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SUNDAY 07 MAY 2023

FIFTH 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,

Jesus is The Way, The Truth and The Life.

We often use GPS or a map to guide us when we visit a new place or travel to an unknown destination. GPS first calculates our position and begins to guide us to our destination. In this scenario, the road leads us to the destination and our destination is different from the road that we choose. Whereas Jesus teaches us that He is the Way as well as the destination. He is all to all.

The Lord sent us into the world to live our lives in such a way so that we are able to go back to Him one day. He promised that He would prepare us a place in the heavenly home – Heaven. Our whole life should be focused on Heaven. We need to strive towards Heaven by our thoughts, words and deeds. It is not easy as we are distracted always by other non-important things. As Jesus promised, He will come back to take us to where He is. What a joy that would be for all of us.

Jesus' teachings are the guidelines to eternal life. No one can go to the Father except through Jesus. Jesus reveals to us that God is our Father, and we can have a loving relationship with the Father. When the apostle Philip asked Jesus to show us the Father, Jesus replied by saying that to have seen Him is to have seen the Father. The way that Jesus cared, loved and forgave people enumerated that love of the Father to us. Jesus plainly told them that He and the Father are one. We may not be able to understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity now but when we return to the Father, we will be able to see God face to face and then we will be satisfied. Only our life in Heaven can reveal the mystery of Holy Trinity – that is how there can be One God in three persons.

Friends, let us strive to have a close relationship with our loving God. Let us get all our family members closer to Him. No one can satisfy our souls except Him and Him alone! Our faith in Jesus will reveal to us exactly what the Father has in store for us. Always remember that our life in Heaven is for eternity and not just for a few months or years. Let us prepare ourselves for this eternal life.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar

Parish Priest

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER



St. Joseph the worker statue, FvfDiffun,QuirinoChurch6405 04.JPG
Picture is from: [commons.wikimedia.org/wiki](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:St._Joseph_the_worker_statue.jpg).
The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/st-joseph-the-worker-23604

What is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker?

While Saint Joseph's primary feast day is March 19th, in 1955 Pope Pius XII added a second day on May 1st, celebrated as the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. As a carpenter, St. Joseph worked very hard. His manual labor was difficult, and he is a great example to all of us in our daily work. In addition, he is a powerful intercessor for those who are seeking employment... From Genesis, we learn of the goodness of work. "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15) God commanded man to work, and in work, there is great merit! While it may seem that prayer and work can be contradictory, our Lord shows us how daily labor can offer us opportunities to grow ever closer to the Divine.

Why is St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st?

Pope Pius XII instituted this memorial at the beginning of May, Mary's month, because the dignity of work was being distorted by communism. The Soviet Union proclaimed itself the defender of the workers, utilizing "May Day" to exalt communism and parade its military might. There may even have been some motivation from the message of Fátima, since Our Lady spoke of the errors of Russia that would infect the world if not stopped, and both Mary and Joseph appeared to the children in the last apparition of October 13th, 1917. This purpose remains relevant today.

What was Joseph's profession in the Bible?

St. Joseph was a carpenter, meaning that he would have made various items such as plows and other farm equipment, doors, chests, and furniture. He taught this trade to Our Lord.

What is Saint Joseph known for?

We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back.

How did St. Joseph serve God?

St. Joseph was unfailingly obedient to God's commands...He continually provided for his family and protected them—even in the face of great danger. Even though he was not the father of Jesus biologically, St. Joseph was a devoted father to the Word Incarnate, taking the place on earth of His Father in heaven.

What can we learn from Saint Joseph?

We can learn about the importance of faith when we see how deeply he believed the message of the angel about the birth of Jesus Christ.

We also learn about obedience. St. Joseph was obedient to Our Lord, even in the midst of great trials and danger.

What does St. Joseph help with?

St. Padre Pio said, "Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph, without having obtained it readily."

Since St. Joseph was the foster-father of Jesus, he was continually working for his family, the Holy Family. He provided for them, protected them, and was the head of the family.

Now that he is in Heaven, he is a powerful intercessor for us and the patron saint of many different people and places.

The Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, I hasten to you, and beg your protection. Listen, O foster-father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen.

From: ncregister.com/blog/8-prayers-to-saint-joseph

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MERCY-Penrose Park

When: Friday 12 May.

Leaving at 8am from in front of St. Padre Pio Church with own transport. BYO food/water. Since we need to know numbers, anyone who is interested, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

PLEASE NOTE: In view of this, there will be a 9am Communion Service at the Parish, on Friday.

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING

An accredited, free CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW as part of a project by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. Length: 2.5 hours and will be presented at:

Venue 1: St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, on Saturday 13 May from 10am *or*

Venue 2: Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Monday 5 June from 4pm. Please contact the Parish Office on how to register for the venue of your choice.

BLESSING FOR MOTHERS' DAY

There will be a blessing for all Mothers during next weekend's Masses, on the occasion of Mother's Day.

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. *Thanks.*

Sunday 07 May: Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr. A

Wednesday 10 May: St. John de Avila, *Priest & Doctor of the Church*

Friday 12 May: St. Nereus & Achilleus, *Martyrs*

Friday 12 May: St. Pancras, *Martyr*

Saturday 13 May: Our Lady of Fatima

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 09 May

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

Date: Tuesday 16 May

Place: Doris Cutajar, 10 Woodie Close, Glenmore Park

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY MEETING

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

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: Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr A. *Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. 1Pet 3:15-18 or 1Pet 4: 13-16. Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11*

DIOCESAN FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR: "Happy Marriage: Faith filled ways to a better relationship"

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

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: **Sick:** Richard Scotter. **Death Anniversary:** Mark Young, Conrado Cortez, Molly George Mecheriyil. **Deceased:** Mercedita Catalan, Teodora Borlongan, Teresa Maria Conceicao & Adelino Freitas, Thankamma Mathew, Mathew Joseph, Joseph & Stella Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan, Holy Souls in Purgatory. **Prayers for the Sick:** Farley Bartholomeusz, Alejandra Modelo, 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, Lelyn Velayo. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered for Deceased, Death Anniversary, Prayers for the Sick, Thanksgiving or Birthdays.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 13/14 MAY

MASS	5.30PM	8.00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan Craig Wilson	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Dominic Younes	Tracy Amituanai
READER	1. Gilbert Grech 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Maria Aquilina	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co.
HOSPITALITY		Mal Weber	Zon Lupisan
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