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**SUNDAY 03 DECEMBER 2023**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**YEAR B**

## 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,

The Holy Scripture tells us that there is time for everything. We begin a time of preparation – a season to welcome the Lord. We begin the Advent season this weekend. Advent also initiates the liturgical calendar for the year. Advent prepares us to welcome Christ Jesus. The birth of Christ as a little, fragile and delicate baby is a powerful reminder for us how we need to welcome the Lord in His gentleness and humility. Let us prepare to welcome the Lord in a special way not in a routine manner.

Jesus warns and prepares us through the Gospel passage of this weekend. No one knows about the end of the world. Not even the Son of God in His humanity knows it. Only the heavenly Father knows the day and the time. One may wonder why God chose to keep that day or hour so secret. Does He want us never to know, or does He want to control our lives since we don't know the time or day? Well, the answer is that we don't know. No one knows His intention, but He wants us to be prepared for it.

If we know when we are going to die, our living days will be hell. At times, the thought of death is crueler than the death itself. He wants us to live our lives to the fullest. We need to listen to His warnings and words. We can't take them for granted. Heaven and earth will pass away but His words will never pass away. So let us take His warnings seriously and amend our lives.

As we begin Advent this weekend, let us prepare for Christ in the best way possible. Let this Advent be a time of renewal to all of us. The past is past, and we can look to the future with renewed hope and enthusiasm. Along with our homes, let us also decorate our souls to welcome Christ. We cannot afford to say to Him like that of the Inn keeper, 'there is no place for you in the Inn'. We must open our lives to Christ to welcome Him.

One of the best ways to welcome Christ is to go to confession. Make it as a family renewal time. We may not be regular to confession or not been there for years. It is never late to come back to the Lord with openness to change. Christ will always forgive when we have repentance in our lives. His mercy is more powerful than our sins. Let us have that confidence and prepare ourselves to welcome Christ.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

## ADVENT

### **Why do we celebrate Advent?**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 524) says, "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."



### **Why is Advent important to the Catholic Church?**

This is a period of preparation for the celebration of the Incarnation at Christmas. As Christmas seems to arrive commercially ever earlier each year, the faithful should try to turn our hearts more toward the Lord.

### **How do you prepare yourself during Advent?**

First, it is a good idea to pray more, possibly including the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Franciscan Crown, and the Christmas Novena, all of which call to mind the mysteries associated with the Lord coming into the world.

It is also important to read Sacred Scripture, especially the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, chapters 2 and 3 of the Second Part on the Creed, expresses the Church's Faith in the Incarnation and Nativity of the Lord.

Finally, to truly prepare, it is important to go to Confession at least once during the season, and maybe go to daily Mass and do Eucharistic Adoration when you are able.

Above excerpt is from: [ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/advent-14416](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/advent-14416)

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### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

*You are cordially invited to join Fr. Suresh & the St. Padre Pio Parish  
Catholic Community at Christmas celebrations.*

### **NINE DAY CHRISTMAS NOVENA – ROOSTER MASSES**

**Saturday 16 December 9:00am Sunday 17 December 8:00am**  
(Novena & Sunday Mass), 10:00am (Sunday Mass)

**Monday 18 December – Friday 22 December 5:00am**

**Saturday 23 December 9:00am Sunday 24 December 8:00am**  
(Novena & Sunday Mass), 10:00am (Sunday Mass)

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Children's Mass Sunday 24 December**

5:30pm Carols - 6:00pm Mass

*The children are invited to dress as a nativity character for this Mass*

**Family Mass Sunday 24 December**

8:00pm Carols - 8:30pm Mass

**Solemn Mass Monday 25 December**

11:30pm Carols - 12:00am Mass

**Christmas Day Mass Monday 25 December**

7:30am Carols 8:00am Mass

9:30am Carols 10:00am Mass



## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**When:** This Friday 08 December, 9am Mass

**THANK YOU** to all who assisted with putting up the Christmas decorations in preparation for Christmas.

### MASS COUNT

There will be a Mass count the next two weekends as a requirement by the Diocese.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION 2024

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

### PARISH WORKING BEE FOR CHRISTMAS

**Date: Saturday 16 December, after the 9am Mass**  
This Working Bee is to clean the Church and its surrounds in preparation for Christmas. It would be appreciated if many parishioners could lend a helping hand. Please enter this date in your diaries.

### ROOSTER MASSES - NINE DAY NOVENA

This Novena will begin on **Saturday 16 December to Sunday 24 December**. Some Masses will be at a different time. Please see the **Advent & Christmas Mass timetable**.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



One of the best ways to celebrate Christmas is by sharing with the less fortunate. The stars on the Christmas Giving Tree represent the mentally & physically challenged

children in India who need our help this year. Please take a star and bring back a donation of \$60 to provide a child with Christmas lunch and new clothes. They pray for us all each day and are very grateful for our help. If you would like to contribute, please give the donation to Fr Suresh or the parish office. Thank you!

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The courses are for anyone interested in serving within the Church either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

The dates are on the parish noticeboards. Places in the course are limited. If interested, please see Fr Suresh.

### CHRISTMAS FLYERS LETTER BOX DROP

Assistance is needed to distribute the Christmas flyers in letterboxes. The flyers are on a specially marked table at the back of the Church. Each bundle has 20 flyers. Please highlight the street/s you will be covering and any extra flyers, please return them to the parish.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

There are boxes outside the parish office for donations of **non-perishable food** to support families in our community this Christmas. Please sort your donation into the correct box. Canned & baking goods, snacks, condiments, drinks, pasta, sauce, sweet treats & miscellaneous (no chocolate or toys). *Thank you!*

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 05 December.

**Place:** Boyet Remolador, 5 Kukundi Dr, GP

**Date:** Tuesday 12 December.

**Place:** Evelyn & Virgilio Cobol, 11 Dara Cres, GP

**Sunday 03 December: First Sunday of Advent Yr. B**

**Monday 04 December: St. John Damascene, Priest**

**Wednesday 06 December: St. Nicholas, Bishop**

**Thursday 07 December: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**

**Friday 08 December: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Saturday 09 December: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the **Second Sunday of Advent Yr. B: Is 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 84:9-14. 2 Pet 3:8-14. Mk 1:1-8.**

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:** **Thanksgiving:** Normie Santos, Elijah Bhandoo, Sofia Pedersen. **Deceased:** Mr & Mrs Tuaimau, Stella & Joseph Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan, Hasna & Joseph Gebrail, Gabriel, Josephine Lahood, Tony, Fr. Michael Les Campion & Holy Souls in Purgatory. **Prayers for the Sick:** Emily & Danilo Rosales, Maribelle Harina, Joselito Canaria, 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 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 09/10 DECEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	Cristina Cignarella	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
<b>SENIOR SERVER</b>	Kylie Sultana		Tracy Amituanai
<b>READER</b>	1. Gilbert Grech 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. <b>help needed</b>	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
<b>MUSIC</b>	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co.
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		Mal Weber	Zon Lupisan
<b>BAPTISM</b>			Chris Hersey
<b>CLEANING TEAM</b>	Antoinette Manna, Rebecca Locke, Annette Buttigieg, Johan		



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