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SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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,

Are we prepared for Christ? Christmas comes every year but is there Christ in our Christmas? We have begun a season of preparation. In our lives, we prepare for lots of things. For exams, for job, for wedding, for birthdays or even simple preparation such as dinner for the family and so on. In every preparation, there is an expectation. What do we expect at Christmas?

I google searched the meaning of Advent. The answer was: The arrival of a notable person. The secular google says someone who is notable (worthy of attention) is going to arrive. We, as Catholics should know that it is our Lord Jesus Christ who is going to arrive at Christmas. In the Gospel, Jesus uses a surprising example – that of a thief who will be coming when we least expect him. We need to be prepared. We need to be prepared for the Lord. God loves to surprise us. But certainly, He prepares Himself for His coming to humanity.

We need to be prepared constantly for His arrival. Only God knows the time and date. It is not for us to guess but keep fulfilling our duties to the best of our ability. His coming will be that of judgement and separation so we need to take it up seriously. Let us not be engrossed with worldly preparation for this Christmas. Those are secondary but we need to prepare ourselves first and our hearts must be empty for the Lord.

Noah built the ark when it wasn't raining. People made fun of him for obeying God. In the end, people were surprised and shocked at what happened when it started to rain. Obedience to God will bring life. No storms of life can destroy us when we obey God. We cannot take the warnings of God for granted.

Please take some time to spend with the Lord in prayer during the Advent. We are called to 'watch and pray'. A good confession during Advent will prepare our souls for the birth of the Lord. Please discuss with your family and friends how to celebrate this Christmas in a meaningful way. Please add Christ to your Christmas. Along with the decorations at home, let us decorate our hearts for baby Jesus. May this Advent bring about renewal to everyone. May baby Jesus bring Spiritual gifts to our homes during Christmas.

Please take note of the Spiritual preparation that we have planned in our parish – in terms of Advent preaching days, confessions, Adoration and Mass etc.

May God reward us for our efforts.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

Advent



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The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/advent-14416

What is Advent?

The word Advent is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30) and continuing until December 24 (Christmas Eve), as the Mass of the Lord's Nativity begins. Christmas Day is December 25.

Why is Advent important to the Catholic Church?

This is a period of preparation for the celebration of the Incarnation at Christmas. As Christmas seems to arrive commercially ever earlier each year, the faithful should try to turn our hearts more toward the Lord. Mother Angelica, the foundress of EWTN, once said, Let's not let the season pass without a depth of spirituality in our hearts that lets us ponder. Ponder the mystery of how, and why, this Omnipotent God, before Whom angels tremble, would come down and live nine months in the most pure and holy woman that ever lived, and ever will live. He was confined in a womb with that Infinite Intelligence, Infinite Power, and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

How do you observe Advent?

Advent is considered the Little Lent, as it begins by recalling that Christ will come at the end of the world as Judge, a reminder of the holiness with which we should be prepared to greet the Lord. Thus, although not strictly a penitential season, the faithful should turn their hearts toward Jesus in prayer, almsgiving, and sacrifice.

In the last part of Advent, we look forward with anticipation and joy to His First Coming, in Bethlehem. One way to do this is to meditate on the Antiphons used in the Mass, each of which represents a messianic title of Christ from the Old Testament.

How do you prepare yourself during Advent?

First, it is a good idea to pray more, possibly including the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Franciscan Crown, and the Christmas Novena (see below), all of which call to mind the mysteries associated with the Lord coming into the world.

It is also important to read Sacred Scripture, especially the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, chapters 2 and 3 of the Second Part on the Creed, expresses the Church's Faith in the Incarnation and Nativity of the Lord.

Finally, to truly prepare, it is important to go to Confession at least once during the season, and maybe go to daily Mass and do Eucharistic Adoration when you are able. There are many symbols for Advent: the Advent calendar, Advent wreath with candles, the Jesse Tree, and the Crèche - with the Baby Jesus absent until Christmas Eve. Each of these can be the basis of a family tradition, especially to teach children how to prepare for Jesus' Birth.

What do the four candles of the Advent wreath represent?

First Week: A purple candle. **Second Week:** A second purple candle, in addition to the first week's candle. **Third Week:** The first two week's candles and the rose candle. **Fourth Week:** All four candles. These colors match the liturgical colors of the vestments for those weeks, with purple representing penance and rose representing rejoicing.

The Advent Wreath brings to mind the time before Jesus, when the world was in spiritual darkness. During Advent, we remember the Old Testament days as we anxiously anticipate His Birth at Christmas.

What is the Christmas novena?

This novena is a unique prayer for the last nine days of Advent, beginning on December 16th and ending on Christmas Eve. It will help you to prepare your heart for the Nativity of the Lord. The prayer is:

*Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment
At which the Son of God was born
Of a most pure Virgin
At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem
In the piercing cold
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
To hear my prayers and grant my desires
(mention request here)*

Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother. Amen.



ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION 2023

The Parent Info Letter & Enrolment Form are now available on the Parish Website and the Welcome Table.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This Appeal is taking place this weekend to support those who are homeless. Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH ADVENT PROGRAM

The Advent Discussion will happen **every Wednesday, 7pm in the Church**. Along with Fr. Rizzo's talk on 16 and 17 December, this will be a wonderful way to prepare for Our Saviour's Birth.

CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP

For children: Yr. 1 to Yr. 8.

When: Every 1st & 3rd Saturday, 4.30pm-5.30pm in the school hall. The Sign-up sheet is found on the Welcome Table.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?

This Friday 02 December to Saturday 03 December

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

3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH

If you can help with this, please give them to the Parish office or to Fr Suresh as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sunday 27 November: First Sunday of Advent Yr A.

Wednesday 30 November: St Andrew, Apostle

Saturday 03 December: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 29 November

Place: Vangie & Shane McCaw 9 Waringa Crescent, GP

Date: Tuesday 06 December

Place: Boyet Remolador 5 Kukundi Drive, GP

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY MEETING

Date: Every Thursday, 6:00pm

Place: Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

WORKING BEE #1: 03 December, after 9am Mass.

To put up the Christmas Decorations & do the cleaning on the outside of the Church and its surrounds.

WORKING BEE #2: 17 December, after 9am Mass.

To clean inside the Church.

We need many volunteers to help with both the Working Bees. Please add your name to the two sign-up sheets on the Welcome Table to assist where you can. Thank you!

ADVENT PARISH MISSION

We are organising a Parish Mission during Advent.

Theme: Bethlehem - House of Bread.

Preacher: Fr. John Rizzo

Dates: 16th Dec 2022 at 7pm & 17th Dec 2022 at 5.30pm.

Priests will be available for Confession. Come and receive the Grace of God from Adoration, Mass and Preaching.

All are welcome. **For more info:** Contact Fr. Suresh on 04 8844 8844. Please share this info with others so that others can benefit. FB event: <https://fb.me/e/2itSOhckf>

'CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL' IN THE CITY

When: 8 Dec till 25 Dec. The Cathedral and forecourt will shine brightly each night with a unique, and spectacular light display every evening at 7pm. There will be Christmas market stalls, live music & activities. A wonderful event for families.

PILGRIMAGE 2023

Fr. Suresh will be leading a pilgrimage in October 2023. Places are: Holy Land, Assisi, Rome, Lanciano and Pietrelcina. For those interested, please add your details to the Expression of Interest sheet found on the Welcome Table.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Prayers for the Sick: Lucy Marie Ciappara, Carey Weber, Georgina Rastegorac, Waled Hana, Maryrose Vella, John Vella, Catherine Vella, Lollyn Velayo, Normie Santos. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered for Recently Deceased, Death Anniversary, Prayers for the Sick, Thanksgiving or Birthdays.*

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK ONE – FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 03/04 DECEMBER 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. Angelina Badrov	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
MUSIC	Mitchell's Group		Children's Choir
HOSPITALITY	help needed	Vera Daher	Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
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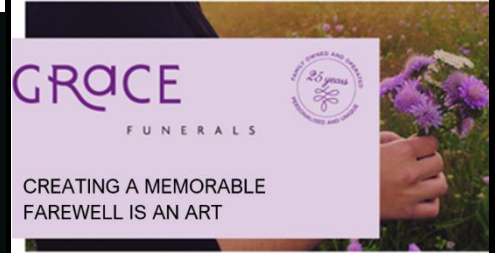
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