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**SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2023**

**19<sup>TH</sup> 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,

One of the most favourite words that Jesus uses in the Holy Scripture is 'Come'. He calls the whole of humanity to repentance. He calls the sinners to leave the sinful lives. He calls the disciples to mission to spread the Gospel. He calls the lost and the least to the fold. Constantly, Jesus calls us towards Himself and ultimately towards heaven. Whereas constantly we refuse to go to Him. Only Jesus can give us the peace of mind and heart that we have been looking for. We cannot rely on own strength for ever.

The Gospel of today, enumerates a typical church in the person of Peter. He was a real character. He will be the one to say, I will lay my life for you! And when the moment comes, he will run away denying Jesus three times. He says to Jesus, 'Lord, if it is you, let me walk on water'. Whereas loosing the faith, he will also cry out by saying, 'Lord, save me'. The man who was willing to fight by drawing up his sword had lots of doubts in his life. The Catholic Church is the same. There are times, we are on our hills of spirituality and let some trials come in our lives, we deny and betray Jesus deliberately.

Jesus has done some marvellous miracles during His life on earth. His disciples and others were the eyewitnesses of these miracles. In our life too, Jesus keeps performing miracles after miracles each and every day of our lives but we conveniently call them as mere 'coincidences'. We can't wake up a person who is pretending to be sleeping, can we? The reprimand of Jesus to Peter is for us too. We too let down Jesus with our doubts. Let us always realise that God is in control. There is nothing beyond His control. We may throw all our resources and money towards our problems but the moment we realise that only God can give us what we need in our lives, we begin to grow in wisdom!

Very soon, we will be celebrating the feast of our beloved patron St. Padre Pio. He is one of the best saints who can teach us to accept the Will of God in our lives. For 50 long years of having the stigmata, could have resulted in having doubts on the love of God for him. But St. Padre Pio patiently endured the pain for the sake of Christ. By his witness of life, he brought back numerous souls to God. Let us learn from our beloved patron St. Padre Pio.

When the storms of life hit us hard, let us hold on to the outstretched arms of Jesus. He will never leave us alone in our problems. He is a loving God who cares for us. Let us also have complete and trust and confidence in Him.

God Bless..

Kind Regards,  
Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

## THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Feast day: 15 August



### What does the Solemnity of the Assumption celebrate?

On August 15, the Church celebrates the fact that Mary, the Mother of God, was assumed into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 974) teaches, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body."

### What happened in the Assumption of Mary?

CCC 966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death" (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*). The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: In giving birth you kept your virginity; O Mother of God. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion, Feast of the Dormition).

### What does the Assumption of Mary teach us?

In a homily for the Assumption, Pope St. John Paul II said, "Taken up into Heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to Heaven, the way to life. She shows it to her children baptized in Christ and to all people of good will. She opens this way especially to the little ones and to the poor, those who are dear to divine mercy. The Queen of the world reveals to individuals and to nations

the power of the love of God..." "In her, assumed into Heaven, we are shown the eternal destiny that awaits us beyond the mystery of death: a destiny of total happiness in divine glory. This supernatural vision sustains our daily pilgrimage. Mary teaches about life. By looking at her, we understand better the relative value of earthly greatness and the full sense of our Christian vocation." – St. John Paul II

### What happened to Mary after Jesus ascended to Heaven?

At the Crucifixion, Jesus asked St. John to care for Mary. "When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home" (John 19:26-27).

She was present with the disciples (Acts 1:14), particularly during the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts chapter 2). The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "After her Son's Ascension, Mary 'aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers.' In her association with the apostles and several women, 'we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation'" (CCC 965).

### Why is Mary called the Blessed Mother?

As Mother of the Lord (Luke 1:43), Mary is our spiritual mother, as well. This is already prefigured in the account of Genesis 3:15, in which the Seed of Woman will crush the head of the Serpent. The Lord makes this clear by the usage of the title "Woman" in addressing His mother at key points in His mission, at its beginning (John 2:4), and at its end (John 19:26). In these uses Mary stands as antitype to the natural woman, Eve, who failed God, Adam, and us. As the New and faithful Eve, the "Woman" Mary is mother of all the supernaturally living in Christ, as Eve is "mother of all the living" in the natural order (Gen. 3:20, John 19:27, Rev. 12:7).

In 2005 on this feast, Pope Benedict XVI spoke affectionately of this Mother, saying, "While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is close to us, actually, 'within' all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God. Being in God and with God, she is close to each one of us, knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness and has been given to us, as the Lord said, precisely as a 'mother' to whom we can turn at every moment."

Excerpt from: [ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/assumption-14540](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/assumption-14540)  
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## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### CONSULTANTS NEEDED

The below list of consultants are required to complete the development application to get the amenities block under construction. If anyone can assist, please contact Fr Suresh or the parish office. Thank you.

- Hydraulic engineer
- Civil engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Geotechnical engineer
- Structural engineer

### SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY'S ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN

**When: This 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.

**WORKING BEE FOR ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY**-please include this date in your calendar.

**When: Saturday, 16 September after the 9am Mass.**

### 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.*



### ST. JOHN BOSCO'S RELIC VISIT AT ST. MARYS PARISH

**When: 23 – 27 August**

The relic statue of St. John Bosco (Don Bosco) will be visiting Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St. Marys, as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic, Mass, Adoration and Confessions.

Contact: 9623 1962 or [secretaryolrchurch@inet.net.au](mailto:secretaryolrchurch@inet.net.au)

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

**Closing date to enroll is 25 August.** The courses are for anyone interested in serving within the Church either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. Dates are on the parish noticeboards. If you are interested, please see Fr Suresh.

### GET SET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS IN THE CITY: 13 August



Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](http://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. **Thanks for getting #Active4Vocations**

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 15 August

**Place:** MJ Aspera, 67 Ladbury Ave, Penrith

**Date:** Tuesday 22 August

**Place:** Yen & Linh Phan, 171 West Wilchard Rd, Castlereagh

**Sunday 13 August: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A.**

**Monday 14 August:** St. Maximilian Kolbe, *Priest & Martyr*

**Tuesday 15 August: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Wednesday 16 August:** St. Stephen of Hungary

**Saturday 19 August:** St. John Eudes, *Priest*

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. *Is 56:1, 6-7. Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. Rom 11:13-15, 29-32. Mt 15:21-28.*

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: Thanksgiving:** Baby Serafina, Brennen Muller. **Deceased:** Tarcisio & Helen Cauchi, Marianne Cassar, Frank Azzopardi, Grazia & Cosimo Fiorentino & Holy Souls in Purgatory. **Death Anniversary:** Pauline (Polly) Vella. **Prayers for the Sick:** Angelo Ninni, Farley Bartholomeusz, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.*

### THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19/20 AUGUST

MASS	5.30PM	8.00AM	10:00AM
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
<b>ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER</b>	Joe Badrov Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Craig Wilson	Acolyte needed Tracy Amituanai
<b>READER</b>	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Sue Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Jason Ball 2. Noel Xavier
<b>MUSIC</b>	Our Daily Bread		
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		Sue Guy	Connie Hyland
<b>CLEANING TEAM</b>	Mel Gaudoin, Susan Guy, Anna Roberts, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Johan		



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