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SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023

30th 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.

Excerpts from: The Catechism of the Catholic Church about this Sunday's Gospel passage:
vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P7A.HTM

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND ¹

2083 Jesus summed up man's duties toward God in this saying above. This immediately echoes the solemn call: "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD."² God has loved us first. The love of the One God is recalled in the first of the "ten words." The commandments then make explicit the response of love that man is called to give to his God.

2177 The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another."¹¹³

The Sunday obligation:

2180 The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass."¹¹⁷ This is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day."¹¹⁸

2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness..) or dispensed by their own pastor.¹¹⁹ Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

2182 Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

¹ Mt 22:37; cf. Lk 10:27: "... and with all your strength." ² Deut 6:4. ¹¹³ Heb 10:25. ¹¹⁷ CIC, can. 1247. ¹¹⁸ CIC, can. 1248 # 1. ¹¹⁹ Cf. CIC, can. 1245.

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

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Jesus said to his disciples: "Love one another even as I have loved you."¹

2196 "the second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

The apostle St. Paul reminds us of this: "He who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."³

¹ Jn 13:34. ² Mk 12:29-31; cf. Deut 6:4-5; Lev 19:18; Mt 22:34-40; Lk 10:25-28. ³ Rom 13:8-10.



ALL SAINTS DAY: 01 NOV

What is All Saints Day? All Saints Day honours the saints in Heaven – those who have been recognized by the Church as saints, as well as those who have not been canonized. The feast was established in Rome as a result of the emperor's giving of the Pantheon to the Church and its dedication to St. Mary and All the Martyrs. This followed the principle, "Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!" (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands). Thus, throughout the Mediterranean many churches have been built over pagan sites, sanctifying them for Christ.

What is the difference between All Souls Day and All Saints Day? All Saints Day is in honour of those people who are in Heaven. All Souls Day reminds us to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory who have not yet attained Heaven.

Are all souls in Heaven saints? Yes. The Church has declared some people canonized saints, but there are countless others who have never been recognized as in Heaven, either in the early Church or by a formal canonization process.

Should you pray to saints? Yes. If we would ask our friends and family to pray for our intentions, why would we not also ask those closest to God – the saints, angels, and particularly the Blessed Virgin – to pray for us? After all, God is not the "God of the dead but of the living, as all are alive in Him" (Luke 20:38).

Can the saints hear our prayer? Yes, they can. Although the saints do not have ears with which to hear, in God we can pray to them and be "heard," just as we can to Him.

Who is the most esteemed member of the Communion of Saints? Mary, the Mother of God, is the most honoured saint. She is in fact the Queen of Heaven and Queen of the Saints.

Is praying to saints biblical? Sacred Scripture shows us that saints do intercede for humans on earth like in Revelation 6:9-10. We also see explicit mention of the role of the angels accompanying the prayers of the faithful in Rev. 8, and implicitly that of human beings in Rev. 4, where the 24 crowned elders, standing for the 12 tribes and the 12 apostles, the just of the Old and the New Covenant, share in Christ's kingly and priestly function. Another is Rev. 8:3-4: 'And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God'. (cf. Tobit 12:15-22)

"Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ, who is the Source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways." - St. John Paul II

The above excerpt is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/all-saints-20377 Photo: FERRARA, ITALY - JANUARY 30, 2020: The fresco of Madonna among the Benedictine saints in apside of church Basilica di San Giorgio fuori le mura by Francesco Ferrari 18. cent. — Illustration by sedmak.
Website: depositphotos.com/photos/saints.html?qview=473639200.

ALL SOULS DAY: 02 NOV

The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. The latter includes the Saints in Heaven and the faithful Souls being purified in Purgatory. On November 1st we honor those who are with God, on November 2nd Catholics celebrate a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Also known as All Souls Day, we honor them for their fidelity in life, as well as pray for them, since they are being purified before entering the All Holy Presence of God. As Rev 21:27 says of the Heavenly Jerusalem, "... nothing unclean shall enter in."

The above excerpt is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/all-souls-20378

Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by St. Gertrude the Great

St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would release 1,000 souls from their suffering in purgatory:

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

St. Gertrude the Great was a 13th-century German nun, writer, and mystic who was graced with many heavenly visions, including being one of the earliest mystics to whom Jesus encouraged a devotion to his Sacred Heart. It is recounted that Jesus showed her a vast number of souls entering heaven from purgatory as a result of her faithful and frequent recitation of this prayer.



ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

NOVEMBER IS ESPECIALLY DEDICATED TO PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY. Through prayers and Masses offered for them, they will go to Heaven.

ALL SAINTS DAY: THIS WEDNESDAY 01 NOVEMBER
Time: 9:00am Mass.

ALL SOULS DAY: THIS THURSDAY 02 NOVEMBER
 On All Souls Day we especially remember all departed souls including our families and friends by praying for them at Mass. **Time: 9:00am Mass & 7:00pm Mass.**

NOVEMBER MASS GIVING ENVELOPES.
The Book of Remembrance will be present at the front of the Church from 02 November.

Please use the **November Mass Envelopes** found on the pews and on the Welcome Table, to offer Mass for the faithful departed. **PRINT** the names of the loved ones **CLEARLY.** \$20 donation per intention is recommended.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?



When: This Friday, 03 November
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.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION
 We need many volunteers to assist with the Christmas preparations. Please add your name on the sign-up sheet found on the Welcome Table if you would like to help. Thank you!

MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy.

When: Friday 17 November at 10.30am.

Where: St. Aidan's Parish, 9 Adelaide St, Rooty Hill.

Mass will be followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery.

All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA APPEAL

Following a series of surprise attacks against Israel by Hamas in early October, Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence.

The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families, representing around 100,000 of the 1 million people displaced. To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, call 1800 024 413 toll free or visit: caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 31 October.

Place: Cecil & Michael Aldama, 8 Warrawong St, GP.

Date: Tuesday 07 November.

Place: Gilbert & Silvana Grech, 20 Glenmore Ridge Dr, GP.

Sunday 29 October: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A
Wednesday 01 November: ALL SAINTS
Thursday 02 November: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)
Friday 03 November: St Martin de Porres, Religious
Saturday 04 November: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

NEXT SUNDAY is the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10. Ps 130. 1Thess 2:7-9, 13. Mt 22:34-40*

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: Claudette Garcia, Lovella Pahilanga So, George Touma. **Death Anniversary:** Dominic Botlero. **Deceased:** Adelino Freitas, Teresa Gutierrez, Paul, Philomena & Chinnamma. **Prayers for the Sick:** Maribelle Harina, Joselito Canaria, Kyla Aggar, Angelo Ninni, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 04/05 NOVEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey Manny Medel
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana		Tracy Amituanai
READER	1. help needed 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 Rossetto
CLEANING TEAM	Doris Cutajar, Paula Harris, Mel Gaudoin, Josephine Caruana, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda.		



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