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SUNDAY 05 MARCH 2023

SECOND 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,

We are well into the Lenten season. Many of us might have made extra efforts in order to be better in our spiritual lives. Spending more time in prayer, regular Mass, confessions, Holy Rosary and so on. Keep persevering in your faith. Lenten season is the best season to make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others. We reached out to the people of Syria and Turkey in their struggles. That's faith in action. I must thank you for your generosity and willingness to help them in their needs.

Last week, we reflected on how Jesus was tempted by the devil three times. It was evident by the temptations that He was fully human and this week, the liturgy invites us to reflect on His divinity by the Transfiguration of the Lord. This is a clear proof that Jesus is divine as well. He is fully human and fully divine. Transfiguration revealed Jesus in His divinity and the disciples of Jesus were overwhelmed by His divine presence. The most important aspect of the Transfiguration is the acknowledgment of the Heavenly Father of His only Son Jesus.

I would like to draw your attention to what God said about His Son Jesus. This is My Son, the Beloved; He enjoys my favour, Listen to Him. Let us look at the declaration of the Father intently.

THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED.

God declares who He is and God is proud of His Son who fulfilled the will of His Father who sent Him. Jesus sacrifices Himself for the sake of the people in order to save them from their sin and death. Jesus' coming into the world is clear testimony on how much God loves us. He needed the disciples to understand who Jesus is and how He enjoys God's favour. I don't think that the disciples grasped the inner meaning of what God declared on Mount Tabor. They couldn't fathom it until the Resurrection of Jesus. Jesus also asked them not to tell anyone about it until He is raised from the dead.

LISTEN TO HIM

That's exactly what we don't do. We think that we know everything in the world. Peter wanted to build tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. He didn't want Jesus to come away from His glory and divinity. But Jesus was very keen on fulfilling the will of the Father in His life rather than listening to a mortal.

God's reminder to the world that we need to listen to Jesus cannot come at a better time than now. The world is lost right now since it is not listening to God but forcing God to listen to its ideologies, whims and fancies. At times, we try to change the whole teaching of Jesus in order to suit our sinful lives. **LISTEN TO HIM** – if we don't, then don't expect to go to heaven. Listening requires acting upon the Word of God. The pure intention of God is to take us to heaven and we can do so only by listening to Jesus and following His precepts. Let us listen to Him rather than expecting Him to listen to us.

God Bless..

Kind regards,
Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

ST FRANCES OF ROME

Feast Day: 09 March



Picture from: pinterest.com.au/pin/436849232577004761/
The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/frances-of-rome-567

One of the greatest mystics of the fifteenth century; born at Rome, of a noble family, in 1384; died there, 9 March, 1440.

Her youthful desire was to enter religious life, but at her father's wish she married, at the age of twelve, Lorenzo de' Ponziani. Among her children we know of Battista, who carried on the family name, Evangelista, a child of great gifts (d. 1411), and Agnes (d. 1413). Frances was remarkable for her charity to the poor, and her zeal for souls. She won away many Roman ladies from a life of frivolity, and united them in an association of oblates attached to the White Benedictine monastery of Santa Maria Nuova; later they became the Benedictine Oblate Congregation of Tor di Specchi (25 March, 1433) which was approved by Pope Eugene IV (4 July, 1433). Its members led the life of religious, but without the strict cloister or formal vows, and gave themselves up to prayer and good works. With her husband's consent Frances practiced continency, and advanced in a life of contemplation. Her visions often assumed the form of drama enacted for her by heavenly personages. She had the gift of miracles and ecstasy, as well as the bodily vision of her guardian angel, had revelations concerning purgatory and hell, and foretold the ending of the Western Schism. She could read the secrets of consciences and detect plots of diabolical origin. She was remarkable for her humility and detachment, her obedience and patience, exemplified on the occasion of her husband's banishment, the captivity of Battista, her sons' death, and the loss of all her property.

On the death of her husband (1436) she retired among her oblates at Tor di Specchi, seeking admission for charity's sake, and was made superior. On the occasion of a visit to her son, she fell ill and died on the day she had foretold. Her canonization was preceded by three processes (1440, 1443, 1451) and Pope Paul V declared her a saint on 9 May 1608, assigning 9 March as her feast day. Long before that, however, the faithful were wont to venerate her body in the church of Santa Maria Nuova in the Roman Forum, now known as the church of Santa Francesca Romana.

(Taken From Catholic Encyclopedia)



Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths For His Name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; For you are with me; Your rod and Your staff - they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil; My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord My whole life long.

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges for a better tomorrow.

Donation boxes/envelopes are available on the Welcome Table. Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible. (Please tick the box and write your details legibly). Donations can also be made by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: every Friday in Lent.

Time: 7:00pm.

MET – NATURAL FERTILITY FREE SESSION

When: 8 March, 7pm via Zoom

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. To register, contact: catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

When: Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March

Focus: Holy Spirit Seminary.

PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR LENT AND EASTER

When: 28 March, 7pm. Confession is also available every Saturday after the 9am Mass.

Sunday 05 March: Second Sunday of Lent Yr. A

Tuesday 07 March: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, *Martyrs*

Wednesday 08 March: St John of God, *Religious*

Thursday 09 March: St. Frances of Rome, *Religious*

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 7 March

Place: Danny & Cely Estigoy, 20 Olander Ave, GP

Date: Tuesday 14 March

Place: Jonie & Albert Yuzon, 1 Dungara Cres, GP

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY MEETING

Date: Every Thursday, 6:00pm

Place: Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Please keep the children who are preparing to receive this Sacrament later this month and their families, in your prayers.

WORKING BEE FOR HOLY WEEK

When: Sat 01 April after 9am Mass

We need as many people as possible to help at the Working Bee. We will be cleaning inside the Church, the grounds 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. Thank you.

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Days: 7 March, 8 March, 10 March from 9am-10am.

To register: bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au & call the school office on 4723 3700 for enrolment packs.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Third Sunday of Lent Yr. A

Ex 17:3-7, Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42

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**.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: For the souls of: M.T. Thariyan, Joseph & Stella Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan & Holy Souls in Purgatory. **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 TWO – SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 11/12 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. Gilbert Grech 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Marg Rooney	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co.
HOSPITALITY		Mal Weber	Zon Lupisan
CLEANING TEAM	Antoinette Manna, Mel Gaudoin, Rebecca Locke, Johan		



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