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SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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,

There are 3 types of blindness in the world.

Firstly, people who are born blind. The struggle that they go through is unimaginable. They haven't seen anything in the world. Most of their world and things are made up of imaginations. How will you describe the colour blue or the beauty of a flower to a person born blind? There could be a cure for the people who are born blind.

The second type of blindness is the blindness that people suffer because of sickness or an accident. Their world was filled with light but now is filled with darkness. Their helplessness is beyond compare. People who suffer such blindness may or may not be cured.

The third type of blindness is a terrible one. It is of people who pretend to be blind. Though they have eyes to see and perceive, they pretend that they cannot see. There is absolutely no cure for such a blindness!

In the Gospel, we come across a man who was born blind and Jesus has pity on him and cures him of his blindness. His sight was restored and he was filled with light and life. The day that Jesus cured him happened to be the sabbath and this infuriated the Jews. They accused Jesus of breaking the law of Moses and not fulfilling the requirements of the sabbath. They failed to see Jesus as the master of the sabbath. They were blind enough that they did not see that this man who has been struggling in his life due to his blindness was now restored to full sight and praising God.

The Jews did not move a finger to help this man when he was blind. The man didn't exist to them at all. Now that he is restored to good health, rather than appreciating what Jesus had done for him, they find fault with Jesus. This is pretending par excellence. They pose themselves to be protectors of law but in fact they are destroyers of law since any law is designed to protect life. The law that doesn't protect life is not a law.

Do we see the plight of the people when they suffer? Do we try to help them or do we stand by and watch them suffer? When people do something about the situation, do we appreciate them or do we just ignore the good? We should never pretend that we are blind from seeing the plight of the people. There are plenty of people who are willing to give ideas and opinions about issues but we hardly come across people who are willing to help and change the situation.

The blind man in the Gospel became a believer after his cure. He is grateful to Jesus for giving him sight and thus making him a dignified person. He becomes a witness to the goodness of God. He was not afraid to speak openly about the cure that he experienced by the mercy of God. He teaches us that we too need to be willing to be witnesses for the graces that we receive from God. Always count on the blessings rather than complaining about the things.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

ST. JOSEPH

Feast day: 19 March



Picture is from: clipart-library.com/clip-art/mary-and-joseph-silhouette-clip-art-16.htm. The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/holy-family-20564

Who are the members of the Holy Family?

Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph are the members of the Holy Family. The central figure is Jesus: the Word-made-Flesh, the Son of God made man for the salvation of the world.

He was conceived in the Blessed Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that Mary is His Mother according to His human nature. She is titled Mother of God because Her Son is a Divine Person.

St. Joseph, husband of Mary, while not the biological father of Jesus, was guided by an angel to assume the responsibilities of fatherhood and as the "Custodian of the Redeemer" (Pope St. John Paul II).

What does the name "Joseph" mean?

Joseph is the English version of the Hebrew name "Yosef," which means "he will add." It was the name of the great patriarch who saved God's people Israel at the time of the great famine, when they had to go down into Egypt. Like the patriarch, Joseph of Nazareth had charge and responsibility for the Household of God in Jesus and Mary.

How old was Jesus when Joseph died?

There is no specific Church teaching on when St. Joseph died. All we know from Sacred Scripture is that he died in between the time that Jesus was twelve and when Jesus started His public ministry at age 30.

The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/litany-of-st-joseph-247

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
Renowned offspring of David, pray for us.
Light of Patriarchs, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
Guardian of the Redeemer pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God, pray for us.
Diligent protector of Christ, pray for us.
Servant of Christ pray for us.
Minister of salvation pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph most just, pray for us.
Joseph most chaste, pray for us.
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.
Joseph most strong, pray for us.
Joseph most obedient, pray for us.
Joseph most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Lover of poverty, pray for us.
Model of workers, pray for us.
Glory of family life, pray for us.
Guardian of virgins, pray for us.
Pillar of families, pray for us.
Support in difficulties, pray for us.
Solace of the wretched, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of exiles, pray for us.
Patron of the afflicted, pray for us.
Patron of the poor, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Terror of demons, pray for us.
Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Jesus.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Jesus.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

*He made him the lord of his household And prince over all
his possessions.*

Let us pray:

O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

PROJECT COMPASSION

Donation boxes/envelopes are available on the Welcome Table. Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible and can be made to: caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or 1800 024 413. Thank you.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: every Friday in Lent, 7:00pm.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL: NEXT WEEKEND

When: Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March.

Focus: Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park. Will you support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community? Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to become priests.

PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

If you can help, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

WORKING BEE FOR HOLY WEEK

When: Sat 01 April after 9am Mass.

We need many people to help at the Working Bee. We will be cleaning inside the Church, the grounds, the carpark and decorating for Palm Sunday. BYO garden gloves and garden cutters. If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

FEBRUARY'S INCOME & EXPENDITURE sheet is on the Church noticeboard.

Sunday 19 March: Fourth Sunday of Lent Yr. A

Monday 20 March: ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 23 March: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Saturday 25 March: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

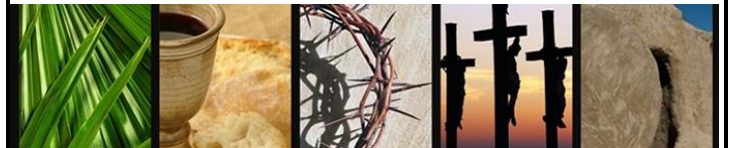
Date: Tuesday 21 March

Place: Gloria & Anton Malicdem, 14 Ferntree Close, GP

Date: Tuesday 28 March

Place: Jorge & Virgie Sasot, 4/156 Derby St, Penrith

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE



RECONCILIATION - TUESDAY 28 MARCH 7:00pm

PALM SUNDAY - SATURDAY 01 APRIL

5:30pm Mass (begins outside the church)

PALM SUNDAY - SUNDAY 02 APRIL

8:00am Mass (begins outside the church)

10:00am Mass (begins in the park across the road)

HOLY THURSDAY - THURSDAY 06 APRIL

7:00pm Mass (No 9:00am Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY - FRIDAY 07 APRIL

10:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

EASTER VIGIL - SATURDAY 08 APRIL

7:00pm Mass (No 9:00am Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY - SUNDAY 09 APRIL

8:00AM MASS & 10:00am Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - SUNDAY 16 APRIL

8:00am Mass, 10:00am Mass, 3:00pm Mass

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr. A. *Ezek 37:12-14, Ps. 129, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45*

2023 DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD: Sunday 26 March

10:30am: Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. 12:00 noon: Angelus. Prayerful street procession led by Archbishop Fisher and an address at Parliament House by special guest speaker, Steve Mosher of the Population Research Institute, USA. 1:30pm: Benediction at the Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S MASSES WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: Jennifer Yara Baypath Majuec, Farley Bartholomeusz. **Deceased:** Leila Eggleton. **Prayers for the Sick:** Jennifer Yara Baypath Majuec, Nicholas Tadros, Charbel Bazouni, Simon Bazouni & family, Ava Vella, Lucy Marie Ciappara, Georgina Rastegorac, Waled Hana, Maryrose 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 FOUR – FOUR SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 25/26 MARCH 2023

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. Cristina Cignarella 2. Reginald Vibar	1. help needed 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. help needed
MUSIC	Youth for Christ		
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	help needed
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Rebekah Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Mel Gaudoin, Johan		



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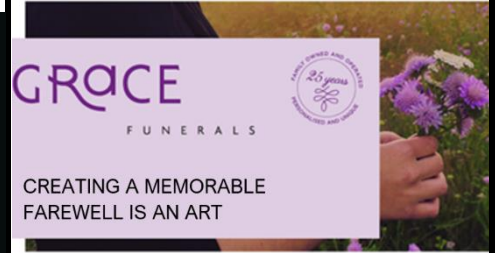
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