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SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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,

The feast of the Ascension is a time for Jesus to 'go home'. He has completed everything that His Father gave Him to do and now He ascends to heaven to be with the Father. He will be seated at the right hand of God the Father and rule over the universe as the King of the universe. It has been 40 days since His Resurrection and He has been appearing to so many people at various occasions. The Acts of the Apostles gives a beautiful description of His ascension. We await with eagerness and longing that He will come back as He ascended.

Jesus gives a command to His disciples before His ascension, that is, ***'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'***

Yes, it is the business of the Church to make disciples. But it is a big question mark if we are doing what Jesus asked of us to do. The Church is too busy in offending the Lord these days. Most of the Church leaders have deviated from this mission of Jesus and invented their own mission in the name of 'reading the signs of time'! They have failed to read the Holy Scripture which is the very reason that they are merely reading the signs of times. The people are leaving the Church in large numbers since they don't get the Spiritual nourishment anymore from the Church.

From birth to death, Jesus was very much focussed towards fulfilling the Will of God in His life. That is the very reason, He was victorious. When we compare to the Church of today, which has lost its focus, it makes us sad. The late Pope Benedict XVI predicted that the future Church will be smaller but holier. Certainly, we are walking towards that 'small and holy' Church. That small and holy Church will make its way all the way to heaven. So be steadfast in your faith. Do not give up on your faith.

How I wish that our parish becomes a mission Church. By our Baptism, all of us are called to make disciples. Please do not think that it is the role of the priests and religious anymore. We can't be complacent in this. I feel the laity are much more faithful these days than the priests and religious. The faithful priests have become 'endangered species' these days. Please pray that the remaining priests stay strong and focussed on Christ and His mission.

Happy Feast of the Ascension to all of you.

God Bless..

Kind regards,
Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

MOTHER MARY & THE HOLY ROSARY



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The Below is from: www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/rosary-12703

The month of May is dedicated to Mary the mother of Jesus and our Mother:

The rosary probably began as a practice by the laity to imitate the monastic Divine Office (Breviary or Liturgy of the Hours), during the course of which the monks prayed all 150 Psalms. The laity, many of whom could not read, substituted 50, or even 150, Ave Marias (Hail Marys) for the Psalms. The first half of this prayer, so directly biblically, seems to date from as early as the 2nd century, as ancient graffiti at Christian sites has suggested. Sometimes a cord with knots on it was used to keep an accurate count of the Aves.

The first clear historical reference to the rosary, however, is from the life of St. Dominic (died in 1221), the founder of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans. He preached a form of the rosary in France at the time that the Albigensian heresy was devastating the Faith there. Tradition has it that the Blessed Mother herself asked for the practice as an antidote for heresy and sin.

Beginning in the 1400s, a Dominican friar, Blessed Alain de Roche, established Rosary Confraternities to promote the praying of the rosary. The form of the rosary we have today is be fixed from his time. Over the centuries the saints and popes have highly recommended the rosary, the greatest prayer in the Church after the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. Not surprisingly, it's most active promoters have been Dominicans.

Rosary means a crown of roses, a spiritual bouquet given to the Blessed Mother. It is sometimes called the Dominican Rosary, to distinguish it from other rosary-like prayers (e.g. the Franciscan Rosary of the Seven Joys or Franciscan Crown, the Servite Rosary of the Seven Sorrows). It is also, in a general sense, a form of chaplet or corona (crown), of which there are many varieties in the Church. Finally, in English it has been called "Our Lady's Psalter" or "the beads." This last derives from an Old English word for prayers (bede) and to request (biddan or bid).

The rosary has been called the preparation for contemplation and the prayer of saints. While the hands and lips are occupied with the prayers... the mind meditates on the mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption represented by the decades. Meditation is the form of prayer by which the one who prays uses the mind and imagination to consider a truth and uses the will to love it and form resolutions to live it. In this way the heart, mind, and soul of the Christian is formed according to the Gospel examples of the Savior and His First Disciple, His Mother. In God's own time, when this purification of the heart, mind, and soul has advanced sufficiently the Lord may give the grace of contemplative prayer, that special divine insight into the truth which human effort cannot achieve on its own.

Why pray the Rosary today? Certainly, to grow in holiness and in one's prayer life. The following are a few other reasons why the rosary should be prayed often, even daily:

"Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary" (Bl. Pope Pius IX).

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world" (Our Lady of Fátima).

"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family . . . than the daily recitation of the Rosary" (Pope Pius XII).

"We do not hesitate to affirm again publicly that we put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils of our times" (Pope Pius XII).

"The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world" (Pope St. John XXIII).

"The Rosary is the compendium of the entire Gospel" (Pope St. Paul VI, quoting Pope Pius XII).

"Meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary . . . can be an excellent preparation for the celebration of those same mysteries in the liturgical actions [i.e. the Mass] and can also become a continuing echo thereof" (Pope St. Paul VI).

"My impression is that the Rosary is of the greatest value not only according to the words of Our Lady at Fátima, but according to the effects of the Rosary one sees throughout history. My impression is that Our Lady wanted to give ordinary people, who might not know how to pray, this simple method of getting closer to God" (Ven. Sr. Lúcia de Jesus of Fátima).

"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening" (Pope John Paul II). He has called the Rosary his "favorite prayer," after the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and guide you throughout your life.

Sunday 21 May: The Ascension of the Lord Year A
Monday 22 May: St. Rita of Cascia, *Religious*
Wednesday 24 May: **Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia**
Friday 26 May: St Philip Neri, *Priest*

THIS WEEKEND: BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE at Emerton.

Will you be the face of Christ for our First Nations people in need? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections.



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ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 23 May
Place: Mel Gaudoin, 24 Bujan St, Glenmore Park
Date: Tuesday 30 May
Place: Mel & Eric Ruiz, 10 Winna Pl, Glenmore Park

LEGION OF MARY LAY APOSTOLATE (under the guidance of Mary)

Date: Every Thursday, 6:00pm in the Parish meeting room

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?

When: Friday 02 June

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

3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am: Adoration will conclude on Saturday with 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!



ST. PADRE PIO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

When: This Thursday 25 May.

Details: Mass at 7pm followed by the blessing with St. Padre Pio's relic and supper. You are invited to bring a plate of food to share. Please invite your relatives and friends to this celebration.

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

When: This 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.***

CHILDREN'S YOUTH GROUP

For children: Yr. 1 to Yr. 8.

When: 03 June, 4.30pm-5.30pm in the school hall. Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. The Sign-up sheet is found on the Welcome Table.

PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

The sheet for April 2023 can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: **Recently Deceased:** Joseph Bartolo, Baby Kiovanni. **Deceased:** Mercedita Catalan, Hasna & Joseph Gebrail, Fr. Les Campion. **Prayers for the Sick:** Farley Bartholomeusz, Alejandra Modelo, Normie Santos, Russell Kars, Jennifer Yara Baypath Majuec, Charbel Bazouni, Simon Bazouni & family, Ava Vella, Lucy Marie Ciappara, Georgina Rastegorac, Waled Hana, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella, Lolyn Velayo. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered for Deceased, Death Anniversary, Prayers for the Sick, Thanksgiving or Birthdays.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – PENTECOST SUNDAY 27/28 MAY

MASS	5.30PM	8.00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Craig Wilson	Tracy Amituanai
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Reginald Vibar	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC	Youth for Christ		
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Jonielyn Yuzon
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