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SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2023

33RD 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.



A message from Fr. Suresh

Dear Parishioners,

I visited the children who are mentally and physically challenged and the Sisters who look after them. We had helped these children last year as well for Christmas so the Sisters have requested to help them this year.

They have a total of 62 children and it will cost them \$60 for each child to have a set of new clothes and a three-course meal on Christmas.

You can see the senior class children in the photo above and the little ones are in another class. Some of them are teenagers and there are both boys and girls here.

They pray for our people each day and are very grateful for our help.

One of the best ways to celebrate Christmas is by sharing with the less fortunate. If you would like to contribute towards providing for these children, please see the Parish office.

God bless..

St. Catherine of Alexandria

From the tenth century onwards veneration for St. Catherine of Alexandria has been widespread in the Church of the East, and from the time of the Crusades this saint has been popular in the West, where many churches have been dedicated to her and her feast day kept with great solemnity, sometimes as a holy-day of obligation. She is listed as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers of mankind among the saints in Heaven; she is the patroness of young women, philosophers, preachers, theologians, wheelwrights, millers, and other workingmen. She was said to have appeared with Our Lady to St. Dominic and to Blessed Reginald of Orleans; the Dominicans adopted her as their special protectress. Hers was one of the heavenly voices heard by St. Joan of Arc. Artists have painted her with her chief emblem, the wheel, on which by tradition she was tortured; other emblems are a lamb and a sword. Her name continues to be cherished today by the young unmarried women of Paris...

According to the popular tradition, Catherine was born of a patrician family of Alexandria and from childhood had devoted herself to study. Through her reading she had learned much of Christianity and had been converted by a vision of Our Lady and the Holy Child. When Maxentius began his persecution, Catherine, then a beautiful young girl, went to him and rebuked him boldly for his cruelty. He could not answer her arguments against his pagan gods, and summoned fifty philosophers to confute her. They all confessed themselves won over by her reasoning and were thereupon burned to death by the enraged Emperor. He then tried to seduce Catherine with an offer of a consort's crown, and when she indignantly refused him, he had her beaten and imprisoned. The Emperor went off to inspect his military forces, and when he got back, he discovered that his wife Faustina and a high official, one Porphyrius, had been visiting Catherine and had been converted, along with the soldiers of the guard. They too were put to death, and Catherine was sentenced to be killed on a spiked wheel.

When she was fastened to the wheel, her bonds were miraculously loosed and the wheel itself broke, its spikes flying off and killing some of the onlookers. She was then beheaded. The modern Catherine-wheel, from which sparks fly off in all directions, took its name from the saint's wheel of martyrdom...

The above excerpt is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/catherine-of-alexandria-516

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.

ITEMS RELATING TO CHRISTMAS

NEW ITEMS IN THE PIETY SHOP

The Piety store has been restocked after the Feast Day and there are some lovely gifts for Christmas including Baby Jesus statuettes and Angel plaques. You are most welcome to have a look.

PUTTING UP THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

When: Saturday, 02 December after the 9am Mass.

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!



Photo is from freepik.com/free-photos-vectors/nativity-scene

PARISH WORKING BEE

Date: Saturday 16 December, after the 9am Mass

to clean the Church and its surrounds in preparation for Christmas. It would be appreciated if many parishioners could lend a helping hand.

FOOD HAMPERS An opportunity to donate non-perishable food to support families in our community this Christmas, will be available from next weekend. Items can be left in the baskets near the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

NEXT WEEKEND: BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE CHAPLAINCY SERVICES: 25 & 26 NOV



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 via the QR code or yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?



When: Friday, 01 December

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 INCOME & EXPENSES sheet for October can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

WEEKEND MASS ROSTERS

Thank you to all the wonderful people who assist at our weekend Mass. We request that you please check your email after Wednesday each week for updated roster details.

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION 2024

The Parent Info Letter & Enrolment Form are now available on the Parish Website and the Welcome Table.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help clean God's House after 9am Mass on Saturday mornings.

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. Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 21 November.

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

Date: Tuesday 28 November.

Place: Vangie & Shane McCaw, 9 Waringa Cres, GP

Sunday 19 November: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 21 November: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 22 November: St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Thursday 23 November: St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr & St. Columban, Abbot

Friday 24 November: Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

Saturday 25 November: St. Catherine of Alexandria,

NEXT SUNDAY is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: *Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17. Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28. Mt 25:31-46.*

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: All Holy Souls in Purgatory. **Prayers for the Sick:** Emily & Danilo Rosales, 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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – CHRIST THE KING 26 NOVEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana		Tracy Amituanai
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Reginald Vibar	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC			Pio's Voices
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Jonielyn Yuzon
BAPTISM			Baptism Presentation Class
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Rebekah Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Mel Gaudoin, Johan.		



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