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SUNDAY 06 AUGUST 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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 MassNovena to St. Padre Pio9:30am Sacrament of Penance5:30pm 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,

Happy Feast of the Transfiguration.

Jesus' human nature is seen in the Gospels predominantly. His day to day life was witnessed by the Apostles and other disciples. The Apostles recorded the events as they were the eyewitnesses to His life. Whereas the divine nature of Jesus was witnessed only by few of His disciples. They were overcome with fear when they saw the Lord in His divine nature. The Lord's transfiguration is one of such events. The disciples of Jesus who were with Him at Mount Tabor at the time of the Transfiguration were filled with fear. Where there is fear, there is no faith.

When Jesus transfigured to His divine nature, the disciples couldn't dare to look at Him. The dazzling clothes and His face shining like the sun, frightened the disciples beyond compare. Imagine if we were to be there with Jesus at that moment. It was seeing God in His glory and majesty. Peter was confused as usual and volunteered to make three tents. He wished Jesus to remain in His glory rather than going to His suffering and death on the Cross.

God the Father takes control of the situation and instructs the disciples to 'listen to Jesus'. Well, God tells all of us to listen to Jesus even now. The problem is that we talk too much and very little listening to God. This is the very reason that we don't find any answer to our problems. Transfiguration is for the Lord; whereas transformation is for us. We need to transform our lives to accept God in our lives. The words of God from heaven should be a powerful reminder that it is time for us to listen to His only begotten Son. Listening to Jesus will put our lives on track. We need not fear anything in our lives.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can help us to transform our lives to do better. When was the last time that you made a good confession and where? How about going to confession to reconcile with God and others? We need not carry the burden that we have right now in our lives. Let us acknowledge Jesus as our Lord and Master of our lives and turn to Him by listening to His voice that guides our souls towards heaven. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Let us be aware of His divine as well as His human nature. Be Not Afraid.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar Parish Priest

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

Feast day: 12 August



Born at Dijon, France, 28 January, 1572; died at the Visitation Convent Moulins, 13 December, 1641.

Excerpt from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/janefrances-de-chantal-623

Picture is from: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jane_ Frances de Chantal

Her father was president of

the Parliament of Burgundy, and leader of the royalist party during the League that brought about the triumph of the cause of Henry IV. In 1592 she married Baron de Chantal and lived in the feudal castle of Bourbilly. She restored order in the household, which was on the brink of ruin, and brought back prosperity. During her husband's absence at the court, or with the army, when reproached for her extremely sober manner of dressing, her reply was: "The eyes which I must please are a hundred miles from here". She found more than once that God blessed with miracles the care, she gave the suffering members of Christ. St. Francis de Sales' eulogy of her characterizes her life at Bourbilly and everywhere else: "In Madame de Chantal I have found the perfect woman, whom Solomon had difficulty in finding in Jerusalem". Baron de Chantal was accidently killed by a harquebus while out shooting in 1601. Left a widow at twenty-eight, with four children, the broken-hearted baroness took a vow of chastity. In all her prayers she besought God to send her a guide and God, in a vision, showed her the spiritual director He held in reserve for her. In order to safeguard her children's property, she was obliged to go and live at Monthelon in the home of her father-in-law, who was ruled over by an arrogant and wicked servant. This was real servitude, which she bore patiently and gently for seven years. At last, her virtue triumphed over the ill will of the old man and housekeeper.

During Lent, 1604, she visited her father at Dijon, where St. Francis de Sales was preaching at the Sainte Chapelle. She recognized in him the mysterious director who had been shown her and placed herself under his guidance... When she had assured the future security of children, and when she had provided the education of Celse-Benigne, her fourteen year old son, whom she left to her father and her brother, the Archbishop of Bourges, she started for Annecy, where God was calling her to found the Congregation of the Visitation. The

Congregation of the Visitation was canonically established at Annecy on Trinity Sunday, 6 June 1610. Its aim was to receive, with a view to their spiritual advancement, young girls and even widows who had not the desire or strength to subject themselves to the austere ascetical practices in force in all the religious orders at that time. St. Francis de Sales was especially desirous of seeing the realization of his cherished method of attaining perfection, which consisted in always keeping one's will united to the Divine will, in taking so to speak one's soul, heart, and longings into one's hands and giving them into God's keeping, and in seeking always to do what is pleasing to Him....

The remainder of St. Jane de Chantal's life was spent under the protection of the cloister in the practice of the most admirable virtues. If a gentle kindness, vivified and strengthened by a complete spirit of renunciation, predominates in St. Francis de Sales, it is firmness and great vigour which prevails in St. Jane Frances; she did not like to see her daughters giving way to human weakness. Her trials were continuous and borne bravely, and yet she was exceedingly sensitive. Celse-Benigne was an incorrigible duellist. She prayed so fervently that he was given the grace to die a Christian death on the battlefield, during the campaign against the Isle of Re (1627). He left a daughter who became the famous Marquise de Sevigne. To family troubles God added interior crosses which, particularly during the last nine years of her life, kept her in agony of soul from which she was not freed until three months before her death.

Her reputation for sanctity was widespread. Queens, princes, and princesses flocked to the reception-room of the Visitation. Wherever she went to establish foundations, the people gave her ovations. "These people", she would say confused, "do not know me; they are mistaken". Her body is venerated with that of St. Francis de Sales in the church of the Visitation at Annecy. She was beatified in 1751 and canonized in 1767.

The life of the saint was written in the seventeenth century, with inimitable charm, by her secretary, Mother de Chaugy. Monsignor Bougaud, who died Bishop of Laval, published in 1863 a "Histoire de Sainte Chantal" which had a great and well-deserved success.

The words of the saint comprise instructions on the religious life, various minor works, among which is the admirable "Deposition for the Process of Beatification of St. Francis de Sales", and a great many letters. The book which may be called her masterpiece, "Reponses sur les Regles, Constitutions et Coutumes", a truly practical and complete code of the religious life, is not in circulation.

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers during the formation sessions in these next few weeks.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This week is Vocations Awareness week and we pray for those people whom God is calling to follow Him as a priest or religious, to say 'yes' to God.

DADS AT THE SHRINE

When: This Wednesday 9 August, 8pm.

Where: Mt. Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. A Holy Hour of adoration with Confession available.

"BEING THE REAL CHRISTIAN MEN IN THE MODERN WORLD" TALK

By: Jason Ball.

When: This Saturday 12 August, 6.30pm, after Vigil Mass

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.

JULY'S INCOME AND EXPENSE SHEET

This is available on the Parish Noticeboards.

NEXT SUNDAY is the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A 1 Kqs 19:9, 11-13. Ps 84:9-14. Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33.

Sunday 06 August: The Transfiguration of the Lord, Yr. A $\,$

Monday 07 August: St. Sixtus II, Pope, Martyr &

Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday 08 August: St. Mary of the Cross, Virgin

Wednesday 09 August: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,

Virgin & Martyr

Thursday 10 August: St. Lawrence, *Deacon & Martyr*

Friday 11 August: St. Clare, Virgin

Saturday 12 August: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 08 August

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

Date: Tuesday 15 August

Place: MJ Aspera, 67 Ladbury Ave, Penrith

ST. JOHN BOSCO RELIC VISIT AT ST MARYS PARISH

When: 23 – 27 August

The relic statue of St. John Bosco, better known as 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. For more information, call: 9623 1962 or email: secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au

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



Sunday 24 September, 10:00am. More details to come.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: Deceased: Susan Wells, Anna Fiorentino, Tarcisio & Helen Cauchi, Stella & Joseph Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan & Holy Souls in Purgatory. Death Anniversary: Philomena Presty, C.I. Xavier. Prayers for the Sick: Angelo Ninni, 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12/13 AUGUST			
MASS	5.30PM	8.00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Joe Badrov Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Craig Wilson	Chris Hersey Tracy Amituanai
READER	 Gilbert Grech Angelina Badrov 	Marilou Pugoy Maria Aquilina	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co.
HOSPITALITY		Mal Weber	Zon Lupisan
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