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SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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,

Our Lord teaches us some very important truths in the Gospel of this Sunday. First of all, He tells us what should be the attitude of the shepherd towards his sheep. Jesus places great authenticity and genuineness on those who are called to be shepherds. The shepherd is expected to have a direct approach with the sheep. He has to access the sheep through the gate and not by being cunning and indirect. The shepherd should know the sheep and the sheep should know the shepherd.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In order to achieve eternal life, one has to go to Jesus. There is no other way or no other means. People are deceived by too many ideologies these days. There is no focus on God anymore. The noises of the world have been drowning the voice of the Saviour. People deliberately ignore the voice of the good shepherd and make choices to choose false shepherds.

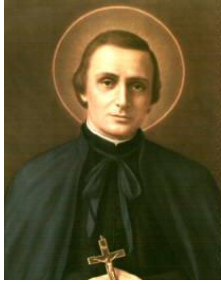
Jesus speaks of thieves who would steal and destroy the flock. But unfortunately, the sheep tend to choose the thieves over the shepherd these days. They choose to be lost in their lives. When they choose thieves, then their lives will be empty and vague, whereas God wants of us to be in heaven with Him. That is the very reason He sent His only Son to save us. Jesus puts His life as the gate in order to protect us from the snares of the devil. Despite the efforts of the Saviour, if someone wants to be lost, then God will certainly respect their choice and allow them to be where they want for eternity.

Let us choose God in our lives always. Let us heed the voice of our Saviour and follow Him and Him alone. Jesus said, "No one can come to the Father except through me". So let us not be deceived by any pretentious shepherds out there who are misguiding the sheep and thus putting them in danger of sending them to hell. Jesus is our good shepherd who laid down His life for us. Let us follow Him.

God Bless..

Kind regards,
Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

ST. PETER CHANEL



Picture is from: commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Peter_Chanel.jpg
The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/peter-chanel-731

On April 18, 1841, a band of native warriors entered the hut of Father Peter Chanel on the island of Futuna in the New Hebrides islands near New Zealand. They clubbed the missionary to death and cut up his body with hatchets. Two years later, the whole island was Catholic.

St. Peter Chanel's death bears witness to the ancient axiom that "the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians." He is the first martyr from Oceania, that part of the world spread over the south Pacific, and he came there as the fulfillment of a dream he had had as a boy.

Peter was born in 1803 in the diocese of Belley, France. At the age of seven, he was a shepherd boy, but the local parish priest, recognizing something unusual in the boy, convinced his parents to let him study, in a little school the priest had started. From there Peter went on to the seminary, where it was said of him: "He had a heart of gold with the simple faith of a child, and he led the life of an angel."

He was ordained a priest and assigned to a parish at Crozet. In three years, he had transformed the parish. In 1831, he joined the newly founded Society of Mary, since he had long dreamed of being a missionary; but for five years he was assigned to teach at the seminary in Belley. Finally, in 1836, his dream was realized, and he was sent with other Marists to the islands of the Pacific. He had to suffer great hardships, disappointments, frustration, and almost complete failure as well as the opposition of the local chieftain. The work seemed hopeless: only a few had been baptized, and the chieftain continued to be suspicious and hostile. Then, when the chief's son asked for baptism, the chief was so angry that he sent warriors to kill the missionary.

Peter's violent death brought about the conversion of the island, and the people of Futuna remain Catholic to this day. Peter Chanel was beatified in 1889 and canonized in 1954.

Thought for the Day: Success or failure is often not completely in our hands, and sometimes we have to face what seems almost certain failure. But success is not required of us, only fidelity. St. Peter Chanel's work ended in his own death in the face of what seemed total failure. Out of that failure, God brought about the success Peter was seeking.

ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/paul-miki--companions-725

In 1592 the persecution was renewed, and several Japanese converts received the crown of martyrdom. The emperor Tagcosama, one of the proudest and most vicious of men, was worked up into rage and jealousy by a suspicion suggested by certain European merchants desirous of the monopoly of this trade, that the view of the missionaries in preaching the Christian faith was to facilitate the conquest of their country by the Portuguese or Spaniards.

Three Jesuits and six Franciscans were crucified on a hill near Nangasaqui in 1597. The latter were partly Spaniards and partly Indians, and had at their head F. Peter Baptist, commissary of his order, a native of Avila, in Spain. As to the Jesuits, one was Paul Miki, a noble Japanese, and an eminent preacher, at that time thirty-three years old. The other two, John Gotto and James Kisai, were admitted into the Society in prison a little before they suffered. Several Japanese converts suffered with them. The martyrs were twenty-six in number, and among them were three boys who used to serve the friars at mass; two of them were fifteen years of age, and the third only twelve, yet each showed great joy and constancy in their sufferings.

Of these martyrs, twenty-four had been brought to Meaco, where only a part of their left ears was cut off, by a mitigation of the sentence, which had commanded the amputation of their noses and both ears. They were conducted through many towns and public places, their cheeks stained with blood, for a terror to others. When the twenty-six soldiers of Christ were arrived at the place of execution near Nangasaqui, they were allowed to make their confession to two Jesuits of the convent in that town, and being fastened to crosses by cords and chains about their arms and legs, and an iron collar about their necks, were raised into the air, the foot of each cross falling into a hole prepared for it in the ground. The crosses were planted in a row, about four feet asunder, and each martyr had an executioner near him with a spear ready to pierce his side; for such is the Japanese manner of crucifixion. As soon as all the crosses were planted, the executioners lifted up their lances, and at a signal given, all pierced the martyrs almost in the same instant; upon which they expired and went to receive the reward of their sufferings.

Their blood and garments were procured by Christians, and miracles were wrought by them. Pope Urban VIII ranked them among the martyrs, and they are honoured on the 5th of February, the day of their triumph.

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity towards the Holy Land Collection taken up on Good Friday. The total raised is \$2460.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?

When: This Friday 05 May

8:00pm: All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins

3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am: Adoration will conclude on Saturday with 9:00am Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio.

We encourage all parishioners to add their name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome table.

Come and be blessed by God who wants to pour so many graces on us!



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please keep the children enrolled in the Sacramental Program and their families in your prayers, as they are being presented this weekend.

TRIP TO BERRIMA-SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MERCY-

Penrose Park: Saturday 13 May. St. Joseph's Parish, Kingswood have organised a coach to Penrose Park for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The bus will leave at 8:00am from **St. Joseph's Parish, Kingswood** and return by 4:30pm. Cost: \$25 per person for transport. BYO lunch/water. Ring Kingswood's Parish Office: 4721 4080 to book.

MOTHERS' DAY CAKE STALL - SUNDAY 14 MAY



We would appreciate donations of homemade cakes, cupcakes, muffins & slices. Please indicate if they contain nuts or are gluten free. Donations can be left at the church on Saturday or on Sunday morning. *Thank You*

Sunday 30 April: Fourth Sunday of Easter Yr. A

Monday 01 May: St. Joseph the Worker

Tuesday 02 May: St. Athanasius, *Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

Wednesday 03 May: Sts. Philip & James, *Apostles*

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 02 May

Place: Matt & Lorraine Vella, 17 Wentworth Rd, Orchard Hills

Date: Tuesday 09 May

Place: Bill & Anne Hardy, 1 Hawkesbury Cres, Caddens

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY MEETING

Date: Every Thursday, 6:00pm

Place: Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend

DIOCESAN FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR:

When: 19 May, 7.30pm

Guest Speaker: Chris Padgett, an American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology.

Where: St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills. FREE event. Please register your attendance at marriage@parracatholic.org

ST. PADRE PIO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

When: Thursday 25 May.

Details: Mass at 7pm followed by Supper & Blessing with St. Padre Pio's relic. Please bring a plate to share and include this date in your diary.

SAFEGUARDING COMPULSORY MODULES TO BE HELD AT ST. PADRE PIO PARISH

When: Saturday 27 May, 10am-3pm

Facilitator: Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer, Diocesan Office for Safeguarding

Where: Bethany School Hall. BYO lunch, Tea & Coffee provided. *This is a fantastic opportunity for all involved in ministry to complete all the 3 modules in one day.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr A. Acts 6:1-7. Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. 1Pet 2:4-9. Jn 14:1-12

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: Deceased: Helen Cauchi. **Death Anniversary:** Lino Fontana. **Prayers for the Sick:** Normie Santos, Russell Kars, 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 Deceased, Death Anniversary, Prayers for the Sick, Thanksgiving or Birthdays.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 06/07 MAY

MASS	5.30PM	8.00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Joe Badrov Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Craig Wilson Dominic Younes	Chris Hersey Manny Medel Tracy Amituanai
READER	1. Freeda Fernandez 2. Reginald Vibar	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
MUSIC	Mitchell's Group		Children's Choir
HOSPITALITY		Vera Daher	Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
CLEANING TEAM	Doris Cutajar, Paula Harris, Mel Gaudoin, Josephine Caruana, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda		



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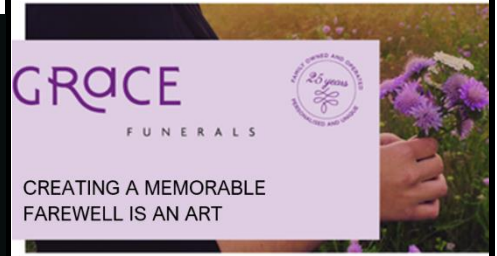
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