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**SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**23<sup>RD</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 things that I have been observing is that evil forces come together very easily and quickly in comparison to good things in the world. It is rather hard to bring together good people. We are fantastic in our spirituality and faith individually but to come together to fight against evil, we hesitate a lot. Our Lord teaches us to be together in our fight against evil. Firstly, we need to be united with the Lord, then with one another. When the connection with the Lord and others is severed, then it becomes a herculean task to fight evil.

Jesus wants of us to give chances to our brothers and sisters when they do wrong. It is said that to err is human but to forgive is divine. It is hard to forget but it is possible to forgive. Jesus gives various options to deal with our brothers and sisters who do wrong to us. First to take the initiative of dealing with the person one on one, then to take one or two others, then to report to the community and when everything fails, to treat the person as pagan or tax collector. To be clear of our conscience, it is better to make an effort to sort out with the person. Life is too short to hate anyone. Despite our efforts, if someone wants to continue to show resentment, then it is to follow the last resort that our Saviour has given us.

We need to make sure that we bring God in our day to day lives. We need to keep our families close to God by guiding ourselves and our children to keep the Commandments. Our personal prayer as well as the family prayer are very important. Going to Confession once in three months must be made as a family event. Let us remember that whatever we gain or loose in this world is considered to be gained or loosed in heaven. If we want all our family members to be in heaven, then we must make sure that they are together in this world as well. Unity of family members is a great strength.

Jesus knows our mindset very clearly. That is why He said that if you agree with one another to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you. He knows that there will be 10 people with 20 opinions. We come together physically but divided mentally. What a great world that we can have if people of faith come together. We don't realise our strength of being together. Our Lord wishes us that we are together. Let us work together to build our church and society by fostering unity. Where there are two or three gathered in His name, He will be present in the midst of them.

God Bless..

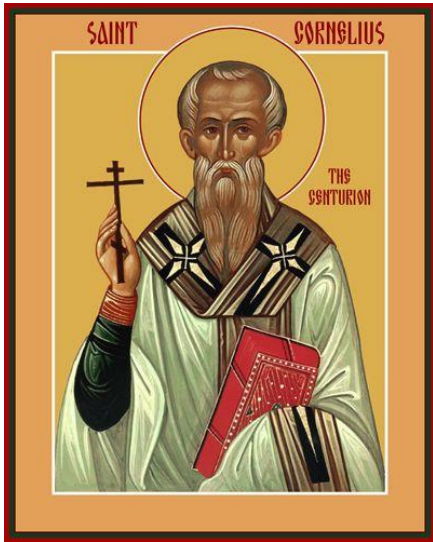
Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar

Parish Priest

## ST. CORNELIUS

### Feast day: 16 September



Pope & Martyr (251 to 253).

We may accept the statement of the Liberian catalogue that he reigned two years, three months, and ten days, for Lipsius, Lightfoot, and Harnack have shown that this list is a first-rate authority for this date. His

predecessor, Fabian, was put to death by Decius, 20 January, 250. About the beginning of March, 251 the persecution slackened, owing to the absence of the emperor, against whom two rivals had arisen. It was possible to assemble sixteen bishops at Rome, and Cornelius was elected though against his will (Cyprian, Ep. lv, 24), "by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of almost all the clergy, by the vote of the people then present, by the consent of aged priests and of good men, at a time when no one had been made before him, when the place of Fabian, that is the place of Peter, and the step of the sacerdotal chair were vacant". "What fortitude in his acceptance of the episcopate, what strength of mind, what firmness of faith, that he took his seat intrepid in the sacerdotal chair, at a time when the tyrant in his hatred of bishops was making unspeakable threats, when he heard with far more patience that a rival prince was arising against him, than that a bishop of God was appointed at Rome" (ibid., 9). Is he not, asks St. Cyprian, to be numbered among the glorious confessors and martyrs who sat so long awaiting the sword or the cross or the stake and every other torture?

A few weeks later the Roman priest Novatian made himself antipope, and the whole Christian world was convulsed by the schism at Rome. But the adhesion of St. Cyprian secured to Cornelius the hundred bishops of Africa, and the influence of St. Dionysius the Great, Bishop of Alexandria, brought the East within a few months to a right decision. In Italy itself the pope got together a synod of sixty bishops. (See NOVATIAN.) Fabius, Bishop of Antioch, seems to have wavered. Three letters to him from Cornelius were known to Eusebius, who gives extracts from one of them (Church

History VI.43), in which the pope details the faults in Novatian's election and conduct with considerable bitterness. We incidentally learn that in the Roman Church there were forty-six priests, seven deacons, seven subdeacons, forty-two acolytes, fifty-two ostiarii, and over one thousand five hundred widows and persons in distress. From this, Burnet estimated the number of Christians in Rome at fifty thousand, so also Gibbon; but Benson and Harnack think this figure possibly too large. Pope Fabian had made seven regions; it appears that each had one deacon, one subdeacon and six acolytes. Of the letters of Cornelius to Cyprian two have come down to us, together with nine from Cyprian to the pope. Mgr. Merrati has shown that in the true text the letters of Cornelius are in the colloquial "vulgar-Latin" of the day, and not in the more classical style affected by the ex-orator Cyprian and the learned philosopher Novatian. Cornelius sanctioned the milder measures proposed by St. Cyprian and accepted by his Carthaginian council of 251 for the restoration to communion, after varying forms of penance, of those who had fallen during the Decian persecution.

At the beginning of 252 a new persecution suddenly broke out. Cornelius was exiled to Centumcellæ (Civita Vecchia). There were no defections among the Roman Christians; all were confessors. The pope "led his brethren in confession", writes Cyprian (Ep. lx, ad Corn.), with a manifest reference to the confession of St. Peter. "With one heart and one voice the whole Roman Church confessed. Then was seen, dearest Brother, that faith which the blessed Apostle praised in you (Romans 1:8); even then he foresaw in spirit your glorious fortitude and firm strength." In June, Cornelius died a martyr, as St. Cyprian repeatedly calls him. The Liberian catalogue has *ibi cum gloriâ dormicionem accepit*, and this may mean that he died of the rigours of his banishment, though later accounts say that he was beheaded. St. Jerome says that Cornelius and Cyprian suffered on the same day in different years, and his careless statement has been generally followed. The feast of St. Cyprian was in fact kept at Rome at the tomb of Cornelius, for the fourth century "Depositio Martirum" has "XVIII kl octob Cypriani Africæ Romæ celebratur in Callisti". St. Cornelius was not buried in the chapel of the popes, but in an adjoining catacomb, perhaps that of a branch of the noble Corneli. His inscription is in Latin: CORNELIUS\* MARTYR\* whereas those of Fabian and Lucius are in Greek (Northcote and Brownlow, "Roma sotteranea", I, vi).

(Taken from Catholic Encyclopedia)

Excerpt from: [ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/cornelius-533](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/cornelius-533)

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## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS: THIS WEEKEND

God's blessings and congratulations to all the children receiving Jesus for the First time in Holy Communion. May He continue to bless you as you encounter Him in this Sacrament throughout your lives.

### 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.**

**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'.

### WORKING BEE FOR ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

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

### ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY 2023

#### Three Day Triduum:

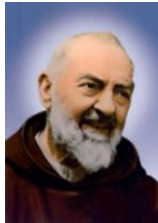
- 21 Sept – 7.00pm Novena followed by Mass.
- 22 Sept – 7.00pm Novena followed by Mass.
- 23 Sept – 5.30pm Novena followed by Vigil Mass

#### 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.



### PARISH RAFFLE

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: St. Padre Pio Diamond Dot Art.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: St. Padre Pio Statue.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: St. Padre Pio Tote Bag & Rosary Beads

4<sup>th</sup> 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!

### ST. PADRE PIO MOVIE

We are screening the movie about St. Padre Pio.

**When:** Friday 29 September, 7pm in the Bethany School Hall. All are welcome. Bring your bean bags & popcorn.

### INCOME AND EXPENSE SHEET FOR AUGUST

This is available on the Parish Noticeboards.

### THIS SUNDAY IS CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY.

**Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities**  
Mandatory Modules 1-3: **Saturday 28 October** at St Canice's Church, Katoomba from 10am-3pm. Please register at: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or contact Maria Kervin at: [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 12 September.

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

**Date:** Tuesday 19 September.

**Place:** Marilou & Walter Pugoy, 3 Devaney Ave, GP.

**Sunday 10 September: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A**

**Tuesday 12 September:** The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Wednesday 13 September:** St. John Chrysostom, *Bishop & Doctor*

**Thursday 14 September:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Friday 15 September:** Our Lady of Sorrows

**Saturday 16 September:** Sts. Cornelius, *Pope & Martyr* and Cyprian, *Bishop & Martyr*

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. *Sirach 27:30-28:7. Ps 102:1-4, 9-12. Rom 14:7-9. Mt 18:21-35*

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:** **Deceased:** Those souls who have no one to pray for them. **Prayers for the Sick:** Kyla Aggar, Angelo Ninni, Farley Bartholomeusz, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella, Ernesto Modelo. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.*

### THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16/17 SEPTEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan Craig Wilson	Help needed
<b>SENIOR SERVER</b>	Kylie Sultana		Tracy Amituanai
<b>READER</b>	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Susan Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Jason Ball 2. Noel Xavier
<b>MUSIC</b>	Our Daily Bread		
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		Susan Guy	Connie Hyland
<b>BAPTISM</b>			Tracy Amituanai
<b>CLEANING TEAM</b>	Mel Gaudoin, Susan Guy, Anna Roberts, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Johan		



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