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SUNDAY 03 SEPTEMBER 2023

22ND 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,

There is no one who knows the value of life than Jesus in the world, the author of life. Whenever He spoke of His suffering and death, and then the ultimate resurrection on the third day, people around Him including His disciples thought that the death of Jesus must be prevented. They might have their own reasons and intentions, but the Will of God was different in this. Peter, who was one of the closest collaborators of Jesus wanted Him to be preserved from His death. It is certainly human nature to think of protecting one another. That is what exactly Peter did to Jesus when he said, 'heaven preserve you Lord'. Well, Jesus scolds Peter sharply for doing so. The whole of humanity was waiting for centuries for this moment. Jesus cannot allow any change of plan in the effort to save humanity.

'Get behind me satan' - the first pope was told by the Lord. Anyone who stands in the way of the Lord is a satan. There is no obstacle that is to be tolerated when it comes to implementing the Will of God. It does not matter what the intention or purpose is. God knows the past, present and the future. The very purpose of Jesus coming down to earth as human is to redeem humanity from the slavery of sin. Jesus was very conscious that He did not want to be seen as a mere miracle worker but as a suffering messiah!

To be a true disciple of Jesus, one must be ready to deny oneself and take up the Cross. That is the very nature of a disciple. Running away from the Cross does not get us anywhere. Could we even do that? Taking up our Cross and following Jesus is our calling. The greatest purpose of our life is to know God and to love Him. This very purpose supersedes any other purpose or meaning. We must ask the question to ourselves often – that is, what does it profit for a man to win the entire world and ruin his own soul. If we find an answer to this question, our lives will be completely different. We cannot pay anything for our lives. One life is far more precious than the whole wealth in the entire universe! God will certainly judge us and reward us according to our behaviour. No one can hide anything from Him. He sees the hidden secrets of our lives and even our innermost thoughts. We must live our lives in such a way that we receive the reward from the Lord. Our focus should be towards heaven always. The rewards of this world are temporary and momentary. They are not permanent whereas the reward of God is for eternity. Taking up the Cross and following Him paves the way towards heaven. But there is a long way to go before we reach heaven. May God bless us with the determination to follow Him all the days of our lives.

God Bless..

Kind Regards,
Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

ST. PETER CLAVER

Feast day: 09 September



The Blessed Peter Claver was born at Verdu in Catalonia in the year 1581, of parents eminent for piety and virtue, who instilled like qualities into his infant heart from the very cradle. In youth his piety and love of study won general admiration, and every preferment was open to him, but zeal for his neighbor's salvation led him to enter the Society of Jesus. His reputation was such that he was instantly admitted on his application in August, 1602. After a fervent noviceship, he was sent to the college of Majorca and there had the inexpressible happiness of enjoying the direction of the Blessed Alphonsus Rodriguez, then porter of the college, an eminent contemplative, from whom Claver derived much spiritual profit, and even a knowledge of his future career.

Before completing his studies, he solicited the American mission, and was sent out in 1610. From that time, he never asked about Spain, and seemed to have forgotten everything but the land of his labors. Completing his studies at Santa Fe de Bogota, he was ordained at Carthagera in 1615, and from that moment devoted himself to the care of the Negro slaves. No sooner did a slaver reach the port than he hastened on board with his interpreters, a basket of delicacies for the sick, and other necessaries. The sick were the first objects of his zeal. Gaining their good will by his kind and gentle manner, he instructed them in the doctrines of Christianity; and if there was danger, baptized them. He then began his regular instructions for those in health, which he continued from day to day, till they were prepared for baptism. Then, on an appointed day, he administered the sacrament to all, after a touching exhortation to persevere in virtue, The amount of his toil may be conceived, when we learn that at that time ten or twelve thousand slaves were annually landed at

Carthagera. Nor did this include all, as many slavers, to avoid the custom-house duties, landed their cargo on the coast and pretended that they belonged to former licensed importations, and were already baptized.

The zeal of the servant of God was more active than the interest of the government officers; he discovered most of these Negroes, instructed and baptized them. Not wearied with these labors, he visited the hospitals, and especially that of the Incurables and Lepers, whom he nursed with the greatest charity. The poor forsaken Negroes, too, in their hovels, were never too forlorn or too distant to escape him. So long did he breathe the pestiferous atmosphere of these abodes of misery, that his taste and smell were entirely lost. Besides all this, his austerities were frightful: his life was a miracle, as nothing but a miracle could have sustained it in such a climate, where a scratch is often fatal. Over the Negroes, he maintained a general direction; he had regular masses, instructions and devotions for them; he was their pastor, their father, their protector. In their behalf he frequently exercised the miraculous powers with which God, in a most eminent degree, invested him. Among the Spaniards he labored reluctantly, as they had clergy in abundance; but the poor could always have recourse to him, and for them, as for Moors, and heretics or unbelievers, he spared no toil.

During the season when slavers were not accustomed to arrive, he traversed the country, visiting plantation after plantation, to give spiritual consolation to the slaves. For a time, also, he was sent to labor among the Indians near the Isthmus, the field of the labors of St. Louis Bertrand, but, being seized with a fatal fever, he was carried back to Carthagera; there, partly recovering, he renewed his labors, but was again prostrated, and for the last four years of his life was scarcely able to move. Such was the poverty and wretchedness of the Jesuits, that he had no attendant but a Negro boy, and men were actually tearing down the house when he died, on the 8th of September, 1654, at the age of 72, a faithful imitator of the great Xavier. His canonization was immediately undertaken and almost brought to a close in 1747; but the suppression of his order and the troubles in Europe deferred the publication of the brief till the 29th of August, 1848, when he was solemnly beatified by Pope Pius IX.

*Excerpt from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/peter-claver-733
Picture is from: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Claver*

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

Happy Fathers' Day! God Bless.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who brought in items for the Father's Day Cake Stall!

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS: THIS WEEKEND.

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.



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 scroll to 'Glenmore Park' on the map & click on 'Padre Pio Parish 2024'.

PARISH RAFFLE

1st Prize: St. Padre Pio Diamond Dot Art.

2nd Prize: St. Padre Pio Statue.

3rd Prize: St. Padre Pio Tote Bag & Rosary Beads

4th prize: St. Padre Pio Tote Bag

The proceeds of the raffle will go in support of the parish. Please see the people at the Welcome Table to purchase the tickets. Tickets: \$2 each. Thank you for your support!

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:

- 21 Sept – 7.00pm Novena followed by Mass.
- 22 Sept – 7.00pm Novena followed by Mass.
- 23 Sept – 5.30pm Novena followed by Vigil Mass

Feast Day Mass:

Sunday 24 September, 10:00am.

Solemn Procession with the Relic of St.

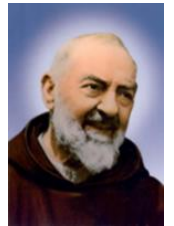
Padre Pio followed by the Solemn Feast

Mass. Blessing by the Relic of St. Padre Pio.

Other festivities.

Feast Day Hospitality/Food: Everyone is

invited to bring a plate of food for the Feast Day.



ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 05 September.

Place: Terry & Dany Patos 53 Watergum Dr, Jordan Springs.

Date: Tuesday 12 September.

Place: Earl & Alfa Kabling, 5 Mulla Ave, Jordan Springs.

Sunday 03 September: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Friday 08 September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 09 September: St. Peter Claver, Priest

NEXT SUNDAY is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. *Ezek 33:7-9, Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. Rom 13:8-10. Mt 18:15-20.*

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: **Thanksgiving:** Anna Presty's birthday. **Deceased:** Joseph & Stella Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. **Death Anniversary:** Maria Barbara, 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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 09/10 SEPTEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan Craig Wilson	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana		Tracy Amituanai
READER	1. Gilbert Grech 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. help needed	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co
HOSPITALITY		Mal Weber	Zon Lupisan
BAPTISM			Chris Hersey
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