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**SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023**

**21<sup>ST</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,

The perception of others about us is important to us. The way we act and speak also determines what others think of us. We don't want others to think less of us. Other's opinion of us is as important as our own self esteem. At times, we worry about this a lot. Have you ever wondered how God thinks about us? He knows our inner thoughts and actions and we can never hide anything from Him. Given this situation, have you ever wondered what He thinks of us? Our personal life, innermost thoughts and even our future life is an open book to Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks how the people think of Him. He wanted to find out from His disciples the opinion of the people about Him. Certainly, anyone can understand that He was not worried about their opinion, and neither was He looking for any recognition from them. He did not want people to think that He was just a miracle worker, satisfying their hunger and a storyteller. The disciples did reveal to Him the various perspectives of the people to Him. None of the opinions or perspectives were correct. When He redirected the same question to His disciples, Peter speaks on behalf of other disciples, that He was the Christ, the Son of the living God. None of the other disciples had that clear understanding of Christ. Certainly, Jesus could see that it was God Himself who revealed that to Peter.

St. Paul tells us that we cannot declare that Jesus is Lord, unless we are moved by the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12: 3). Peter was able to recognise the Christ and declared his faith in Him. Though this same Peter would be reprimanded by Jesus as, 'get behind me satan. The way that you think is not God's way but man's.' To understand Jesus fully, we need to understand and accept His mission as well. His person and His mission were inseparable. His very purpose of Him coming down to earth is to suffer, die and to resurrect on the third day. Jesus was very clear in His mission, and He prepared Himself and His disciples for the mission. Jesus wanted His disciples to carry on the mission of spreading the Gospel all over the world. This was the mandate given to Peter and other disciples.

Now, who is Jesus for you? What is the reasoning for your answer? Did you have the same opinion 5 or 10 years ago? If not, why did it change over the course of time? Let us also ask another question. Who are we to Jesus? We have got to ask such questions to be clear of our mission as well as the mission of Jesus. Let us try to understand our Lord and His mission clearly so that we too join Him in His mission of spreading the Gospel to the world.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

## ST. LUCY

**Feast day: 13 December**



The glorious virgin and martyr St. Lucy, one of the brightest ornaments of the church of Sicily, was born of honourable and wealthy parents in the city of Syracuse and educated from her cradle in the faith of Christ. She lost her father in her infancy, but Eutychia, her mother, took singular care to furnish her with tender and sublime sentiments of piety and religion. By the early impressions which Lucy received and the strong influence of divine grace, Lucy discovered no disposition but toward virtue, and she was yet very young when she offered to God the flower of her virginity. This vow, however, she kept a secret, and her mother, who was a stranger to it, pressed her to marry a young gentleman who was a pagan. The saint sought occasions to hinder this design from taking effect, and her mother was visited with a long and troublesome flux of blood, under which she laboured four years without finding any remedy by recourse to physicians. At length she was persuaded by her daughter to go to Catana and offer up her prayers to God for relief at the tomb of St. Agatha. St. Lucy accompanied her thither, and their prayers were successful.

Hereupon our saint disclosed to her mother her desire of devoting herself to God in a state of perpetual virginity, and of bestowing her fortune on the poor: and Eutychia, in gratitude, left her at full liberty to pursue her pious inclinations. The young nobleman, with whom the mother had treated about marrying her, came to understand this by the sale of her jewels and goods, and the distribution of the price among the poor, and in his rage accused her before the governor Paschasius as a Christian, the persecution of Diocletian then raging with the utmost fury. The judge commanded the holy virgin to be exposed to prostitution in a brothel" house; but God rendered her immovable, so that the guards were not able to carry her thither. He also made her an over-

match for the cruelty of the persecutors, in overcoming fire and other torments. After a long and glorious combat, she died in prison of the wounds she had received,—about the year 304. She was honoured at Rome in the sixth century among the most illustrious virgins and martyrs, whose triumphs the church celebrates, as appears from the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, Bede, and others. Her festival was kept in England till the change of religion, as a holy day of the second rank, in which no work but tillage or the like was allowed. Her body remained at Syracuse for many years; but was at length translated into Italy, and thence by the authority of the Emperor Otho I to Metz, as Sigebert of Gemblours relates. It is there exposed to public veneration in a rich chapel of St. Vincent's Church. A portion of her relics was carried to Constantinople and brought thence to Venice, where it is kept with singular veneration. St. Lucy is often painted with the balls of her eyes laid in a dish: perhaps her eyes were defaced or plucked out, though her present acts make no mention of any such circumstance. In many places her intercession is particularly implored for distempers of the eyes.

It is a matter of the greatest consequence what ideas are stamped upon the ductile minds of children, what sentiments are impressed on their hearts, and to what habits they are first formed. Let them be inured to little denials both in their will and senses and learn that pleasures which gratify the senses must be guarded against and used with great fear and moderation: for by them the taste is debauched, and the constitution of the soul broken and spoiled much more fatally than that of the body can be by means contrary to its health.

There are few Lucys nowadays among Christian ladies, because sensuality, pride, and vanity are instilled into their minds by the false maxims and pernicious example of those with whom they first converse. Alas! unless a constant watchfulness and restraint both produce and strengthen good habits, the inclinations of our souls lean of their own accord toward corruption.

*Excerpt from: [ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/lucy-673](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/lucy-673)  
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### **Prayer to St. Lucy for Healing of Sight**

Relying on your infinite goodness, O God, we humbly ask you, though the intercession of St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, to grant us improved vision, so that we may serve you tirelessly, for the remaining days of our life. St Lucy, graciously hear our prayer and grant us your loving help. Amen

*Prayer is from: [daily-prayers.org/angels-and-saints/prayers-to-saint-lucy-of-syracuse/](http://daily-prayers.org/angels-and-saints/prayers-to-saint-lucy-of-syracuse/)*

## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

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

**When:** This Friday, 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. Please add your 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.

### FATHER'S DAY: NEXT 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*

### ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY 2023

#### Three Day Triduum:

Thursday 21 September, 7:00pm Mass

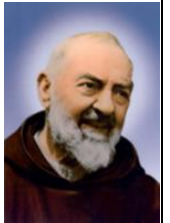
Friday 22 September, 7:00pm Mass

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.



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

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. Let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your donation will help care for our priests. Please give generously. Thank you.



### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

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

**Date:** Tuesday 05 September. **Place:** Terry & Dany Patos 53 Watergum Dr, Jordan Springs.

**Sunday 27 August: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A.**

**Monday 28 August:** St. Augustine, *Bishop, Doctor*

**Tuesday 29 August:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Friday 01 September:** Spring Ember Day. Special Day of Prayer & Penance

### INVITATION TO ALPHA ONLINE

This is for Catholics to assist them in spreading the Gospel, for Catholics who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation and for people wanting to become Catholic. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where people have the opportunity to explore life and the Christian Faith in a friendly, informal environment and is the first step in the formation program.

**When: Thursdays, 7pm, from 07 September.**

**Register at:** [www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try) scroll to 'Glenmore Park' on the map & click on 'Padre Pio Parish 2024' to register

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. *Jer 20:7-9. Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. Rom 12:1-2. Mt 16:21-27.*

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:** **Deceased:** Francis Farrugia. **Death Anniversary:** Marcelo Manzano. **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.*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 02/03 SEPTEMBER

MASS TIME	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		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
BAPTISM			Daniel Rosetto
CLEANING TEAM	Doris Cutajar, Paula Harris, Mel Gaudoin, Josephine Caruana, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda		



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