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## SUNDAY 02 JULY 2023

## THIRTEENTH 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,

We all have priorities in our lives. We give importance to some and not so much importance to others. What is the topmost priority in your life? At the very outset, I can tell you that we human beings are the topmost priority for God. He came down to us, suffered for us and died for us since He considers us as His topmost priority. The very purpose of our life is to know Him and to love Him and by doing so, attaining heaven.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel that we need to love God more than we love our parents and family members. It sounds as if Jesus doesn't want us to love our family, but we need to realize that God gave us our family members. Who do we turn to when we are having a serious sickness or a problem for our family? It is God who is our first and the last resort. He is our hope when everything fails us. To be a follower of Jesus, we must take up our Cross and follow Him. A Catholic cannot deny his/her own Cross since the Cross purifies us and gives us salvation.

The Cross was seen as a sign of shame until the Son of God carried it and died on it. The sign of shame turned into the sign of salvation. The Cross is a sign of victory now. The world cannot give salvation. We are in a chaotic world right now. People question their identity and gender. They don't seem to be content with themselves and make some permanent decisions for temporary problems. Moreover, they confuse the little children in it. Let us get back to the basics. Let us claim our identity of being Catholics not only in word but also in deed.

Jesus talks about the reward that the people will get when we help someone. Even a cup of water that is given to those who belong to God, will not go unrewarded. If that is how God takes note of everything that we do to the needy, imagine our reward in heaven for all the charities. Help people as much as you can. That is the way to store up treasure in heaven.

The following should be our order of priorities in our lives.

1. God
2. Family
3. Work

Never change this order. Keep God as the topmost priority in life always. There is nothing that we can do without God. He is everything to us.  
God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

## ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL



Queen (sometimes known as the PEACEMAKER); born in 1271; died in 1336. She was named after her great-aunt, the great Elizabeth of Hungary, but is known in Portuguese history by the Spanish form of that name, Isabel. The daughter of Pedro III, King of Aragon, and Constantia, grandchild of Emperor Frederick II, she

was educated very piously, and led a life of strict regularity and self-denial from her childhood: she said the full Divine Office daily, fasted and did other penances, and gave up amusement. Elizabeth was married very early to Diniz (Denis), King of Portugal, a poet, and known as Re Lavrador, or the working king, from his hard work in his country's service. His morals, however, were extremely bad, and the court to which his young wife was brought consequently most corrupt. Nevertheless, Elizabeth quietly pursued the regular religious practices of her maidenhood, whilst doing her best to win her husband's affections by gentleness and extraordinary forbearance. She was devoted to the poor and sick, and gave every moment she could spare to helping them, even pressing her court ladies into their service. Naturally, such a life was a reproach to many around her, and caused ill will in some quarters. A popular story is told of how her husband's jealousy was roused by an evil-speaking page; of how he condemned the queen's supposed guilty accomplice to a cruel death; and was finally convinced of her innocence by the strange accidental substitution of her accuser for the intended victim.

Diniz does not appear to have reformed in morals till late in life, when we are told that the saint won him to repentance by her prayers and unfailing sweetness. They had two children, a daughter Constantia and a son Affonso. The latter so greatly resented the favours shown to the king's illegitimate sons that he rebelled, and in 1323 war was declared between him and his father. St. Elizabeth, however, rode in person between the opposing armies, and so reconciled her husband and son. Diniz died in 1325, his son succeeding him as Affonso IV. St. Elizabeth then retired to a convent of Poor Clares which she had founded at Coimbra, where she took the Franciscan Tertiary habit, wishing to devote the rest of her life to the poor and sick in obscurity. But she was called forth to act once more as peacemaker. In 1336 Affonso IV marched his troops against the King of

Castile, to whom he had married his daughter Maria, and who had neglected and ill-treated her. In spite of age and weakness, the holy queen dowager insisted on hurrying to Estremoz, where the two kings' armies were drawn up. She again stopped the fighting and caused terms of peace to be arranged. But the exertion brought on her final illness; and as soon as her mission was fulfilled she died of a fever, full of heavenly joy, and exhorting her son to the love of holiness and peace. St. Elizabeth was buried at Coimbra, and miracles followed her death. She was canonized by Urban VIII in 1625.

*Above excerpt is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/elizabeth-of-portugal-551. Picture from: pinterest.com.au/pin/477100154252135892/?mt=login*

## ST. MARIA GORETTI



Virgin martyr and miracle worker in death. She was stabbed to death on July 6 while resisting the advances of the son of her father's business partner. Maria was born in Corinaldo, Italy, the daughter of a farmer who moved the family to Ferriere di Conca, near Anzio. There, Alexander Serenelli, a youth who lived in the same

house, tried to seduce the young Maria. When she refused him, Alexander stabbed her repeatedly. Arrested for the murder, he was imprisoned and experienced a vision of Maria. Her cause was opened because she was credited with some forty miracles after her death. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII (r. 1939-1958) in 1950, as a model of purity. Alexander attended her canonization. *(Taken from Our Sunday Visitor's Encyclopedia of Saints)*



### Prayer to St Maria Goretti

O Saint Maria Goretti who, strengthened by God's grace, did not hesitate even at the age of eleven to shed your blood and sacrifice life itself to defend your virginal purity.

Look graciously on the unhappy human race which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation. Teach us all, especially the youth, to flee from anything that could offend Jesus and stain our souls with sin. Obtain for us from our Lord, victory in temptation, comfort in the sorrows of life, and the grace which we now earnestly beg of thee... *(Share your request)*... St Maria, pray that we may one day enjoy with you, the eternal glory of Heaven. Amen.

### St Maria Goretti, Pray for Us.

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## 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 02 July: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A**

**Monday 03 July: St. Thomas, Apostle**

**Tuesday 04 July: St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

**Wednesday 05 July: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest**

**Thursday 06 July: St. Maria Goretti, Martyr**

**Friday 07 July: Bl. Peter to Rot, Martyr**

### NEXT WEEKEND-PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This collection supports the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministries and helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. The collection will be held as a leaving collection. Thank you for your generosity.

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 04 July

**Place:** Pat Canderle, 1 Kurpun Pl, GP

**Date:** Tuesday 11 July

**Place:** Alice & Levy Pajarin, 40 Allison Dr, GP

### FAMILIES CALLED TO SHARE THEIR STORIES WITH THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources 'Synod at Home' found here:

[https://parracatholic.org/synod2023\\_resources/](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/)

### DATE EXTENSION FOR FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FORM

The due date for the completed First Holy Eucharist enrolment forms has been extended till 14 July. Forms can be emailed to the 'Sacraments' email address or handed in at the parish office. The Parent letter and Enrolment Form are on the parish website and on the Welcome Table.

### MAY'S INCOME AND EXPENSE SHEET

This is available on the Parish Noticeboards.

### FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?*

**When:** This 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 & 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.

### THIS SUNDAY IS ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A.** *Zech 9:9-10. Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. Rom 8:9, 11-13. Mt 11:25-30.*

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:** **Deceased:** Maria Victoria Patricio, Joseph & Stella Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan & Holy Souls in Purgatory. **Birthdays:** Dominic Paul. **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.*

### SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 08/09 JULY

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



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