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SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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,

I wish you all a Happy Feast of Pentecost.

We celebrated the feast of the Ascension last weekend wherein Jesus promised to send us an Advocate to teach us the truth. As He promised, God sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other disciples. The coming of the Holy Spirit marks the birth of the Catholic Church. The power of the Holy Spirit enabled them to go to the ends of the world to proclaim the Gospel and baptise them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The third person of the Holy Spirit will continue to guide the Catholic Church until the second coming of Christ.

The reading speaks of what happened at Pentecost: how they were able to speak in various languages and left the Holy land to spread the Gospel. There was no more fear or hesitation. The uniqueness of Catholicism was seen at Pentecost. Catholic means Universal. So too, the early Church could not remain in a particular place but to spread to the whole world. God also gave them the ability to do so by giving them the ability to speak in different languages.

When God created Adam, He gave Adam the breath of life in his nostrils. Whereas in the Gospel of today, we see Jesus giving them the Holy Spirit by breathing on them, by which the Church received the new life from Jesus. He gave them an important mission, by saying, whoever sins that you forgive, they are forgiven and whoever sins that you retain, they are retained. It is not a simple task but a life changing task. By giving them the task of forgiving, the Sacrament of Confession was born.

The Catholic Church has to be a missionary Church. It has to keep Evangelising the people until Jesus returns back. And the Catholic Church can't take this missionary task for granted. We must learn to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the day to day running of it. There is a huge failure from the part of the Church when it listens to leftist ideology rather than listening to God. Remaining faithful to the teachings of Christ and keeping up the Commandments are very important to attain salvation. A church that is neglecting the Gospel is a fake church and has nothing to offer to the salvation of people.

Let us be faithful to the teachings of Christ and may the Holy Spirit guide us always.

God Bless..

Kind regards,
Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

ST. CHARLES LWANGA, JOSEPH MKASA, **MARTYS OF UGANDA**

Feast: 03 June



Picture is from: catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-charles-lwanga-and-companions-martyrs-of-uganda-488

The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/charles-lwanga-joseph-mkasa-martyrs-of-uganda-441

In the interior of central Africa, the first Catholic missions were established by Cardinal Lavignerie's White Fathers in 1879. In Uganda, some progress was made under the not unfriendly local ruler, Mtesa; but his successor, Mwanga, determined to root out Christianity among his people, especially after a Catholic subject, St. Joseph Mkasa, reproached him for his debauchery and for his massacre of the Protestant missionary James Hannington and his caravan. Mwanga was addicted to unnatural vice and his anger against Christianity, already kindled by ambitious officers who played on his fears, was kept alight by the refusal of Christian boys in his service to minister to his wickedness.

Joseph Mkasa himself was the first victim. Mwanga seized on a trifling pretext and on November 15, 1885, had him beheaded. To the chieftain's astonishment the Christians were not cowed by this sudden outrage, and in May of the following year the storm burst. When he called for a young 'page' called Mwafu, Mwanga learned that he had been receiving religious instruction from another page, St. Denis Sebuggwawo; Denis was sent for, and the king thrust a spear through his throat. That night, guards were posted round the royal residence to prevent anyone from escaping.

St. Charles Lwanga, who had succeeded Joseph Mkasa in charge of the 'pages', secretly baptized four of them who were catechumens; among them St Kizito, a boy of thirteen whom Lwanga had repeatedly saved from the designs of the king. Next morning, the pages were all

drawn up before Mwanga, and Christians were ordered to separate themselves from the rest: led by Lwanga and Kizito, the oldest and youngest, they did so—fifteen young men, all under twenty-five years of age. They were joined by two others already under arrest and by two soldiers. Mwanga asked them if they intended to remain Christians. "Till death!" came the response. "Then put them to death!"

The appointed place of execution, Namugongo, was thirty-seven miles away, and the convoy set out at once. Three of the youths were killed on the road; the others underwent a cruel imprisonment of seven days at Namugongo while a huge pyre was prepared. Then on Ascension day, June 3, 1886, they were brought out, stripped of their clothing, bound, and each wrapped in a mat of reed: the living people were laid on the pyre (one boy, St Mbagwa, was first killed by a blow on the neck by order of his father who was the chief executioner), and it was set alight. The persecution spread and Protestants as well as Catholics gave their lives rather than deny Christ. A leader among the confessors was St Matthias Murumba, who was put to death with revolting cruelty; he was a middle-aged man, assistant judge to the provincial chief, who first heard of Jesus Christ from Protestant missionaries and later was baptized by Father Livinhac, W.F. Another older victim, who was beheaded, was St Andrew Kagwa, chief of Kigowa, who had been the instrument of his wife's conversion and had gathered a large body of catechumens round him. This Andrew together with Charles Lwanga and Matthias Murumba and nineteen others (seventeen of the total being young royal servants) were solemnly beatified in 1920. They were canonized in 1964.

When the White Fathers were expelled from the country, the new Christians carried on their work, translating and printing the catechism into their native language and giving secret instruction on the faith. Without priests, liturgy, and sacraments their faith, intelligence, courage, and wisdom kept the Catholic Church alive and growing in Uganda. When the White Fathers returned after King Mwanga's death, they found five hundred Christians and one thousand catechumens waiting for them.



ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

FR. SURESH'S HOLIDAYS

Fr. Suresh is going on holidays from this week till mid-June. All the Masses will be celebrated by visiting priests.

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!



CALVARY HOSPITAL

You would have seen the media coverage regarding the ACT government's decision to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This means that the ownership and management of Calvary Hospital will be taken away from the Catholic operator and given to the government-run non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead.

Catholic hospitals have faithfully served the community for 170 years. This decision has broader implications, a summary can be found at: www.savecalvary.com.au

Here you can also sign the petition to save Calvary Hospital. Please share this with your parishes, networks, families, and friends.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The courses are for those interested in serving as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick & Dying and Ministers at the Altar. Please see the noticeboards and if interested, contact the parish office. Places in the course are limited

Sunday 28 May: Pentecost Sunday Yr. A

Monday 29 May: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesday 31 May: The Visitation of Mary to St. Elizabeth

Thursday 01 June: St. Justin, *Martyr*

Saturday 03 June: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, *Martyrs*

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 30 May

Place: Mel & Eric Ruiz, 10 Winna Pl, GP

Date: Tuesday 06 June

Place: Maria & Edgar Castro, 10 Stein Place, GP

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

When: On Thursdays, 6:00pm in the Parish meeting room.

CHILDREN'S YOUTH GROUP

For children: Yr. 1 to Yr. 8.

When: 03 June, 4.30pm-5.30pm in the school hall.

Meetings are held every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month.

The Sign-up sheet is found on the Welcome Table.

ADULT CONFIRMATION (for people 16years and over, who have received Holy Communion, but are yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation).

Requirements: Attend the **Catechesis and Formation Day:**

02 September, 9.30am – 2.00pm in the Downstairs Hall, Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the IFM, Blacktown). It is recommended for the Sponsors to attend also. A light lunch is provided. Contribution: \$25. A copy of the Baptism certificate is needed.

Adult Confirmation is on: **5 September, 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**. If interested, please contact the parish office before 08 August.

NEXT SUNDAY is THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YR A.

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9. Dan 3:52-56. 2Cor 13:11-13. Jn 3:16-18

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: **Recently Deceased:** Francis Farrugia. **Death Anniversary:** Roger Varca. **Deceased:** Leonila Varca, James Young, Ronnie Penas, Mercedita Catalan. **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.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 03/04 JUNE

MASS	5.30PM	8.00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan, Craig Wilson &	Chris Hersey Manny Medel
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Dominic Younes	Tracy Amituanai
READER	1. Freeda Fernandez 2. Angelina Badrov	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
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