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SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023

SEVENTEENTH 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 the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

Dear Friends,

Our Lord Jesus has given us so many parables on the kingdom of God. There is no other theme or teaching that has these many examples and explanations by Our Lord. We need to think why He had to use these many examples or given so much importance to the kingdom of God. The fact that He has spoken so extensively tells us its importance. We cannot understand the kingdom of God with our understanding of a kingdom. It is quite different from what we think or understand. Certainly, His kingdom is NOT of this world.

There is an ever-widening gap between God's kingdom and our 'kingdoms.' His kingdom is made up of love, forgiveness, truth, justice etc. whereas ours is made up of hatred, jealousy, envy, immorality etc. If we want to achieve God's kingdom, we need to get out of our kingdom. We need to build up God's kingdom in our world, in our families, among friends and even in our workplaces. The world keeps hating the kingdom of God as it challenges them to live a life of morality. Our Lord Jesus uses three examples in the Gospel to denote the kingdom of God.

1. It is like a treasure buried in the land.
2. It is like a pearl of great value.
3. It is like a net cast into the sea which brings in all kinds of fish.

No one who knows the value of the kingdom will neglect it. It is precious, it is rich, and it is beautiful. One must be part of the kingdom to know what it is. An outsider cannot understand fully the meaning of it or the purpose of it. Let us try to make our families wherein the kingdom values are lived out in our day-to-day living. The joy that will emerge from establishing our families as per His kingdom is beyond our comprehension. We will cherish God's presence in our lives, and we will treasure one another.

I would like to give you these following guidelines that will help you to bring the kingdom of God in your family life.

- Be regular to Sunday Masses together with your family.
- Don't skip daily family prayers and frequent confessions.
- Family meals without any distractions, especially from the gadgets.
- Family and friends' picnics or gatherings once a month.
- Husband and wife dinner dates.
- Teaching children catechism and prayers.
- Setting priorities as: God, Family and then work. Let us build up the kingdom of God in our midst by the grace of God.

God Bless..

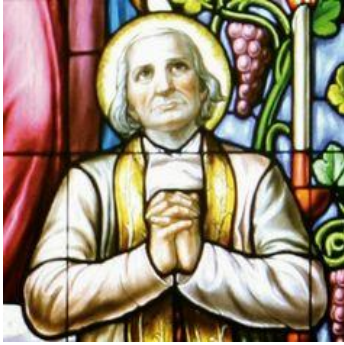
Kind regards,
Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Feast day: 04 August

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Curé of Ars, born at Dardilly, near Lyons, France, on 8 May 1786; died at Ars, 4 August 1859.

In 1806, the curé at Ecully, M. Balley, opened a school for ecclesiastical students, and Jean-Marie was sent to him. Though he was of

average intelligence and his masters never seem to have doubted his vocation, his knowledge was extremely limited, being confined to a little arithmetic, history, and geography, and he found learning, especially the study of Latin, excessively difficult. One of his fellow-students, Matthias Loras, afterwards first Bishop of Dubuque, assisted him with his Latin lessons.

But now another obstacle presented itself. Young Vianney was drawn in the conscription, the war with Spain and the urgent need of recruits having caused Napoleon to withdraw the exemption enjoyed by the ecclesiastical students in the diocese of his uncle, Cardinal Fesch. Matthieu Vianney tried unsuccessfully to procure a substitute, so his son was obliged to go. His regiment soon received marching orders. The morning of departure, Jean-Baptiste went to church to pray, and on his return to the barracks found that his comrades had already left. He was threatened with arrest, but the recruiting captain believed his story and sent him after the troops. At nightfall he met a young man who volunteered to guide him to his fellow-soldiers, but led him to Noes, where some deserters had gathered. The mayor persuaded him to remain there, under an assumed name, as schoolmaster. After fourteen months, he was able to communicate with his family. His father was vexed to know that he was a deserter and ordered him to surrender but the matter was settled by his younger brother offering to serve in his stead and being accepted.

Jean-Baptiste now resumed his studies at Ecully. In 1812, he was sent to the seminary at Verrieres; he was so deficient in Latin as to be obliged to follow the philosophy course in French. He failed to pass the examinations for entrance to the seminary proper, but on re-examination three months later succeeded. On 13 August 1815, he was ordained priest by Mgr. Simon, Bishop of Grenoble. His difficulties in making the preparatory studies seem to have been due to a lack of mental suppleness in dealing with theory as distinct

from practice -- a lack accounted for by the meagreness of his early schooling, the advanced age at which he began to study, the fact that he was not of more than average intelligence, and that he was far advanced in spiritual science and in the practice of virtue long before he came to study it in the abstract. He was sent to Ecully as assistant to M. Balley, who had first recognized and encouraged his vocation, who urged him to persevere when the obstacles in his way seemed insurmountable, who interceded with the examiners when he failed to pass for the higher seminary, and who was his model as well as his preceptor and patron. In 1818, after the death of M. Balley, M. Vianney was made parish priest of Ars, a village not very far from Lyons. It was in the exercise of the functions of the parish priest in this remote French hamlet that as the "curé d'Ars" he became known throughout France and the Christian world...He himself instructed the children in the catechism, and these catechetical instructions came to be so popular that at last they were given every day in the church to large crowds and his chief labour was the direction of souls. He had not been long at Ars when people began coming to him from other parishes, then from distant places, then from all parts of France, and finally from other countries. As early as 1835, his bishop forbade him to attend the annual retreats of the diocesan clergy because of "the souls awaiting him yonder". During the last ten years of his life, he spent from sixteen to eighteen hours a day in the confessional. His advice was sought by bishops, priests, religious, young men and women in doubt as to their vocation, sinners, persons in all sorts of difficulties and the sick. In 1855, the number of pilgrims had reached twenty thousand a year. The most distinguished persons visited Ars for the purpose of seeing the holy curé and hearing his daily instruction. He would sometimes tell the penitent their sins when they withheld them in an imperfect confession. His instructions were simple in language, full of imagery drawn from daily life and country scenes, but breathing faith and that love of God which was his life principle and which he infused into his audience as much by his manner and appearance as by his words, for, at the last, his voice was almost inaudible.

The miracles recorded by his biographers are of three classes: * first, the obtaining of money for his charities and food for his orphans; * secondly, supernatural knowledge of the past and future; * thirdly, healing the sick, especially children.

The greatest miracle of all was his life. He practised mortification from his early youth and for forty years his food and sleep were insufficient, humanly speaking, to sustain life. And yet he laboured incessantly, with unflinching humility, gentleness, patience, and cheerfulness, until he was more than seventy-three years old. In 1925, Pope Pius XI canonized him. *Taken from Catholic Encyclopedia*

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers. They will start their First Holy Eucharist Program next week.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

The new Planned Giving envelope boxes for those who are subscribed to the Program are available at the back of the Church. The Planned Giving Program assists the financial planning for current and future projects for the Parish. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, either through Direct Debit, Credit Card, or Envelopes, please contact the Parish office.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Would you come & spend an hour with Jesus?

When: Friday 04 August

8:00pm: 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!*



Sunday 30 July: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A

Monday 31 July: St. Ignatius of Loyola, *Priest*

Tuesday 01 August: St. Alphonsus Liguori, *Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Wednesday 02 August: St. Peter Julian Eymard, *Priest*

Thursday 03 August: St. Dominic, *Priest*

Friday 04 August: St. John Vianney, *Priest*

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 01 August

Place: Abby & John Cook, 8 Jipp St, Penrith

Date: Tuesday 08 August

Place: Cecilia & Darren Rowe, 88 Ladbury Ave, Penrith

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY'S ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN TUESDAY 15 AUGUST

There will be 3 Masses:

9:00am Mass. Bethany School attending

11.00am Mass. Caroline Chisholm School attending

7:00pm Mass.

It is a holy day of obligation and it is compulsory to attend Mass. We celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary when she was taken to Heaven with body and soul. We pray for Our Lady's intercession to love her Son Jesus, just like she did & for the grace to one day join her in heavenly glory.

VOUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

The Feast Day of St. Padre Pio is fast approaching in September. Many volunteers are needed. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY 2023

Three Day Triduum:

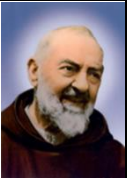
Thursday 21 September, 7:00pm Mass

Friday 22 September, 7:00pm Mass

Saturday 23 September, 5.30pm Mass

Feast Day Mass: Sunday 24 September, 10:00am

More details to come.



KINGSWOOD PARISH FETE

When: 06 August, 9am-3pm

Where: St. Joseph Parish Grounds, 12 Richmond Rd, Kingswood. There will be different stalls and fun activities for the family.

NEXT SUNDAY is the TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14. Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9. 2 Pet 1:16-19. Mt 17:1-9.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: **Deceased:** George Cauchi, Jared Charlden Ledesma, Francis Farrugia. **Death Anniversary:** Aiyana Cabanero. **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.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 05/06 AUGUST

MASS	5.30PM	8.00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey Manny Medel
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana		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
CLEANING TEAM	Doris Cutajar, Paula Harris, Mel Gaudoin, Josephine Caruana, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda		



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