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**SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2023**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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 mornings  
are held every 4th Sunday.

### FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

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

### CHILDREN'S YOUTH GROUP

**For children:** Year 1 to Year 8.  
Every 1st & 3rd Saturday  
4.30pm-5.30pm in school hall

### 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,

The most important teaching of God to us human beings are the Commandments. God repeatedly insists in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament, that we need to keep up those important Commandments. There are no choices given to choose a few and to neglect a few but to keep all of them. The Israelites broke the covenantal relationship with God by disobeying the Commandments. There are times when God punished them and there are times that He sent prophets to guide them in the right path. God made tremendous efforts in order to guide the people in the right path though time and again they failed to obey God.

One of the excuses that people use to get away with some wrongdoing is by saying, 'what would Jesus do in that situation'...well, Jesus has clarified very clearly that He has come not to abolish the law but to fulfill them. He hasn't broken any Commandment ever nor He taught us to do so but He taught us to keep them fully. Sometimes, we think that sin means murdering, raping or stealing etc, but Jesus points out that even calling your brother a fool can land you in trouble with God. He goes further by saying, even if your brother has got something against you, leave your offering, go and be reconciled with your brother first and then make your offering. What a teaching!

Jesus goes deeper into our behaviour. In those days, adultery was a big sin, but Jesus points out that even if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart! So, gentlemen, be careful next time! (It is also applicable to all ladies!)

Jesus wants of us to understand the enormity of our actions and the consequences. Jesus teaches us that not sinning is much more important than protecting our faculties. We need to make sure that our whole being is focused on giving Glory to God. We need to watch how we speak, look, touch, eat and the list goes on. If Jesus says, it is better for you to enter eternal life crippled than to be thrown into hell fire with all the faculties, one can imagine the importance of not sinning.

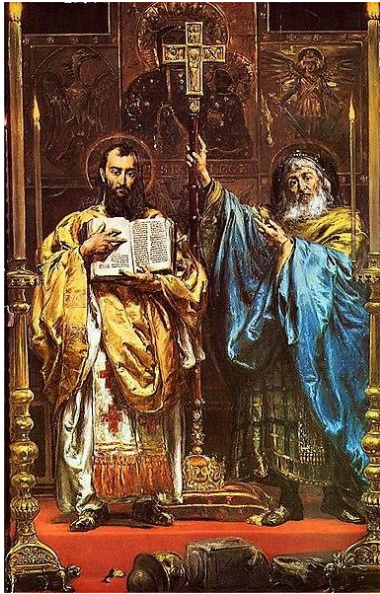
Final teaching in the Gospel is about making promises. Say Yes if you mean Yes and say No if you mean No because anything else comes from the evil one, the devil. No sugar coated, politically correct terms but be honest and straightforward in our words, deeds and even thoughts. If we follow all these teachings of Jesus, we can be sure that we are on the way to heaven.

God Bless..

Kind regards,  
Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

# Saints Cyril and Methodius

Feast day: 14 February



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These brothers, the Apostles of the Slavs, were born in Thessalonica, in 827 and 826 respectively. Though belonging to a senatorial family, they renounced secular honours and became priests. They were living in a monastery on the Bosphorous, when the Khazars sent to Constantinople for a Christian teacher. Cyril was selected and was accompanied by his brother. They learned the Khazar language and converted many of the people. Soon after the Khazar mission there was a request from the Moravians for a preacher of the Gospel. German missionaries had already laboured among them, but without success. The Moravians wished a teacher who could instruct them and conduct Divine service in the Slavonic tongue. On account of their acquaintance with the language, Cyril and Methodius were chosen for their work. In preparation for it Cyril invented an alphabet and, with the help of Methodius, translated the Gospels and the necessary liturgical books into Slavonic. They went to Moravia in 863, and laboured for four and a half years.

Despite their success, they were regarded by the Germans with distrust, first because they had come from Constantinople where schism was rife, and again because they held the Church services in the Slavonic language. On this account the brothers were summoned to Rome by Nicholas I, who died, however, before their

arrival. His successor, Adrian II, received them kindly. Convinced of their orthodoxy, he commended their missionary activity, sanctioned the Slavonic Liturgy, and ordained Cyril and Methodius bishops. Cyril, however, was not to return to Moravia. He died in Rome, 4 Feb., 869.

At the request of the Moravian princes, Rastislav and Svatopluk, and the Slav Prince Kocel of Pannonia, Adrian II formed an Archdiocese of Moravia and Pannonia, made it independent of the German Church, and appointed Methodius archbishop. In 870 King Louis and the German bishops summoned Methodius to a synod at Ratisbon. Here he was deposed and condemned to prison. After three years he was liberated at the command of Pope John VIII and reinstated as Archbishop of Moravia. He zealously endeavoured to spread the Faith among the Bohemians, and also among the Poles in Northern Moravia. Soon, however, he was summoned to Rome again in consequence of the allegations of the German priest Wiching, who impugned his orthodoxy, and objected to the use of Slavonic in the liturgy. But John VIII, after an inquiry, sanctioned the Slavonic Liturgy, decreeing, however, that in the Mass the Gospel should be read first in Latin and then in Slavonic. Wiching, in the meantime, had been nominated one of the suffragan bishops of Methodius. He continued to oppose his metropolitan, going so far as to produce spurious papal letters. The pope, however, assured Methodius that they were false. Methodius went to Constantinople about this time, and with the assistance of several priests, he completed the translation of the Holy Scriptures, with the exception of the Books of Maccabees. He translated also the "Nomocanon", i.e. the Greek ecclesiastico-civil law. The enemies of Methodius did not cease to antagonize him. His health was worn out from the long struggle, and he died 6 April, 885, recommending as his successor Gorazd, a Moravian Slav who had been his disciple.

...Pope Leo XIII, by his Encyclical "Grande Munus" of 30 September, 1880, extended the feast to the universal Church.

(Taken from Catholic Encyclopedia)

## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP

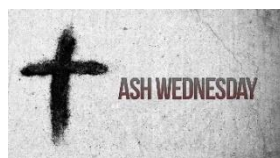
**When:** 18 February  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. **For children:** Yr. 1 to Yr. 8.  
**Time:** 4.30pm-5.30pm in the school hall. The Sign-up sheet for the parents is found on the Welcome Table.

### PALMS

Please bring in your old palms and place them in the basket on the Welcome Table. These will be burnt and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**When:** 22 February. There will be two Masses: 9am and 7pm. **Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and it's a day of fasting and abstinence.** Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and fasting.  
Contributing towards *Project Compassion* is one way of self-denial and helping others who are in need. Project Compassion boxes & envelopes will be available soon.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**When:** every Friday in Lent, starting on 24 February  
**Time:** 7:00pm.  
There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table for volunteers who would like to lead the Stations of the Cross.

### CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Every Saturday morning after 9am Mass.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A)

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18. Ps. 102:1-4,8,10,12-13. Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23.  
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

**Sunday 12 February: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A**  
**Tuesday 14 February:** Sts. Cyril, *monk*, and Methodius, *Bishop*

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 14 February  
**Place:** Wendy & Gert Van Mullekom, 23 Prunus Close, GP  
**Date:** Tuesday 21 February  
**Place:** Helena & Matt Steeds, 80 Glengarry Rd, GP

### LEGION OF MARY ROSARY MEETING

**Date:** Every Thursday, 6:00pm  
**Place:** Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

**PILGRIMAGE-October 2023. There are few spots still available on the Pilgrimage that Fr Suresh will be leading.**

Places that will be visited 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.

### MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS for people in ministry

Every person involved in ministry is required by law to do the Safeguarding sessions either in person or online. There are various places in the Parramatta Diocese where these are held in person. For this information or how to do the course online, please see the Parish noticeboards.

### YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU .....

We are currently updating our Weekend Mass Roster. There are a number of roles that are not covered each week. Help is needed with many roles including cleaning, hospitality, readers and Mass co-ordinators.

Please check the roster on the Welcome Table to see if you are able to fill any of these roles. Thank You.

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:** Raymond, Annie & Charbel Bazouni. For the Souls of: Adelino Gusmao da Costa Freitas, Teresa Maria Concaicao Guterez, Cosimo, Salvatore, Grazia, Alfia, Anna & Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them. **Prayers for the Sick:** Nicholas Tadros, Charbel Bazouni, Simon Bazouni & family, Ava Vella, Lucy Marie Ciappara, 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.*

### ST. PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK THREE – THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 18/19 FEBRUARY 2023

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	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
MUSIC	Our Daily Bread		
HOSPITALITY		Sue Guy	Connie Hyland
CLEANING TEAM	Mel Gaudoin, Susan Guy, Anna Roberts, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Johan		





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