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SUNDAY 04 FEBRUARY 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

Dear Friends,

This is our first parish bulletin of this year. I hope and pray that the year has begun well and the first month of the year ended well for you and your family. Our children have begun their new academic year already, and we look forward to many blessings during the year. May this year be a Blessed one for all of us.

I hope you had a wonderful time with your loved ones during the summer holidays. Those beautiful moments create memories that will last forever. As we are well into the new year, let us not be consumed by the business of life. Let us always find time for God, family and friends. Life is not about merely making money, but it is about living a fruitful life. Every moment is precious and irreplaceable.

In the Gospel we see the crowds around Jesus all the time. They demanded many things from Him. Most of the people came to Him 'to receive something'. There was also a curiosity to see the miracles being performed by Him. The more the miracles He performed, the more the demands were placed on Him. Jesus was very much aware of the purpose of Himself being there. He refused to be seen as a mere miracle worker but rather a suffering Messiah. He was quite focused on His mission of preaching the Word of God to all. When one of His disciples, Simon told Him that everyone is looking for you, Jesus refocuses Himself on His mission rather than being caught into crowd mentality. Jesus reminds Simon that He must go to other places to preach the Gospel as well.

The Church of today can be caught up in a crowd mentality. At times, we think that having greater crowds makes us a great Church. It might not be the case. We are not here for entertainment and amusement but rather to prepare ourselves for eternity. Our late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI predicted that the future Church would be smaller but Holier. In my opinion, this statement was a prophetic statement. People want to go to heaven, but they don't want to follow Christ. I wonder how we get there without following Him.

Let us take sufficient time for our personal prayer this year. Let us not be engulfed with the business of life. God and family matter more than money and power. Jesus invites us to join Him in spreading the Gospel and the whole world needs God. If we commit ourselves to be messengers of the Gospel, we will be able to see a better world and a better future.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar

Parish Priest

ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

In 1592 the persecution was renewed, and several Japanese converts received the crown of martyrdom. The emperor Tagcosama, one of the proudest and most vicious of men, was worked up into rage and jealousy by a suspicion suggested by certain European merchants desirous of the monopoly of this trade, that the view of the missionaries in preaching the Christian faith was to facilitate the conquest of their country by the Portuguese or Spaniards.



Three Jesuits and six Franciscans were crucified on a hill near Nangasaqui in 1597. The latter were partly Spaniards and partly Indians, and had at their head F. Peter Baptist, commissary of his order, a native of Avila, in Spain. As to the Jesuits, one was Paul Miki, a noble Japanese, and an eminent preacher, at that time thirty-three years old. The other two, John Gotto and James Kisai, were admitted into the Society in prison a little before they suffered. Several Japanese converts suffered with them. The martyrs were twenty-six in number, and among them were three boys who used to serve the friars at Mass; two of them were fifteen years of age, and the third only twelve, yet each showed great joy and constancy in their sufferings. Of these martyrs, twenty-four had been brought to Meaco, where only a part of their left ears was cut off, by a mitigation of the sentence, which had commanded the amputation of their noses and both ears. They were conducted through many towns and public places, their cheeks stained with blood, for a terror to others. When the twenty-six soldiers of Christ were arrived at the place of execution near Nangasaqui, they were allowed to make their confession to two Jesuits of the convent in that town, and being fastened to crosses by cords and chains about their arm. and legs, and an iron collar about their necks, were raised into the air, the foot of each cross falling into a hole prepared for it in the ground. The crosses were planted in a row, about four feet asunder, and each martyr had an executioner near him with a spear ready to pierce his side; for such is the Japanese manner of crucifixion. As soon as all the crosses were planted, the executioners lifted up their lances, and at a signal given, all pierced the martyrs almost in the same instant; upon which they expired, and went to receive the reward of their sufferings. Their blood and garments were procured by Christians, and miracles were wrought by them. Urban VIII ranked them among the martyrs, and they are honoured on the 6th of February, the day of their triumph.

Above picture is from: pinterest.com.au/pin/551620654353241632/

Above excerpt is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/paul-miki--companions-725

ST. HERBERT

Date of birth unknown; d. 20 March, 687; an anchorite of the seventh century, who dwelt for many years on the little island still known as St. Herbert's Isle, in the Lake of Derwentwater. He was for long time, the friend and disciple of St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. Little is known about him, save that it was his custom every year to visit St. Cuthbert for the purpose of receiving his direction in spiritual matters. In the year 686, hearing that his friend was visiting Carlisle for the purpose of giving the veil to Queen Eormenburg, he went to see him there, instead of at Lindisfarne as was usual.

After they had spoken together, St. Cuthbert said, "Brother Herbert, tell to me now all that you have need to ask or speak, for never shall we see one another again in this world. For I know that the time of my decease is at hand." Then Herbert fell weeping at his feet and begged that St. Cuthbert would obtain for him the grace that they might both be admitted to praise God in heaven at the same time. And St. Cuthbert prayed and then made answer, "Rise, my brother, weep not, but rejoice that the mercy of God has granted our desire."

And so it happened. For Herbert, returning to his hermitage, fell ill of a long sickness, and, purified of his imperfections, passed to God on the very day on which St. Cuthbert died on Holy Island. It is said that the remains of St. Herbert's chapel and cell may still be traced at the northern end of the island on which he lived. In 1374 Thomas Appleby, Bishop of Carlisle, granted an indulgence of forty days to all who, in honour of St. Herbert, visited the island in Derwentwater and were present at the Mass of St. Cuthbert to be sung annually by the Vicar of Crosthwaite.

(Taken From Catholic Encyclopedia)

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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION FORM DUE THIS WEDNESDAY: 07 FEBRUARY

The Parent Info Letter & Enrolment Form are available on the Parish Website and the Welcome Table. Please return the forms to the parish office.

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES

Forms need to be returned to Fr Suresh by 07 February.

These courses are for people wishing to become a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Give Holy Communion to the sick and dying or become a Minister of the Altar. If you would like to be involved in any of these ministries, please speak to Fr Suresh.

PALMS

Please bring in your old palms and place them in the basket on the Welcome Table. These will be burnt and the ash used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

When: 14 February

Time: 9am and 7pm.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and it is a day of fasting and abstinence. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others.

Contributing towards **Project Compassion** is one way of living out the spirit of Lent. Project Compassion boxes & envelopes are available on the Welcome Table.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: every Friday in Lent, starting on 16 February

Time: 7:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table for families who would like to lead it.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B:** *Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11. 1Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1:40-45.*

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023'S INCOME & EXPENDITURE SHEET can be found on the noticeboards.

MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS for people in ministry

Every person involved in ministry is required by law to do the Safeguarding sessions either in person or online.

There are various places in the Parramatta Diocese where these are held in person. For this information or how to do the course online, please see the Parish noticeboards.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 06 February.

Place: Brennen & Lorraine Muller, 7 South St, GP

Date: Tuesday 13 February.

Place: Wendy & Gert Van Mullekom, 23 Prunus Close, GP

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

When: 10 February, 11am.

The Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Sunday 04 February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B
Monday 05 February: St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Tuesday 06 February: St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
Thursday 08 February: St Jerome Emiliani
Thursday 08 February: St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Saturday 10 February: St. Scholastica, Virgin

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Thanksgiving: Farley & Rosie Bartholomeusz, Deborah Goodman. **Deceased:** Stella & Joseph Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan & Holy Souls & those who have no one to pray for them, Elizabeth Fernando, James Kuveju, Paul Starr, Michael Farell. **Prayers for the Sick:** Emily & Danilo Rosales, Maribelle Harina, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.*

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 10/11 FEBRUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
ACOLYTE	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Lya Layug Kylie Sultana Tracy Amituanai		
READER	1. help needed 2. help needed	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. help needed	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co
HOSPITALITY		Mal Weber	Zon Lupisan
BAPTISM			Chris Hersey
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