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**SUNDAY 05 NOVEMBER 2023**

**31ST 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,

People love to have titles as well as degrees next to their names. Of course, those things identify to them who they are and what they have achieved. Jesus has a different standard in comparison with the standards of the world. He doesn't want us to look for titles and honors. Jesus was upset on the scribes and pharisees who looked for titles and places of honor in the synagogues and marketplaces. There was no humility in them. They were particular about what they had to wear and how they must appear in front of people. These same leaders never worried about the common people who were struggling to make ends meet. Apart from the burdens of everyday life they had to carry the religious burdens such as sabbath, fasting etc.

Jesus being compassionate towards people, condemns such behavior of the religious leaders. He challenged them to look beyond their narrow mentality and asked them to help the struggling people. Jesus, by being straightforward in pointing out their mistake, must have irritated these religious as well as leaders of the society. They saw Him as a threat to their long-practiced way of life.

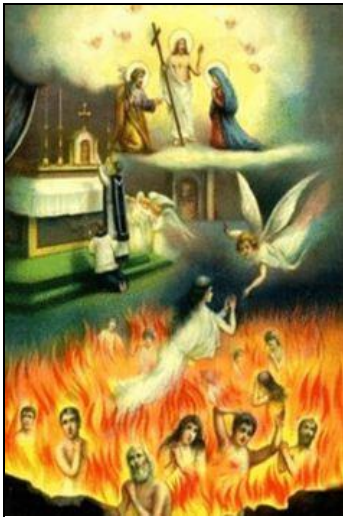
Jesus tells them not to seek titles such as Rabbi, Father, Teacher. First, Jesus wanted them to be worthy of being called so. If someone must be recognized with a particular title, then that person should lead his life in such a way that the person is naturally identified with the title. I wonder what Jesus would say to our present religious leaders who have so many titles and honor but don't live accordingly. I suppose the times have not changed yet since Jesus' time. We, teachers of religion need to be faithful to the teachings of Christ. We don't have to invent the wheel or change the teaching. Jesus has given us what needs to be proclaimed and taught to people. We don't change the teachings of Christ to suit the world but rather we change the world to suit His teachings. The Word of God is eternal whereas we are mere mortals. So let us not try to change the eternal to satisfy the mortals.

Finally, Jesus says in the Gospel: "The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

This is one of the important teachings of Christ. Humility. The virtue that is being forgotten in all aspects of our lives. We must be very aware of pride which can take us away from heaven. Humility does not mean stupidity but rather humbling oneself in front of God almighty. Down through the centuries we have seen God scattering the proud and raising the lowly. Let us acknowledge God as our Supreme and always obey Him.  
God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest



## **ABOUT THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

### **Who goes to Purgatory?**

Those who die in the state of grace, yet without having been purified of all of their attachment to sin, go to Purgatory. Christ admonished us to “be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt. 5:48), and so the purification of all imperfections, which even the good often still have at death, is necessary before entering the Father’s Presence.

### **What does repose of the soul mean?**

Scripture uses the expression “falling asleep” for death in Christ (1 Cor. 15:20). Thus, repose of the soul means its resting in God until the day of the General Resurrection.

### **Can you pray for the dead?**

The Holy Souls cannot pray for themselves, and they are in need of our prayers. We should never assume a person went immediately to God, and even people who went on to be canonized died wanting Masses and prayers to be said for them.

While the Church does not pray liturgically for those who lived and died scandalously, family members and friends certainly may pray for them, hoping that their loved one made a last-minute conversion. If their prayers can’t help the person, they are still meritorious for the one who prayed.

It is unnecessary, of course, to pray for canonized Saints, and those who are in Hell are beyond our reach and God’s mercy.

### **Can the dead intercede for the living?**

Yes, just souls can, whether in Heaven or Purgatory. All the faithful, whether on earth (the Church Militant), in Purgatory (the Church Suffering), or in Heaven (the Church Triumphant), form a “Communion of the Saints” in God, for “He is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to Him” (Luke 20:38).

So, while the Holy Souls cannot pray for themselves, we will obtain powerful intercessors and please the Lord with our prayers for them. St. Paul of the Cross once said, “If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in Purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death.”

### **How do you pray for the departed souls?**

Throughout the year, we can have Masses said for the souls in Purgatory, include them in our daily prayers and Rosary intentions, and pray for them when we’re near a cemetery. Mother Angelica said, “Every time you pass a cemetery, it’s time for a little prayer: ‘Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.’ It’s just common sense that you help some of them get out of Purgatory.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen said, “As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say ‘a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.’”

### **How long does your soul stay in Purgatory?**

The degree of imperfection in each soul which needs purifying is really known only to God. It can also be mitigated by Masses, prayers, indulgences, etc., as described earlier. This means that although relatively speaking different souls will require different degrees of purification that will determine their “time” in purgatory, we cannot know how “long” that will be.

The above extract is from: [ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/all-souls-20378](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/all-souls-20378) Photo is from: [pinterest.com.au/rkirk24600/holy-souls-in-purgatory/](http://pinterest.com.au/rkirk24600/holy-souls-in-purgatory/)

### **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.

### HOLIDAYS

Fr Suresh will be going on holidays from 06 November and returning on 29 November.

### *PLEASE NOTE for this week:*

**9am Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.**

**9am Communion Service: Thursday.**

**Weekend Masses as normal.**

### 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!

### DADS AT THE SHRINE

**Dads at the Shrine** is a monthly hour of adoration held at the Mt. Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa.

When: **This Wednesday 8 November.**

The hour begins with a brief reflection before a period of personal silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with fellowship and a cuppa. All dads are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Any questions, contact Bernard, 0416 106 871.

### CUSHIONS ON KNEELERS

A gentle reminder to please avoid putting your feet on the cushions, especially high-heeled shoes and that children do not draw on them or poke them with objects.

### 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/](http://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/)

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 07 November.

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

**Date:** Tuesday 14 November.

**Place:** Nelsen & Gigi Cruz, 7 Fairywren Close, GP.

**Sunday 05 November: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A**

**Thursday 09 November:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**Friday 10 November:** St. Leo the Great, *Pope & Doctor of the Church*

**Saturday 11 November:** St. Martin of Tours, *Bishop*

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Wis 6:12-16. Ps 62:2-8. 1 Thess 4:13-18. Mt 25:1-13*

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:** All Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Death Anniversary:** Mary Azzopardi & Carmen Ellul. **Deceased:** Jennifer Modelo, Feliciano Modelo, Danilo Modelo, Efipanio Harina, Les Camilleri, All the Holy Souls in Purgatory. **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.*

### SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12 NOVEMBER

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. <b>help needed</b>	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co.
HOSPITALITY		Mal Weber	Zon Lupisan
BAPTISM			No Baptisms
CLEANING TEAM	Antoinette Manna, Mel Gaudoin, Rebecca Locke, Johan.		



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