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SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P2.HTM onwards

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I. The life of man - to know and love God

¹ God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his

family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life.

² So that this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."⁴ Strengthened by this mission, the apostles "went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it."⁵

³ Those who with God's help have welcomed Christ's call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ's faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer.⁶

⁴ Mt 28:19-20 ⁵ Mk 16:20 ⁶ Cf. Acts 2:42

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH "I BELIEVE" - "WE BELIEVE"

⁶We begin our profession of faith by saying: "I believe" or "We believe". Before expounding the Church's faith, as confessed in the Creed, celebrated in the liturgy and lived in observance of God's commandments and in prayer, we must first ask what "to believe" means. Faith is man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man, at the same time bringing man a superabundant light as he searches for the ultimate meaning of his life.

I. The Desire for God

²⁷ The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.¹

²⁸ In many ways, throughout history down to the present day, men have given expression to their quest for God in their religious beliefs and behaviour: in their prayers, sacrifices, rituals, meditations, and so forth. These forms of religious expression, despite the ambiguities they often bring with them, are so universal that one may well call man a religious being:

...For "in him we live and move and have our being."²

²⁹ But this "intimate and vital bond of man to God" (*GS 19 # 1*) can be forgotten, overlooked, or even explicitly rejected by man.³ Such attitudes can have different causes: evil in the world; religious ignorance or indifference; the cares and riches of this world; the scandal of bad example on the part of believers; currents of thought hostile to religion; finally, that attitude of sinful man which makes him hide from God out of fear and flee his call.⁴

³⁰ "Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice."⁵ Although man can forget God or reject him, He never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart", as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God.

...You yourself encourage him to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.⁶

¹ Vatican Council II, *GS 19 # 1*. ² Acts 17:26-28.

³ *GS 19 # 1*. ⁴ Cf. *GS 19-21*; Mt 13:22; Gen 3:8-10; Jon 1:3. ⁵ Ps 105:3 ⁶ St. Augustine, *Conf. I, I, I*: PL 32, 659-661.

⁷ Rom 1:19-20; cf., Acts 14:15, 17; 17:27-28; Wis 13:1-9. ⁹ *GS 18 # 1*; cf. 14 # 2.

¹⁰ St. Thomas Aquinas, *S Th I, 2, 3*. ¹⁴ Pius XII, *Humani generis 561*: DS 3876; cf. *Dei Filius 2*: DS 3005; DV 6; St. Thomas Aquinas, *S Th I, I, I*.

II. Ways of Coming to Know God

³¹ Created in God's image and called to know and love him, the person who seeks God discovers certain ways of coming to know him. These are also called proofs for the existence of God, not in the sense of proofs in the natural sciences, but rather in the sense of "converging and convincing arguments", which allow us to attain certainty about the truth. These "ways" of approaching God from creation have a twofold point of departure: the physical world, and the human person.

³² The world: starting from movement, becoming, contingency, and the world's order and beauty, one can come to a knowledge of God as the origin and the end of the universe.

As St. Paul says of the Gentiles: For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.⁷

³³ The human person: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. the soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material",⁹ can have its origin only in God.

³⁴ The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".¹⁰

³⁵ Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man, and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith.(so) the proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

³⁸ This is why man stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also "about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all men with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error".¹⁴

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

FR. SURESH'S HOLIDAYS

Fr. Suresh will be returning middle of next week from holidays.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

The First Holy Eucharist dates are now available. The child needs to be in Yr. 4 or older and have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. The Parent letter and Enrolment Form are on the parish website and there are hard copies on the Welcome Table.

NEW ITEMS IN THE PIETY CABINET

Most new items are from Fatima. These include new glass Rosary beads, necklace and bracelet Rosary beads, Crucifixes, Statues, etc. They make beautiful gifts for birthdays, Holy Communion, Confirmation and Anniversary gifts. There are also different devotional candles, newest being of St. Anthony. All cards are also discounted at \$3.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?

When: Friday 07 July

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!



Sunday 18 June: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A

Monday 19 June: St. Romuald, *Abbot*

Wednesday 21 June: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, *Religious*

Thursday 22 June: Sts. John Fisher, *Bishop* & Thomas More, *Martyrs*

Saturday 24 June: Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 20 June

Place: Lynnette & Robert Sajonia, 75 Aberdeen Cct, GP

Date: Tuesday 27 June

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

This is for people 16years and over, who have received Holy Communion, but not 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.

During pain, affliction or mortification say to yourself: "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee."

MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS for people in ministry

Every person involved in ministry is required by law to do the Safeguarding sessions either in person or online. There are various places in the Parramatta Diocese where these are held in person. For this information or how to do the course online, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org, or contact the parish office.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A.** Jer. 20:10-13, Ps 68:8-10,14,17,33-35. Rom 5:12-15. Mt 10:26-33

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: Deceased: Jared Charlden Ledesma, Tarcisio & Helen Cauchi, Francis Farrugia, Avelino Bhundoo, Joseph & Stella Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan, Arthur Reid. **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 – 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24/25 JUNE

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
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Rebekah Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Mel Gaudoin, Johan		



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