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SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2023

32ND 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.

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART THREE: LIFE IN CHRIST, SECTION ONE MAN'S VOCATION LIFE IN THE SPIRIT, CHAPTER THREE GOD'S SALVATION: LAW AND GRACE, Article 2 GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION, IV. Christian Holiness

IV. Christian Holiness

2012 "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him . . . For those whom he fore knew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. and those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified."⁶⁴

2013 "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity."⁶⁵ All are called to holiness: "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."⁶⁶

In order to reach this perfection the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ's gift, so that . . . doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints.⁶⁷

2014 Spiritual progress tends toward ever more intimate union with Christ. This union is called "mystical" because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments - "the holy mysteries" - and, in him, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God calls us all to this intimate union with him, even if the special graces or extraordinary signs of this mystical life are granted only to some for the sake of manifesting the gratuitous gift given to all.

2015 The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle.⁶⁸ Spiritual progress entails the asceticism and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes:

He who climbs never stops going from beginning to beginning, through beginnings that have no end. He never stops desiring what he already knows.⁶⁹

2016 The children of our holy mother the Church rightly hope for the grace of final perseverance and the recompense of God their Father for the good works accomplished with his grace in communion with Jesus.⁷⁰ Keeping the same rule of life, believers share the "blessed hope" of those whom the divine mercy gathers into the "holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."⁷¹

⁶⁴ Rom 8:28-30. ⁶⁵ LG 40 # 2. ⁶⁶ Mt 5:48. ⁶⁷ LG 40 # 2. ⁶⁸ Cf. 2 Tim 4.

⁶⁹ St. Gregory of Nyssa, Hom. in Cant. 8: PG 44, 941C. ⁷⁰ Cf. Council of Trent (1547): DS 1576. ⁷¹ Rev 21:2.

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Benedictine and mystic writer; born in Germany, 6 Jan., 1256; died at Helfta, near Eisleben, Saxony, 17 November, 1301 or 1302. Nothing is known of her family, not even the name of her parents. It is clear from her life (*Legatus*, lib. I, xvi) that she was not born in the neighbourhood of Eisleben. When she was but five years of age, she entered the aluminate of Helfta. The monastery was at that time governed by the saintly and enlightened Abbess Gertrude of Hackerborn, under whose rule it prospered exceedingly, both in monastic observance and in that intellectual activity which St. Lioba and her Anglo-Saxon nuns had transmitted to their foundations in Germany. All that could aid to sanctity, or favour contemplation and learning, was to be found in this hallowed spot. Here, too, as to the centre of all activity and impetus of its life, the work of works—the *Opus Dei*, as St. Benedict terms the Divine Office—was solemnly carried out. Such was Helfta when its portals opened to receive the child destined to be its brightest glory.

Gertrude was confided to the care of St. Mechtilde, mistress of the aluminate and sister of the Abbess Gertrude. From the first she had the gift of winning the hearts, and her biographer gives many details of her exceptional charms, which matured with advancing years. Thus, early had been formed between Gertrude and Mechtilde the bond of an intimacy which deepened and strengthened with time and gave the latter saint a prepondering influence over the former.

Partly in the aluminate, partly in the community, Gertrude had devoted herself to study with the greatest ardour. In her twenty-sixth year there was granted her the first of that series of visions of which the wonderful sequence ended only with life. She now gauged in its fullest extent the void of which she had been keenly sensible for some time past, and with this awakening came the realization of the utter emptiness of all transitory things. With characteristic ardour she cultivated the highest spirituality, and, to quote her biographer, "from being a grammarian became a theologian", abandoning profane studies for the Scriptures, patristic writings, and treatises on theology. To these she brought the same earnestness which had characterized her former studies, and with indefatigable zeal copied, translated, and wrote for the spiritual benefit of others. Although Gertrude vehemently condemns herself for past negligence (*Legatus*, II, ii), still to understand her words correctly we must remember that they express the indignant self-condemnation of a soul called to the highest sanctity. Doubtless her inordinate love of study had proved a hindrance alike to contemplation and interior recollection, yet it had none the less surely safeguarded her from more serious and grievous failings. Her struggle lay in the conquest of a sensitive and impetuous nature. In St. Gertrude's life there are no abrupt phases, no sudden conversion from sin to holiness. She passed from aluminate to the community. Outwardly her life was that of the simple Benedictine nun, of which she stands forth preeminently as the type. Her boundless charity embraced rich and poor, learned and simple, the monarch on his throne and the peasant in the field; it was manifested in tender sympathy towards the souls in purgatory, in a great yearning for the perfection of souls consecrated to God. Her humility was so profound that she wondered how the earth could support so sinful a creature as herself. Her raptures were frequent and so absorbed her faculties as to render her insensible to what passed around her. She therefore begged, for the sake of others, that there might be no outward manifestations of the spiritual wonders with which her life was filled. She had the gift of miracles and prophecy.

When the call came for her spirit to leave the worn and pain-stricken body, Gertrude was in her forty-fifth or forty-sixth year, and in turn assisted at the death-bed and mourned for the loss of the holy Sister Mechtilde (1281), her illustrious Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn (1291), and her chosen guide and confidante, St. Mechtilde (1298).... Gertrude was declared Patroness of the West Indies; in Peru, her feast is celebrated with great pomp, and in New Mexico a town was built in her honour and bears her name. The above extract is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/gertrude-the-great-587

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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. 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.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Weekday and weekend Masses are as normal. Thank you to all the visiting priests who are celebrating Mass for the parish, while Fr Suresh is away.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE CHAPLAINCY SERVICES: 25 & 26 NOVEMBER



Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEANING THE CHURCH

We are in desperate need of volunteers after 9am Mass on Saturday mornings to help clean God's House. Quite often, this task falls to a dedicated few who want to see it clean and make the effort and sacrifice to do so. Our church is the place where we gather to worship God. It needs to be cleaned regularly. As St. Teresa of Avila says: *"Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours"*. God blesses us for the smallest thing we do for Him... Please contact the Parish office if you can help, once a month or more often. Thank You.

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!

PARISH PASTORAL CARE

A number of people have been asking about Maureen Klingner, who was a very involved member of our parish and much loved by all. Maureen has been a resident at Newmarch House (Room: C30 Lawson Wing) for a couple of years and she would love a visit from her parish friends. Please see if you can pop in to have a chat and make her day. Thank You.

Lynn Young

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS CARDS

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au or scan the QR code.



ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 14 November.

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

Date: Tuesday 21 November.

Place: Francis & May Ann Pabon, 47 Darug Ave, GP.

Sunday 12 November: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr.A

Wednesday 15 November: St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday 16 November: St. Margaret of Scotland

Thursday 16 November: St. Gertrude, Virgin

Friday 17 November: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Saturday 18 November: Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & Paul

NEXT SUNDAY is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps 127:1-5. 1 Thess 5:1-6. Mt 25:14-30.*

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19 NOVEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	Help needed
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana		Tracy Amituanai
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Susan Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Jason Ball 2. Noel Xavier
MUSIC	Our Daily Bread		
HOSPITALITY		Susan Guy	Connie Hyland
BAPTISM			No Baptisms
CLEANING TEAM	Mel Gaudoin, Susan Guy, Anna Roberts, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Johan.		



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