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SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023

20TH 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,

It is a great Christian charity to pray for others. It is an even more noble act to pray for those who are not connected with us directly. When we pray for the strangers and the needy, we live out our Christian calling in such a way, that speaks of our willingness to be witnesses to Christ who died for all. At times, we promise that we will pray for others in their needs, but we often tend to forget it in the business of life.

In the Gospel of this weekend, there is a lesson for all of us. A canaanite woman who pleads to Jesus to help her daughter who was being tormented by the devil. Jesus doesn't respond straightaway but rather remains silent. Even the disciples speak on her behalf asking Him to give what she wants due to her persistence. It looks like as if Jesus was not concerned about her situation whereas the disciples seemed to be more considerate and concerned. As a matter of fact, Jesus wanted to break the barrier between the Jews and canaanites for centuries. Jews didn't want to much with others as they are considered to be 'pagans.'

The canaanite woman understood her situation and pleaded with Jesus to give her at least the 'left over' miracle – that is, whatever is left of after giving to the Israelites, the chosen ones. This very act of humility made Jesus to recognize the faith of the woman and He granted as per her wish. Her act of faith made Jesus to award her with recognition with His golden words - 'woman, you have great faith.' Imagine, Jesus acknowledging our faith with such words!

Jesus always gave the credit to those who have faith. He didn't take credit on Himself any time for the miracles that He performed. He asked the people to have faith at least in the size of the mustard seed. No one can say that we have grown in faith fully. It is a constant and lifelong process. Our life situations can make us struggle in our faith especially when we are faced with trials and tribulations. But those are the God given opportunities to stand strong in our faith. God looks to us for our faith and rewards us accordingly. Just merely saying our prayers without faith is a waste of time. Contemplation and action should go hand in hand.

I request you to get back to your family prayers from today. There are way too many families breaking apart due to the failure of family prayers. The family that prays together will stay together always. Not only in this world but also in the world to come. Do not compromise in your family prayer. You will begin to see the fruits of family prayer soon. There are a number of families who have been separated who have come together due to prayer. Keep the faith and the faith will keep you.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar

Parish Priest

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast day: 22 August



The beginning of the concept that she is a Queen is found in the annunciation narrative. For the angel tells her that her Son will be King over the house of Jacob forever. So she, His Mother, would be a Queen.

The Fathers of the Church soon picked up these implications. A

text probably coming from Origen (died c. 254: cf. *Marian Studies* 4, 1953, 87) gives her the title *domina*, the feminine form of Latin *dominus*. That same title also appears in many other early writers, e.g., St. Ephrem, St. Jerome, St. Peter Chrysologus. (cf. *Marian Studies* 4, 87-91. The word Queen appears about the sixth century, and is common thereafter (*Marian Studies*, 4, 91-94.)

The titles of king or queen are often used loosely, for those beings that excel in some way. Thus we call the lion the king of beasts, the rose the queen of flowers. Surely Our Lady deserves the title richly for such reasons. But there is much more.

Some inadequate reasons have been suggested: She is the daughter of David. But not every child of a king becomes a king or queen. Others have pointed out that she was free from original sin. Then, since Adam and Eve had a dominion over all things (Genesis 1. 26) she should have similar dominion. But the problem is that the royalty of Adam and Eve was largely metaphorical.

The solidly theological reasons for her title of Queen are expressed splendidly by Pius XII, in his Radio message to Fatima, *Bendito seja* (AAS 38. 266): "He, the Son of God, reflects on His heavenly Mother the glory, the majesty and the dominion of His kingship, for, having been associated to the King of Martyrs in the unspeakable work of human Redemption as Mother and cooperator, she remains forever associated to Him, with a practically unlimited power, in the distribution of the graces which flow from the Redemption. Jesus is King throughout all eternity by nature and by right of conquest: through Him, with Him, and subordinate to Him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular choice [of the Father]. And her kingdom is as vast as that of her Son and God, since nothing is

excluded from her dominion."

We notice that there are two titles for the kingship of Christ: divine nature, and "right of conquest", i.e., the Redemption. She is Queen "through Him, with Him, and subordinate to Him." The qualifications are obvious and need no explanation. Her Queenship is basically a sharing in the royalty of her Son. We do not think of two powers, one infinite, the other finite. No, she and her Son are inseparable, and operate as a unit.

Of the four titles Pius XII gave for her Queenship, we notice that two are closely parallel to those of Jesus: (1) He is king by nature, as God, she is Queen by "divine relationship" that is, by being the Mother of God. In fact, her relation to her Son is greater than that of ordinary Mothers of Kings. For she is the Mother of Him who is King by very nature, from all eternity, and the relationship is exclusive, for He had no human father. Still further, the ordinary queen-mother gives birth to a child who later will become king. The Son of Mary is, as we said, eternally king, by His very nature. He is king by right of conquest. (2) She too is Queen by right of conquest. We already saw that this title for Him means that He redeemed us from the captivity of Satan. She shared in the struggle and victory. Since the Pope expressed her dependence on Him in a threefold way—something we would have known anyway—then it is clear that he did not have in mind any other restriction which he did not express. So, with subordination, "by right of conquest" means the same for her as it does for Him.

The other two titles: (3) She is Queen by grace. She is full of grace, the highest in the category of grace besides her Son. (4) She is Queen by singular choice of the Father. A mere human can become King or Queen by choice of the People. How much greater a title is the choice of the Father Himself!

Pius XII added that "nothing is excluded from her dominion." As Mediatrix of all graces, who shared in earning all graces, she is, as Benedict XV said in a text already cited, "Suppliant omnipotence": she can obtain by her intercession anything that the all-powerful God can do by His own inherent power.

In the OT, under some Davidic kings, the *gebirah*, the "Great Lady", usually the Mother of the King, held great power as advocate with the king. Cf. 1 KGB 2:20, where Solomon said to his Mother Bathsheba, seated on a throne at his right: "Make your request, Mother, for I will not refuse you." Here is a sort of type of Our Lady.

Excerpt from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/queenship-of-mary-435
Picture is from: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen_of_Heaven



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

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?

When: 01 September

8:00pm All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins

3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am: Adoration concludes on Saturday with 9:00am Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio. We encourage all parishioners to add their name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome table.



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 08 SEPTEMBER

In honour of the Birthday of Mother Mary, there will be a **7pm Mass** and a special blessing for families. We will have a birthday celebration after the Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share.

WORKING BEE FOR ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

When: Saturday, 16 September after the 9am Mass. It will be for inside and outside the Church. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table for this. Thank you.

ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY 2023

Three Day Triduum:

Thursday 21 September, 7:00pm Mass

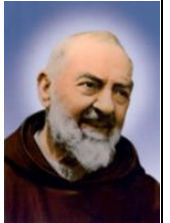
Friday 22 September, 7:00pm Mass

Saturday 23 September, 5.30pm Mass

Feast Day Mass:

Sunday 24 September, 10:00am.

Feast Day Hospitality/Food: Everyone is invited to bring a plate of food for the Feast Day.



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. Mass, Adoration, Confessions & veneration of the relic available.

FATHER'S DAY: SUNDAY 03 SEPTEMBER

There will be a blessing for fathers on the occasion of Father's Day as well as a **Father's Day Cake Stall:**



We would appreciate donations of homemade cakes, cupcakes, muffins & slices. Please have them packed for sale and indicate if they contain nuts or are gluten free. Donations can be left at the church on Saturday or on Sunday morning. *Thank You*

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 22 August. **Place:** Yen & Linh Phan, 171 West Wilchard Rd, Castlereagh

Date: Tuesday 29 August. **Place:** Marriane & Mark, 8/11 Regentville Rd, Jamisontown

Sunday 20 August: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A.

Monday 21 August: St. Pius X, *Pope*

Tuesday 22 August: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 23 August: St. Rose of Lima, *Virgin*

Thursday 24 August: St. Bartholomew, *Apostle*

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS: 02 & 03 September.

This raises much needed funds for our Diocese Clergy Support Foundation to continue supporting retired clergy & those in ill-health. Thank you for your generosity.

NEXT SUNDAY is the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. *Is 22:19-23. Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. Rom 11:33-36. Mt 16:13-20.*

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: Stella & Joseph Aaron, Mercy Bhuyan, Ken Gaudoin & the Holy Souls. **Prayers for the Sick:** Angelo Ninni, Farley Bartholomeusz, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella, Ernesto Modelo. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26/27 AUGUST

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan Craig Wilson	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana		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		Pio's Voices
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Jonielyn Yuzon
BAPTISM			Presentation Mass
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Rebekah Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Mel Gaudoin, Johan		



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