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SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023

THIRD 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,

May the Grace of the risen Lord continue to bless you and your family and friends.

The 40 days before Easter were filled with prayer, fasting and almsgiving whereas the 40 days after Easter will be filled with Joy. These 40 days Jesus was appearing to various people at different places. He kept to the promise of rising again though the Apostles and disciples were filled with fear and confusion. Jesus appeared to number of them to strengthen them in their faith so that they will be witnesses to the faith and proclaim the Gospel to the whole world and make disciples for Christ.

One such significant appearance happened to two of His disciples as they were on the way to Emmaus. They were talking and walking, and Jesus met with them in their journey and something prevented them from recognizing Him. The disciples seemed to be in the past and looked for Jesus among the dead. The Scripture says that 'something' prevented them from recognizing Jesus but doesn't elaborate further. Jesus was concerned and asks them on what they were talking about. They explain all that took place during the last few days.

Jesus Himself begins to explain to them about the various prophesies that spoke about Him. Nothing seemed to help them to recognise Him. At the end of their journey Jesus poses as if He were to go farther. At that juncture, they invite Him to stay with them as it was getting dark. Then something profound happens at the supper.

He takes the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to His disciples. Their eyes were opened at that instant and recognised Him, but Jesus vanishes from their sight!

Breaking of bread – the Holy Eucharist is the identity of Christianity. Jesus reveals Himself in the Holy Eucharist truly and wholeheartedly. He is present in His body, blood, soul and divinity. We can encounter Jesus in the Holy Eucharist as we will encounter Him in heaven. From the early Christian communities, we learn how they spread Catholicism by the breaking of the bread. He will continue to be present with us until the end of time.

It is very important that we acknowledge Jesus' presence in the Holy Eucharist by receiving Him often. Families should make it a point never to skip the Sunday Mass. Nothing is comparable to the Mass. We cannot replace it with some other spiritual activity. The fullness of God is given to us in the Holy Eucharist. It is a foretaste of heaven. There are millions of people in the world who cannot go to Mass freely and openly due to religious persecution in the world. We are fortunate enough to profess our faith openly and freely. Let us not take that for granted. Prepare yourself well before the reception of the Holy Eucharist. It is not just a meal but God Himself!

God Bless..

Kind regards,
Fr. Suresh Kumar

ST. MARK



Picture is from: supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/saint-mark-the-evangelist
The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/st-mark-23653

What is the significance of celebrating the liturgical feast of Saint Mark?

..He was one of the four writers of the Gospels, who provide us with a clear account of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. We know St. Mark, therefore, mostly through his authorship of the second Gospel—the Gospel according to St. Mark. From elsewhere in Scripture, he is also known to have accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their journeys. And from Tradition, he is known to have been the secretary of St. Peter and the founder of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt.

What are the other names for St. Mark?

St. Mark is known by *three* names in Scripture, the best known being a Greek name *Mark*, used among the Gentiles (Acts 15:39). He is also called by his Jewish birth name *John* (Acts 13:5-13), and by both, *John Mark* (Acts 12:12, 15:37).

When does the Church celebrate the feast day of St. Mark?

As with saints generally, St. Mark's feast day is the day of his death. On April 25th, 68 A.D., he was dragged through the streets of Alexandria for his faith in Christ, leaving both blood and flesh on the pavement stones. During the entire time he never ceased praising God and thanking Him for his sufferings.

What does it mean to “repent and believe the Gospel”?

The *proclamation of the Gospel* (or apostolic *kerygma*) is classically presented in the Pentecost address of St. Peter (esp. Acts 2: 36-38). It is not surprising, therefore, that his secretary Mark should begin his own account with the ministry of repentance of John the Baptist (Mk. 1:4) and this succinct proclamation, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; *repent and believe in the gospel.*” (Mark 1:4, 14-15).

This would be, of course, the heart of the Lord's own message and what the apostles were to do when they were sent out (Mk. 6:12). Fidelity to God was not to be characterized simply by an external fidelity to law, even though justice requires it, but by an interior changing of

the heart and mind to the *ways of God*. This Way was a Person, whose example and teaching express a divine love that perfectly fulfills justice (cf. Mk. 7:18-23; Mk. 12:28-34).

How many men did Jesus choose to be “Evangelists”?

Although the term “evangelist” can apply generically to anyone who preaches the Gospel, it is generally only formally used for the four Gospel writers, whose writings were accepted by the Church as inspired by God, and therefore, part of Divine Revelation. In addition to St. Mark, they are St. Matthew, St. Luke, and St. John.

While Mark's Gospel is the shortest, it remains a lasting treasure for all those who seek Christ. He wrote his Gospel to proclaim that Jesus was the Son of God who suffered and died to save us from sin and death. When we read Mark's Gospel, we learn that to be a follower of Jesus, we, too, must be willing to make sacrifices, to “let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34).

What does the Gospel of Mark say about the Ascension of Jesus?

While all the writers of the Gospel highlight a significant portion of Jesus' final acts, it was His Ascension into Heaven in the presence of the disciples that was particularly mentioned in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus ultimately rose up in a cloud that hid Him from their view, but two angels came to tell them that He would return one day in a similar manner. Jesus sits at the right hand of His Father in Heaven.

What symbol is associated with Saint Mark?

St. Mark is commonly depicted as a winged lion. We also associate the lion to Jesus Christ, who was “the lion of the tribe of Judah” (Rev 5:5). A lion is a kingly beast and courageous. Thus, Mark shows us that as Christians we are also called to be courageous and to spread the Good News of Christ.

This strange image for St. Mark is an association which was made early in the Church. It draws from Ezekiel 1 and Revelation 4, in which four living creatures or beings are shown at the throne of God, serving and worshipping Him, together with the 24 elders, the 12 patriarchs of Israel and the 12 apostles of the Church. Each angelic figure is winged, and each one has a different face, that of Man, a Lion, an Ox, or an Eagle. Almost as soon as the Church was able to own and decorate churches, these images entered into Christian iconography—the Lion for Mark, the Man for Matthew, the Ox for Luke and the Eagle for John.

Where is St. Mark currently buried? While St. Mark was martyred in Alexandria, he is currently buried in the Italian city of Venice, in St. Mark's Basilica.

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

ANZAC DAY MASS:

When: This Tuesday 25 April, 9am. Come and pray in remembrance of the fallen.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?

When: 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 start their preparation this week.

TRIP TO BERRIMA-SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MERCY-

Penrose Park: Saturday 13th 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.

The **MARCH INCOME & EXPENDITURE** sheet is on the Church noticeboard.

Sunday 23 April: Third Sunday of Easter Yr. A

Monday 24 April: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, *Priest & Martyr*

Tuesday 25 April: Anzac Day

Wednesday 26 April: St. Mark, *Evangelist*

Thursday 27 April: St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, *Priest*

Friday 28 April: St. Peter Chanel, *Priest & Martyr*

Saturday 29 April: St. Catherine of Siena, *Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 25 April

Place: Farley & Rosie Bartholomeusz, 25 Wentworth Rd, Orchard Hills

Date: Tuesday 02 May

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

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY MEETING

Date: Every Thursday, 6:00pm

Place: Parish meeting room. All welcome to attend.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN

Please register on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

ST. PADRE PIO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

When: Thursday 25 May.

Details: Mass at 7pm followed by Supper.

Please bring a plate to share and include this date in your diary.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fourth Sunday of Easter Yr A.

Acts 2:14, 36-41, Ps 22:1-6, 1Pet 2:20-25, Jn 10:1-10

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: **Death Anniversary:** Robert Morton, Anthony Refalo. **Recently Deceased:** John Russell, Robert Judd, Anne Xuereb. **Deceased:** Holy Souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them. **Prayers for the Sick:** 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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 29/30 APRIL

NO ROSTER FOR WEEK FIVE – PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VOLUNTEER

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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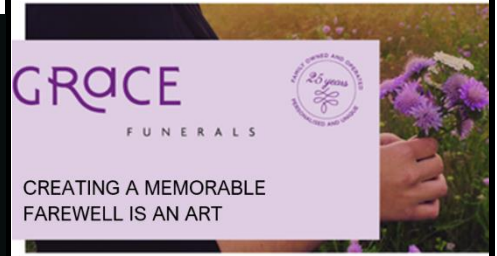
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