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**SUNDAY 04 DECEMBER 2022**

**SECOND 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,

'Change of heart' is a personal gift of human beings to God. God rejoices at every repentant sinner. It is a win for heaven. Advent season brings John the Baptist who preached repentance in the wilderness. He called the people to confess their sins and be baptized in the river Jordan. John the Baptist's mission is to prepare 'the way for the Lord'. The season of Advent is filled with his mission. Both Jesus and John the Baptist begin their missions with the same call – a call to repentance.

Today's Gospel enumerates the life of John the Baptist. He wore camel skin and ate locusts and wild honey. He was seen as a prophet by people because of his courage and preaching. Many people believed in him and heeded his call. John the Baptist specifically attacked the Pharisees and Sadducees due to their self-righteousness. They prided themselves on their ancestors such as Abraham (who established the old covenant with God) and King David (who was the great king). But John reminded them, that if God wanted to raise and multiply Abraham's descendants, He could have done so by mere stones! God doesn't depend on anyone for His greater Glory.

The mission and message of John the Baptist is very important to the world of today. The world has forgotten the very author of life. Sin is dominating human life. People refusing to repent or change their way of life is leading them to eternal damnation. When humanity loses the sense of sin, there is no morality or ethics. The guiding principle par excellence – the Holy Scripture must be part of our lives.

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the Saviour. And John the Baptist is a best person to guide us towards Christ. Let us leave the worldly attractions and be guided by the words of the 'voice crying out in the wilderness' and repent. God wants of us to enjoy the gifts of the 'Word Incarnate', especially the gift of salvation. It is the greatest gift that we can receive at Christmas. And no one can steal this gift from us, provided we are in the right disposition to receive the gift.

Please make use of the Parish Mission Preaching (16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm and 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 5.30pm) to prepare ourselves and our families for Christmas. There will be opportunities to go to confessions. Let us empty our hearts and God will certainly fill it up with His presence.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

## The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of OUR LADY: 8 DECEMBER



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The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/immaculate-conception-20466

### Who is the Immaculate Conception and why?

Mary, the Mother of God, is the Immaculate Conception. This is because she was chosen by God and given the grace of being preserved from original sin.

### How are the Immaculate Conception, Lourdes and St. Bernadette related?

In 1858, just four years after Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady appeared on 18 occasions to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. In one of the last apparitions, that of March 25, the feast of the Annunciation and Incarnation, the Virgin revealed her name, saying, "Que soy era Immaculada Counceptiou," which means "I am the Immaculate Conception" in the dialect of the region.

### What is the difference between the Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth?

The Immaculate Conception indicates that Our Lady was preserved from the penalty of original sin from the moment of her conception. The Virgin Birth means that Jesus was conceived and born, not of man, but by the Holy Spirit.

### Where does the Hail Mary come from?

Most of the Hail Mary prayer comes from the Gospel of Luke. Luke 1:28 says, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" and Luke 1:42 says, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

### Why do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception?

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, on December 8. In 1854, Pope Pius IX declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception: The Most Holy Virgin Mary was, in the very first moment of her conception, by a unique gift of grace and privilege of Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin." (*Ineffabilis Deus*, Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius IX on the Immaculate Conception) Thus, the Church teaches that the Blessed Mother was redeemed by Her Son, just as we are, but by a Divine anticipation of the merits of the Word-made-flesh.

### How do we know Mary was Immaculately Conceived?

The Church teaches us that Mary was immaculately conceived. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, To become the mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace." In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." (CCC 490-491)

### ST. PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK TWO – SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 10/11 DECEMBER 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.
HOSPITALITY	Cristina C & Kylie S	Mal Weber	Zon Lupisan
CLEANING TEAM	Antoinette Manna, Mel Gaudoin, Rebecca Locke, Johan		

## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### THANKYOU!

- For your generosity towards the Bishop's Christmas Appeal last weekend!
- To all who came to help in the first Working Bee!
- To all who donated new Christmas lights for the Church!

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION 2023

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

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree has been put up and has gold stars hanging from it. Please take a star and bring back a donation of \$50 to help the orphans and mentally disabled children in India. This will provide them with Christmas lunch and new clothes. The donation can either be given to Fr Suresh or via the parish website. Thank you!

**PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES** sheet for October 2022 can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

### PILGRIMAGE 2023

Led by Fr. Suresh 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.

### DECEMBER

**Sunday 04 December: Second Sunday of Advent Yr A.**

**Tuesday 06 December: St Nicholas of Myra**

**Wednesday 07 December: St Ambrose**

**Thursday 08 December: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 9am Mass**

Date	Event	Information
06 December	<b>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP</b>	Mother Mary's Statue will be at the home of Boyet Remolador, 5 Kukundi Drive, GP
13 December	<b>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP</b>	Mother Mary's Statue will be at the home of Evelyn & Virgilio Cobol, 11 Dara Cres, GP
16 December	<b>ADVENT PARISH MISSION</b>	<b>Theme:</b> Bethlehem - House of Bread. <b>Preacher:</b> Fr. John Rizzo, 7pm. Come and receive the Grace of God from Adoration, Mass and Preaching. The <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> will be available, please make use of this opportunity as preparation for Christmas. Please share this info with others so that others can benefit. FB event: <a href="https://fb.me/e/2itSOhcKf">https://fb.me/e/2itSOhcKf</a>
16 December	<b>ROOSTER MASSES START (16 to 24 December) *</b>	5am Mass. NO 9AM MASS when Rooster Mass is on. *Except Saturdays & Sundays: Masses are at the usual times.
17 December	<b>SECOND WORKING BEE</b>	Church Cleaning. After 9am Mass.
17 December	<b>CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP</b>	For children: Yr. 1 to Yr. 8. Every 1st & 3rd Saturday, 4.30pm-5.30pm in the school hall. The Sign-up sheet is found on the Welcome Table.
17 December	<b>ADVENT PARISH MISSION</b>	Day 2 of the Advent Parish Mission, 5.30pm Vigil Mass
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE 24/12</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S MASS</b>	5.30pm: Carols, 6pm Mass
	<b>FAMILY MASS</b>	8.00pm Carols, 8.30pm Mass
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY 25/12</b>	<b>SOLEMN MASS</b>	11.30pm Carols, 12am Midnight Mass
	<b>MORNING MASS</b>	7.30am Carols, 8am Mass
	<b>MORNING MASS</b>	9.30am Carols, 10am Mass
<b>Children are invited to dress up as a nativity character for all the Christmas Masses.</b>		

**MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:** Ilija Livaja, Nikola Rastegorac, Nikola Francetic, Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**Prayers for the Sick:** Farley Bartholomeusz, Lucy Marie Ciappara, Carey Weber, Georgina Rastegorac, Waled Hana, Maryrose Vella, John Vella, Catherine Vella, Lolyn 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.*



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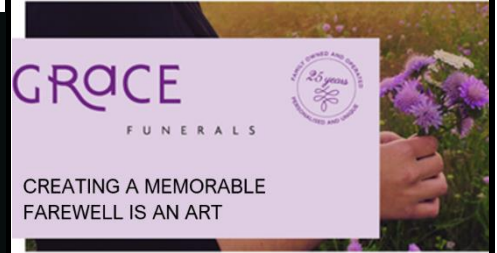
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