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SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023

THIRD 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,

During my long service leave, I had an opportunity to visit a North Indian state where a severe drought was declared. People struggled without water. Hundreds of animals were dead. The government had to arrange for water to be brought in from faraway places. The whole state was in turmoil and people realized the value of water. One could easily notice the dried-up trees, empty and parched lands and people struggling with their day-to-day lives without a proper supply of water.

That is how it is when we are deprived of living water that only Jesus can give. Our souls will be like the parched land yearning for living water. No one or nothing can really quench the thirst of our souls without Jesus. We cannot afford to take this living water for granted. If we do take the living water for granted then our lives will be empty, dried up and parched.

The Gospel speaks of a Samaritan woman who has a beautiful encounter with Jesus. She was surprised that Jesus broke the racial barriers in order to speak to her and ask her for water. Jesus replies to her that there is an opportunity to receive the living water – in other words, to live rather than to die in sin. Though the woman did not recognize Jesus immediately, eventually she realizes that only Jesus can satisfy the inner longing of the soul. She was worried about the depth of the well whereas Jesus goes to the depths of her inner life and heals her.

Our worship of God must be in Spirit and Truth, not a shallow routine feeling or activity. Truth is life-giving yet challenging to people. Truth sets people free from any bondage and shackle. One must accept the Truth in order to be freed. Jesus broke a number of barriers in order to save the woman from her past. She becomes an Evangelizer who went to tell the villagers to come and see the man who told her everything that she did in the past. Jesus went back to her past in order to give her a bright future. Most of us need inner cleansing during Lent from our past. The Sacrament of Confession can help us in this regard. One must have the willingness to visit the past in order to be saved.

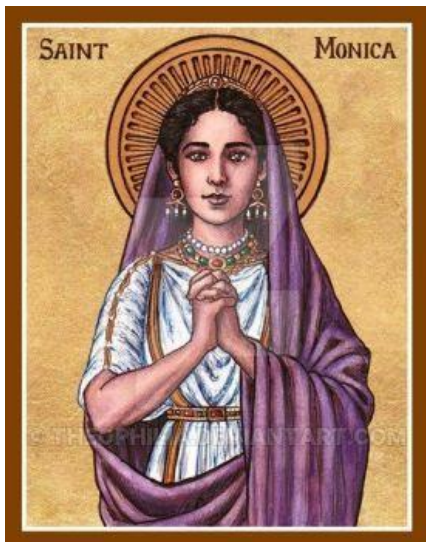
Jesus visits us at our wells. The depth of our problems doesn't matter to Jesus provided we are willing to change our way of life. He is willing to heal us from our past so that we may have a bright future. Let us go to Confession in order to be relieved of our sins and receive new life from God.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

ST. MONICA



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The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/monica-705

Widow; born of Christian parents at Tagaste, North Africa, in 333; died at Ostia, near Rome, in 387. We are told but little of her childhood. She was married early in life to Patritius who held an official position in Tagaste. He was a pagan, though like so many at that period, his religion was no more than a name; his temper was violent and he appears to have been of dissolute habits. Consequently Monica's married life was far from being a happy one, more especially as Patritius's mother seems to have been of a like disposition with himself. There was of course a gulf between husband and wife; her alms deeds and her habits of prayer annoyed him, but it is said that he always held her in a sort of reverence. Monica was not the only matron of Tagaste whose married life was unhappy, but, by her sweetness and patience, she was able to exercise a veritable apostolate amongst the wives and mothers of her native town; they knew that she suffered as they did, and her words and example had a proportionate effect.

Three children were born of this marriage, Augustine the eldest, Navigius the second, and a daughter, Perpetua. Monica had been unable to secure baptism for her children, and her grief was great when Augustine fell ill; in her distress she besought Patritius to allow him to be baptized; he agreed, but on the boy's recovery withdrew his consent. All Monica's anxiety now centred in Augustine; he was wayward and, as he himself tells us, lazy. He was sent to Madaura to school and Monica seems to have literally wrestled with God for the soul of her son. A great consolation was vouchsafed her -- in compensation perhaps for all that she was to experience through Augustine -- Patritius became a Christian.

Meanwhile, Augustine had been sent to Carthage, to prosecute his studies, and here he fell into grievous sin. Patritius died very shortly after his reception into the Church and Monica resolved not to marry again. At Carthage, Augustine had become a Manichean and when on his return home he ventilated certain heretical propositions, she drove him away from her table, but a strange vision which she had, urged her to recall him. It was at this time that she went to see a certain holy bishop, whose name is not given, but who consoled her with the now famous words, "the child of those tears shall never perish." There is no more pathetic story in the annals of the Saints than that of Monica pursuing her wayward son to Rome, wither he had gone by stealth; when she arrived, he had already gone to Milan, but she followed him. Here she found St. Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine yield, after seventeen years of resistance. Mother and son spent six months of true peace at Cassiacum, after which time Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. Africa claimed them however, and they set out on their journey, stopping at Civit' Vecchia and at Ostia. Here death overtook Monica and the finest pages of his "Confessions" were penned as the result of the emotion Augustine then experienced.

St. Monica was buried at Ostia, and at first seems to have been almost forgotten, though her body was removed during the sixth century to a hidden crypt in the church of St. Aureus. About the thirteenth century, however, the devotion to St. Monica began to spread and a feast in her honour was kept on 4 May. In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered the relics to be brought to Rome. Many miracles occurred on the way, and the devotion to St. Monica was definitely established. Later the Archbishop of Rouen, Cardinal d'Estouteville, built a church at Rome in honour of St. Augustine and deposited the relics of St. Monica in a chapel to the left of the high altar. The Office of St. Monica however does not seem to have found a place in the Roman Breviary before the sixteenth century. In 1850 there was established at Notre Dame de Sion at Paris an Association of Christian mothers under the patronage of St. Monica; its object was mutual prayer for sons and husbands who had gone astray. This Association was in 1856 raised to the rank of an archconfraternity and spread rapidly over all the Catholic world, branches being established in Dublin, London, Liverpool, Sydney, and Buenos Ayres. Pope Eugenius IV had established a similar Confraternity long before.

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

When: Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March. Please support this Appeal for the Holy Spirit Seminary.

24 HOURS FOR OUR LORD

Where: Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa
When: Friday 17 March, 6pm to Saturday 18 March, 5pm

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 Enrollment Form are available on the Welcome Table and on the Parish Website.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fourth Sunday of Lent Yr. A
1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13. Ps. 22. Eph 5:8-14. Jn 9:1-41

Sunday 12 March: Third Sunday of Lent Yr. A

Friday 17 March: St. Patrick, *Bishop*

Saturday 18 March: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, *Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

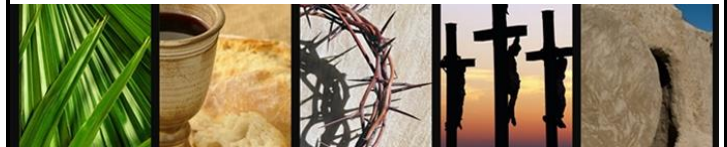
Date: Tuesday 14 March

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

Date: Tuesday 21 March

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE



RECONCILIATION - TUESDAY 28 MARCH 7:00pm
 (Saturday mornings after 9:00am Mass)

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

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** or you can do the **course online**. For more info, please see the **Parish noticeboards** or **contact the Parish Office**.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: For the souls of: John Vella, Lawrence Portelli & 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, Catherine Vella, Loly 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 MARCH 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		Susan Guy	Connie Hyland
CLEANING TEAM	Mel Gaudoin, Susan Guy, Anna Roberts, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Johan		



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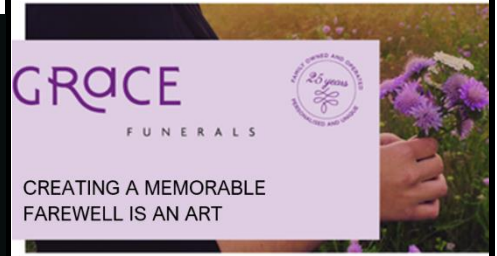
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