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SUNDAY 01 OCTOBER 2023

26th 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,

We must thank God for all His graces and blessings that we received as we just celebrated our parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. I had many opportunities to speak to visitors and devotees of St. Padre Pio who have received blessings from God through the intercession of St. Padre Pio. We had more than a thousand people flocking together in our parish to receive the blessings from God. When we reflect upon it, there must be something that we are doing right in our parish. Certainly, God is using us to bring more and more souls to heaven. Though our parish is neatly tucked away in the western Sydney, we have put the parish on the map literally that the people search for it and come here for God experience. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel speaks of two categories of people. The first who responded negatively to the call of God straightaway but later change their minds and did what God wants them to do. Whereas the second category of people who agreed to go but later changed their minds and did not go at all. We see these two categories in the biblical times as well as our own times. Responding to the call of God and acting upon it is a lifelong commitment.

When Jesus spoke of this parable, He indicated the behaviour of the people of Israelites vs the pagans. The chosen ones responded positively but later changed their minds whereas the so-called sinners converted their minds and turned towards God. What is our response to God on our vocation. God has a plan for all of us and He wants of us to respond willingly and do His will in our lives. We should not be complacent thinking that we have been baptised and that will suffice. It is not. We need to repent and believe in the Gospel. We need to follow Him every day of our life.

When we go up to heaven, we will be surprised seeing some people whom we thought not to be there and at the same time not seeing some people whom we thought would be in heaven. That is why it is very important that we remain faithful to Christ and His teachings. Don't expect to get to heaven just because you have a baptism certificate. Entering into heaven requires going through the narrow door.

Friends, please pray for 21 of us who are going on our pilgrimage from this Monday. We intend to visit the Holy Land and then Italy: Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo and Pietrelcina to see our beloved patron St. Padre Pio. I will keep posting on my Facebook on our pilgrimage so that you can be with us in spirit. Follow me on: www.facebook.com/gsk2223

Please keep us in your prayers and we too assure you of the same. God Bless..

Kind regards,
Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

THE ARCHANGELS



Who are the three archangels?

The three archangels whom the Church honors by name are St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. They are also the only three angels who are mentioned by name in Sacred Scripture. The Feast of all three Archangels is September 29.

In the traditional calendar

this was St. Michael's feast day, with St. Gabriel's being March 24th (the day prior to the Annunciation) and St. Raphael's being October 24th. Communities which celebrate the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite still celebrate the three feasts.

What is the difference between an angel and an archangel?

Unlike human beings who share a common nature, St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that as pure spirits each angel has a unique nature. Their degree of likeness to God and His Divine Spirit distinguishes them, rather than the material differences which permit us to identify individual human beings. Nonetheless, they can still be classed into groups, called choirs, according to their spiritual similarity to each other and the missions which God has given them.

Closest to God are the spirits of the highest choirs, the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones; closest to mankind, and most like us in spirit, are the lower choirs. Among these are the archangels and angels, who serve as greater and lesser messengers (Greek, *aggelos*) to human beings from God. We have the names of three of the seven arch-messengers, Michael, Raphael and Gabriel in the Sacred Scripture—St. Raphael identifies himself as one of seven who stand before the throne of God (Tobit 12:15). The names of the other four archangels are not given to us to know, and the Church forbids us to call upon by name any but the three whose names Scripture has revealed.

St. Thomas Aquinas gave us the following hierarchical list of the nine angelic choirs and using the traditional names from the Hebrew and Greek through the Latin Vulgate of St. Jerome):

Seraphim (Is. 6:2, 6, seraphin)

Cherubim (Gen. 3:24, Heb. 9:5, cherubin)

Thrones (Col. 1:16, throni)

Dominions (Col. 1:16, Eph. 1:21, dominationem)

Virtues (Eph. 1:21, virtutem)

Powers (Rom. 8:38, Eph. 1:21, potestatem)

Principalities (Col. 1:16, Eph. 1:21, principatum)

Archangels (Rev. 12:7, Jude 9, archangelus)

Angels (over 300 references, angelus)

ST. MICHAEL

Whom does Saint Michael protect?

Anyone can ask for St. Michael's protection, but he particularly defends against evil. Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) had a vision of the evil that would come into the world in the coming century. In response, he wrote the St. Michael's Prayer and instructed it to be prayed at the end of Masses.

The prayer reads:

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

"The battle against the devil, which is the principal task of Saint Michael the Archangel, is still being fought today, because the devil is still alive and active in the world." - Pope St. John Paul II...St. Michael is usually shown holding a sword while defeating the devil.

ST. GABRIEL

What is St. Gabriel the patron saint of?

He is the patron saint of telecommunication workers, radio broadcasters, postal workers, and messengers. He is often shown with lilies, symbolizing purity.

What does the Bible say about St. Gabriel?

In the Old Testament, in the Book of Daniel, St. Gabriel interprets Daniel's visions. St. Gabriel is best known for his role in the New Testament: appearing to Zechariah (*Luke 1:5-25*) and to Mary at the Annunciation (*Luke 1:26-38*)

ST. RAPHAEL

What does Raphael mean in Hebrew?

St. John Paul II said, "Finally, the third archangel is called Raphael. 'Rafa-EL' means: 'God heals.' He is made known to us by the story of Tobias in the Old Testament, which is so significant for what it says about entrusting to the angels the little children of God, who are always in need of custody, care, and protection." He is the patron saint of travelers, blind people, nurses, pharmacists, physicians, and people who are ill.

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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

THANK YOU

Thanks be to God for all His graces poured on all during the Triduum and the Feast Day. Thank you to the Feast Day Committee members and to all who assisted during the Triduum and Feast. God bless you all!

FR. SURESH ON PILGRIMAGE

Please keep Fr. Suresh and the pilgrims who will be leaving on pilgrimage this Monday, in your prayers. They will be visiting the Holy Land and Italy, returning on 20 October.

PLEASE NOTE: Weekday and weekend Masses this week are as normal.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?

When: This Friday, 06 October

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.



PARISH RAFFLE

1st Prize: St. Padre Pio Diamond Dot Art. This was won by Billy Layug.

2nd Prize: St. Padre Pio Statue. This was won by Louise Spencer

3rd Prize: St. Padre Pio Tote Bag & Rosary Beads. This was won by Arlet Bishara.

4th prize: St. Padre Pio Tote Bag. This was won by Isabella. Thank you to all who supported the raffle and to all who gave donations.

CATHOLIC CARE: Keeping Kids in Mind Education

Program: Starts 16 October

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, in partnership with CatholicCare Broken Bay, CatholicCare Sydney and CatholicCare Wollongong, are running a five-week online program via Zoom on supporting children following family separation. The course begins with a pre-session on 16 October from 6pm to 7pm, with a session each Monday from 6pm to 8.45pm from 23 October to 20 November. Cost: \$10 for workbooks and minimum postage fees. All participants must participate in a pre-group interview. For enquiries, please contact (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au

CATHOLIC CARE: Circle of Security Education Program:

Starts 11 October. Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18yrs. For enquiries & to book, call 8843 2500.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 03 October.

Place: Helen Sipeli, 9 Eliza Place, GP.

Date: Tuesday 10 October.

Place: Ajumol & Joe Varghese, 86 The Lakes Drive, GP.

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY in

NOVEMBER. Please use the **November Mass Envelopes**

found on the pews, to offer Mass for the faithful departed. PRINT the names of the loved ones CLEARLY.

\$20 donation per intention is recommended.

There will be 2 Masses on All Souls Day 02 November:

9am & 7pm.

Sunday 01 October: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A

Monday 02 October: The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday 04 October: St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday 05 October: St. Faustina Kowalska, *Virgin*

Friday 06 October: St. Bruno, *Priest*

Saturday 07 October: Our Lady of the Rosary

NEXT SUNDAY is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Is 5:1-7. Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. Phil 4:6-9. Mt 21:33-43*

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: Rezo Family. **Deceased:** Theresa & Cornelius Felix D'Souza, Lancy D'Souza. **Prayers for the Sick:** Maribelle Harina, Joselito Canaria, Kyla Aggar, Angelo Ninni, Farley Bartholomeusz, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 07/08 OCTOBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	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
CLEANING TEAM	Antoinette Manna, Mel Gaudoin, Rebecca Locke, Johan.		



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