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SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023

TWELFTH 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.

Dear Friends,

God tells the humanity 365 times in the Holy Scripture – DO NOT BE AFRAID. Prophets have spoken about not being afraid. Saints have guided people not to be afraid. Catholicism is a way of life for the courageous hearted and not for the timid. Fear makes things worse. Satan uses fear as the first resource as well as the last resource for our downfall. Satan knows that when we fear, we lose our faith in God and fall for our disbelief. Fear brings anger, frustration, anxiety and depression. Courage brings faith, confidence, self-esteem, love and joy.

Jesus instructed His apostles not to be afraid. He wanted His disciples to proclaim the Gospel with courage and confidence. There is nothing now hidden that will not be uncovered. Lies and falsehood don't hide anymore. The media and politicians promote them from the forefront. There is an urgent need for the truth to be told, to be repeated and proclaimed. Jesus knew of the situation in His times as well as these present times. Truth is the only thing that will set us free. When we proclaim the Gospel, we can't play safe. It requires martyrdom of our modern days. Jesus doesn't conceal the fact that there will be persecution to those who proclaim the Gospel. The only fear that we need to have is the fear of God – which is the beginning of wisdom. Only God can cast our souls into hell fire forever. There is nothing else that we need to fear.

There is beauty and harmony in God's creation. God cares for everything in the universe and had a purpose and meaning. If that is how He cares for creation, imagine how much more He cares for the crown of creation – the human being.

Friends, it is very important that we give witness to God. We must make sure that we never disown Him. At times, there could be a temptation not to identify ourselves as believers in our workplaces, among colleagues, with our friends or even with our family members. If we do so, then do not expect God to recognize us when we go up to heaven. If Jesus disowns us there is utter wretchedness to our souls. There is no hope of salvation for us without His grace.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FEAST DAY JUNE 17

Below excerpt is from <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/immaculate-heart-of-mary-14358> continued

What does the Immaculate Heart of Mary mean?

The Immaculate Heart of Mary signifies, first of all, the great purity and love of the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary for God. This purity is manifested in her "Yes" to the Father at the Incarnation, Her love for, and cooperation with, the Incarnate Son in His redemptive mission, and her docility to the Holy Spirit, enabling her to remain free of the stain of personal sin throughout her life. Mary's Immaculate Heart, therefore, points us to her profound interior life, where she experienced both joys and sorrows, yet remained faithful, as we, too, are called to do.

Why does [pictures/images of] Mary [depict her] having a sword in her heart?

Most images of the Immaculate Heart show one or more swords piercing the Heart of Mary. Simeon told the Blessed Mother that "a sword will pierce through your own soul" (Luke 2:35). This indicates the sorrows that Mary would experience, particularly through Jesus' Passion.

What are the seven sorrows of Mary?

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30)
6. The body of Jesus taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37)
7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47)

Is Mary's Heart mentioned in the Bible?

Twice in St. Luke's Gospel, we hear about Mary's heart. After Jesus was born, Luke 2:19 says, "But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." And then after Mary and St. Joseph found Jesus in the Temple after He was missing for three days, Luke 2:51 says, "[Jesus'] mother kept all these things in her heart." Both of these references point to Mary's interior life in which she meditated on the Mysteries surrounding her Son.

What does it mean to consecrate oneself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

To consecrate something is to set it apart for God. This "making sacred" identifies a person or a thing as dedicated to His service. This is shown in the Old Testament where persons and things (the firstborn,

the priests, the offerings, etc.) are given over to God, and in the New Testament where Christ is the consecrated one sent from the Father (John 10:36), who consecrates Himself to the Father on our behalf (John 17:19), and through whom we ourselves are consecrated (1 Peter 2:9). When we

consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart, we rededicate our self to God in imitation of Our Lady's complete consecration at the Incarnation (Luke 1:38) and under the Cross (Luke 2:35; Jn 19: 25-27, and entrust our self to her for the fulfillment of our baptismal commitment.

As Pope St. John Paul II said in his prayer consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart on March 25, 1984. . . . Before you, Mother of Christ, before your Immaculate Heart, I today, together with the whole Church, unite myself with our Redeemer in this His consecration for the world and for people, which only in His Divine Heart has the power to obtain pardon and to secure reparation.

A CONSECRATION PRAYER TO MARY

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to thine Immaculate Heart.

We consecrate to thee our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To thee we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls; to thee we give our homes, our families, our country.

We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to thee, and may share in the benefits of thy motherly benediction. And that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting, we renew this day at thy feet the promises of our Baptism and our first Holy Communion. We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times the truths of our holy Faith.

We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and His Church, in particular to keep holy the Lord's Day. We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able so to do.

Finally, we promise thee, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of people, to devote ourselves wholeheartedly to your service in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of thine Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of thine adorable Son, in our own hearts and in those of all people, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven, so on earth.

Amen.



ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

DONATIONS OF GROCERY CARDS

Due to the rise of the electricity bills and cost of living, donations of grocery cards would be much appreciated. These will be given to support families in our parish. If you can help, they can be given to Fr. Suresh or the parish office. Thank you in advance. God bless..

Sunday 25 June: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A
Tuesday 27 June: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Wednesday 28 June: St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
Thursday 29 June: Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul
Friday 30 June: First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

The First Holy Eucharist enrolment forms are due in by this Friday 30 June. 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.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 27 June
Place: Maria & Edgar Castro, 10 Stein Pl, GP
Date: Tuesday 04 July
Place: Pat Canderle, 1 Kurpun Pl, GP

CHILDREN'S YOUTH GROUP

For children: Yr. 1 to Yr. 8.
When: 01 July, 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

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.

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!



ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY 2023

As you know, the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio is fast approaching in September but there is plenty of organization that needs to happen beforehand. Thanks be to God, it has been a success each year with many volunteers helping. The sign-up sheet for volunteers to help in this year's feast is on the Welcome Table. Kindly add your name to it and please join in the preparation for the Feast Day.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A.** 2Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16. Ps 88:2-3, 16-19. Rom 6:3-4, 8-11. Mt 10:37-42.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: **Death Anniversary:** Leila Eggleton. **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 – 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 01/02 JULY

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		
HOSPITALITY		Vera Daher	Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
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