. Yet as we are bound to consecrate to God our voices and all our organs and faculties, and all creatures, so we ought to employ them all in magnifying his sanctity, greatness, and glory, and sometimes to accompany our interior affections of devotion with the most expressive exterior signs. St. Chrysostom elegantly extols the good effects of sacred music, and shows how strongly the fire of divine love is kindled in the soul by devout psalmody. St. Augustine teaches that "it is useful in moving piously the mind and kindling the affections of divine love."

ST PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

The revised dates for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist are available, along with the Parent letter and Enrolment on the Parish Website and Welcome Table. Please note: the ceremony dates of the Sacrament remain unchanged.

GRANDPARENTS DAY MASS & BLESSING

When: This Tuesday 26 July on the Feast of Saints Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary & Jesus' grandparents.

Time: 9:00am Mass with a blessing for grandparents. Bethany students will be attending. It would be wonderful to see all the grandparents at the Mass. If you know of a grandparent who doesn't have family close by, please invite them along.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving envelopes are available on the table at the back of the Church. All subscribers are kindly asked to pick up their envelopes. Thank you once again for your contributions.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS-PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Planned Giving helps the Parish Finance Committee to plan for the present and future of the Parish. New subscribers to the Parish Planned Giving Program are always welcome! Donations can be made via direct debit/credit card/envelopes. Forms are available next to the envelope boxes. Please consider joining. Completed forms can be given to the parish office. Thank You!

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

JULY

SUNDAY 24: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Monday 25: St James

Tuesday 26: Sts Joachim & Anne

Friday 29: Sts Martha Mary & Lazarus

NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 26 July

Place: Elvie & David Williams, South Penrith

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY MEETING

Date: Every Thursday, 7:00pm

Place: Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 15 AUGUST

It is a Holy Day of Obligation in Australia, which means, it is obligatory to attend Mass. Our parish will have two Masses for the Feast. Monday 15th August at 9:00am and at 7:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION 05 AUGUST

Would you come and spend an hour with me?



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 time sheet on the Welcome table.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS

Prayers for the Sick: Georgina Rastegorac, Waled Hana, John Bender, Maryrose Vella, John Vella, Catherine Vella, Lollyn Velayo, Maureen Klingner

Deceased: Fr Michael Les Campion, Hasna & Joseph Gebrail, Benjamin Almeida, Ken Gaudoin & All Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered for Recently Deceased, Death Anniversary, Prayers for the Sick, Thanksgiving or Birthdays.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 30/31 JULY 2022 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK ONE - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 06/07 AUGUST 2022

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey & Manny Medel
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
MUSIC	Mitchell's Group		Children's Choir
CLEANING TEAM	Doris Cutajar, Paula Harris, Mel Gaudoin, Josephine Caruana, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK TWO - SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 13/14 AUGUST 2022

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	help needed	help needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	help needed	help needed
READER	1. Gilbert Grech 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Marg Rooney	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co
CLEANING TEAM	Antionette Manna, Mel Gaudoin, Rebecca Locke, Johan		



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