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SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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,

“Repent and believe in the Gospel”, these were the words of Jesus when He began His ministry after His fasting and being in the wilderness for 40 days. Jesus didn’t begin His preaching with the teaching on the kingdom of God but He knows that first things first. The humanity was in need of repentance and belief in God. The situation hasn’t changed in comparison with Jesus’ time and ours. All the more, the world is in need of repentance and belief in God right now.

Let us think of those 40 days of loneliness in the wilderness. There is no one with Jesus, no food, no drink and no shelter. He emptied Himself completely in order to begin His ministry with the people. God filled Him with His grace to speak the truth and to endure whatever that comes. Jesus was aware of the next 3 years that will be filled with events and people that He would encounter. We find it difficult to spend an hour in solitude and we look for something to do or get back to our gadgets. Imagine of the 40 days of complete solitude. Nothing with Him except God! Well, that is what we need to know, that we need nothing else but God. When Jesus ventured out of the wilderness, He called the people to change their way of life by repenting in their lives.

Our world of today is misleading the people. The world has nothing to offer to people to help them to go to heaven. But rather trying to justify their sinful ways. The first reading of today reminds of God’s establishment of covenant with His people after the great flood wherein He destroyed the world and restarted it with the help of Noah and his sons. As a sign of this covenantal relationship, God set the bow in the sky so that people will be assured that He won’t destroy the world by water again and we need to make sure that we don’t force God to destroy us by leading an immoral life. Pathetically we have changed this very sign into something that God despised.

As Catholics, we need to know better. If God has said that something is sinful, that is the supreme word. That is the final verdict. There is no other authority on earth that has the power to change. Even if someone tries to change, that is not truth and not binding. We need to adhere to the Word of God more than to the word of mortal humans.

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL.

We need to repent fully and believe in the Gospel in its entirety not picking up bits and pieces. Let us make every effort to read the Holy Scripture so that we will know Christ better and love Him more.
God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest



Picture from: pinterest.com.au/pin/recipes--326651779217075088/
The Below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/lent-14353

(contd from last week)

What are the penitential rules for Lent?

Since repentance is necessary for salvation, so are the acts which manifest repentance (Luke 13:1-9; Acts 26:28). Throughout the year, the Church calls the faithful to do penance, therefore, establishing norms of fast and abstinence to aid us.

Every Friday is a day of penitence, an acknowledgement of our sins and of the price of our salvation. It is a little *Good Friday* preparing us each week for Sundays, a little *Easter*.

What are the three things we do during Lent?

In the Sermon on the Mount, Our Lord explains three special ways to orient our hearts to God, and these principles are especially helpful as we journey through Lent. Traditionally called the three pillars of Lent, they include almsgiving (cf. Matthew 6:1-4), prayer (cf. Matthew 6:5-15), and fasting (cf. Matthew 6:16-18).

What is the meaning behind Shrove Tuesday?

The day before Ash Wednesday is sometimes called "Shrove Tuesday" because this is when people would go to Confession to be "shriven," which means to be absolved from their sins.

More frequently, we call this day *Mardi Gras* (or "Fat Tuesday" in English). Since Lent is a penitential time, many people will feast on the eve of the fast. Also, traditionally people would not use fats in their house during Lent, meaning they would need to use up their fats before entering Lent.

What is the significance of Ash Wednesday?

Speaking of the Church's celebration of this day, Pope Benedict XVI said, The Ash Wednesday liturgy indicates the fundamental dimension of Lent in the conversion of the heart to God. This is the evocative message contained in the traditional Rite of Ashes....

It is a rite with a double meaning: the first is related to interior change, to conversion and penance, while the

second recalls the precarious human condition, as it is easy to understand from the two different formulas that accompany the gesture.

How long are you supposed to keep ashes on your forehead?

That decision is up to the individual, but it can be a strong witness to wear the ashes in public — though this should be done without any vain intention.

What does Ash Wednesday signify?

On Ash Wednesday in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI taught, And we can understand that the 40 days in preparation for Easter are a favorable time and a time of grace precisely from the appeal that the austere rite of the imposition of ashes addresses to us and which is expressed in the Liturgy in two formulas: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel"; "Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return."

In the same address, he said,

With the imposition of ashes, we renew our commitment to following Jesus, to letting ourselves be transformed by his Paschal Mystery, to overcoming evil and to doing good, in order to make our former self, linked to sin die and to give birth to our "new nature," transformed by God's grace.

"May Mary, our guide on the Lenten journey, lead us to ever deeper knowledge of the dead and Risen Christ, help us in the spiritual combat against sin, and sustain us as we pray with conviction: 'Converte nos, Deus salutaris noster'—'Convert us to you, O God, our salvation.'"

- Pope Benedict XVI



Picture from: clipart-library.com/lenten-prayer-cliparts.html

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: every Friday in Lent.
Time: 7:00pm.

ADORATION

Every Friday in Lent after the 9am Mass, till 10am.

PROJECT COMPASSION

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.

To find out more about the projects that Project Compassion assists, go to: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion Project Compassion boxes & envelopes are available on the Welcome Table.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

When: Sunday, 03 March, 7pm

Topic: 'How to speak about Hot Topics in the public sphere'

Speaker & Discussion Facilitator: Monica Doumit

Where: The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury)
All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477004687.

BETHANY PRIMARY SCHOOL - Enrolling now for 2025

Bethany Primary School is holding Open Days on Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 and Friday 8 March from 9am-10am. Please visit the school website at www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au to register your interest or contact the school office on 4723 3700.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

The preparation for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation has started. Kindly keep the families involved in your prayers.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Second Sunday of Lent Year B

*Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps115:10, 15-19. Rom 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10*

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 20 February

Place: Lya & Billy Layug

Date: Tuesday 27 February

Place: Theresa Brombal

REFLECTIONS on WHAT'S APP (Audio)

Please add your name on the sheet found on the Welcome Table if you would like to receive Lenten Reflections each day based on the Gospel from Fr. Suresh.

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; an event calendar; Daily Mass readings, etc.

CAROLINE CHISHOLM 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Save the Dates.

18 May: Celebration Day

19 October: Cocktail Evening

Sunday 18 February: First Sunday of Lent Yr. B

Wednesday 21 February: St. Peter Damian, *Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Thursday 22 February: The Chair of St Peter, *Apostle*

Friday 23 February: St. Polycarp, *Bishop & Martyr*

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Annie Van Rijn. **Death Anniversary:** Luigi Matteo Maccarone. **Deceased:** Thomas & Eliyamma Erumpanathumukalel Family, Thresiamma Pulikkal Family & Sebastian & Mary Pulikkal, Elsy, Lilly & Holy Souls in Purgatory, Eileen Butler, Izabela Majewski, Misha. **Prayers for the Sick:** Ernesto Modelo, Joselito Canaria, Lynn Navarro, Kim Baluyot, Jasmine Arada, Maricris Palencia, Yvonne Videla, Alejandra Modelo, Emily & Danilo Rosales, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella. Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR - FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 24/25 FEBRUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana Tracy Amituanai	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	Chris Hersey
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. help needed	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC			Pio's Voices
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Jonielyn Yuzon
BAPTISM			Presentation Mass
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Rebecca Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Johan		



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