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**SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024**

**SECOND 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,

The Holy Scripture speaks of various people and we are made known of their deeds and decisions by their way of life. Some people have played a very big role in the history of salvation whereas others have played a small role in the same. One of the formidable personalities in the Old Testament was Abraham. He was known as father of faith. God puts him to the test and Abraham proves himself that he is worthy of the title. In fact, Abraham and Sarah didn't have a child for quite many years and they were longing to have one. When God gifted them with Isaac, they loved him very dearly. When God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac, he must have been devastated but he was willing to do what God wanted him to do. He must have questioned millions of times why God wanted his son, but Abraham was ready to do the will of God rather than his own. God stops Abraham from doing any harm and blessed him abundantly and made a covenant with Abraham and all his descendants through him.

The sacrificing love of God becomes evident in the New Testament. Though God loved His only begotten Son Jesus, He was willing to sacrifice Him as an atonement for our sins. Our God who prevented Abraham from killing his son, didn't prevent Jesus from dying on the Cross for us. Such is the love of God for us. No one can fathom how much God loves us.

Gospel speaks of the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor. Jesus had taken His closest collaborators Peter, James and John with Himself to Mount Tabor. On that mountain, right in front their eyes, He was transfigured. The Divinity of Jesus was shown to them. They were certainly privileged to see Jesus in His Divinity. The disciples were overcome with fear and awe and Peter suggested that they can make three tents, one for Moses, one for Elijah and one for Jesus Himself. Peter wanted Jesus to remain in His glory and not to go down to suffer.

God has His own plan for everyone and in every situation. God silences the disciples and their opinions and reminding them of who Jesus really is. "This is my Beloved Son, listen to Him". He tells the disciples, you don't talk what Jesus should be doing but rather, listen to Him and do whatever He tells you.

It is for us too. We need to do what Jesus tells us to do rather than we trying to tell Jesus what He should be doing. Jesus is both God and human. He is 100% God and 100% human. Though He is sinless, He became sin. For us!

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

## **St. Germaine Cousin**

Born in 1579 of humble parents at Pibrac, a village about ten miles from Toulouse; died in her native place in 1601. From her birth she seemed marked out for suffering; she came into the world with a deformed hand and the disease of scrofula, and, while yet an infant, lost her mother. Her father soon married again, but his second wife treated Germaine with much cruelty. Under pretence of saving the other children from the contagion of scrofula she persuaded the father to keep Germaine away from the homestead, and thus the child was employed almost from infancy as a shepherdess. When she returned at night, her bed was in the stable or on a litter of vine branches in a garret. In this hard school, Germaine learned early to practise humility and patience. She was gifted with a marvellous sense of the presence of God and of spiritual things, so that her lonely life became to her a source of light and blessing. To poverty, bodily infirmity, the rigours of the seasons, the lack of affection from those in her own home, she added voluntary mortifications and austerities, making bread and water her daily food. Her love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and for His Virgin Mother presaged the saint. She assisted daily at the Holy Sacrifice; when the bell rang, she fixed her sheep-hook or distaff in the ground, and left her flocks to the care of Providence while she heard Mass. Although the pasture was on the border of a forest infested with wolves, no harm ever came to her flocks.

She is said to have practised many austerities as a reparation for the sacrileges perpetrated by heretics in the neighbouring churches. She frequented the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist, and it was observed that her piety increased on the approach of every feast of Our Lady. The Rosary was her only book, and her devotion to the Angelus was so great that she used to fall on her knees at the first sound of the bell, even though she heard it when crossing a stream. Whenever she could do so, she assembled the children of the village around her and sought to instil into their minds the love of Jesus and Mary. The villagers were inclined at first to treat her piety with mild derision, until certain signs of God's signal favour made her an object of reverence and awe. On the way to the village church, she had to cross a stream. The ford in winter, after heavy rains or the melting of snow, was at times impassable. On several occasions the swollen waters were seen to open and afford her a passage without wetting her garments. Notwithstanding her poverty she found means to help the poor by sharing with them her allowance of bread. Her father at last came to a sense of his duty, forbade her stepmother henceforth to treat her harshly & wished to give her a place in the home with the

other children, but she begged to be allowed to remain in the humbler position. At this point, when men were beginning to realize the beauty of her life, God called her to Himself. One morning in the early summer of 1601, her father finding that she had not risen at the usual hour went to call her; he found her dead on her pallet of vine-twigs. She was then twenty-two years of age.

Her remains were buried in the parish church of Pibrac in front of the pulpit. In 1644, when the grave was opened to receive one of her relatives, the body of Germaine was discovered fresh and perfectly preserved, and miraculously raised almost to the level of the floor of the church. It was exposed for public view near the pulpit, until a noble lady, the wife of François de Beauregard, presented as a thank-offering a casket of lead to hold the remains. She had been cured of a malignant and incurable ulcer in the breast, and her infant son whose life was despaired of was restored to health on her seeking the intercession of Germaine. This was the first of a long series of wonderful cures wrought at her relics. The leaden casket was placed in the sacristy, and in 1661 and 1700 the remains were viewed and found fresh and intact by the vicars-general of Toulouse, who have left testamentary depositions of the fact. Expert medical evidence deposed that the body had not been embalmed, and experimental tests showed that the preservation was not due to any property inherent in the soil. In 1700 a movement was begun to procure the beatification of Germaine, but it fell through owing to accidental causes. In 1793 the casket was desecrated by a revolutionary tinsmith, named Toulza, who with three accomplices took out the remains and buried them in the sacristy, throwing quick-lime and water on them. After the Revolution, her body was found to be still intact save where the quick-lime had done its work.

The private veneration of Germaine had continued from the original finding of the body in 1644, supported and encouraged by numerous cures and miracles. The cause of beatification was resumed in 1850. The documents attested more than 400 miracles or extraordinary graces, and thirty postulatory letters from archbishops and bishops in France besought the beatification from the Holy See. The miracles attested were cures of every kind (of blindness, congenital and resulting from disease, of hip and spinal disease), besides the multiplication of food for the distressed community of the Good Shepherd at Bourges in 1845. On 7 May, 1854, Pius IX proclaimed her beatification, and on 29 June, 1867, placed her on the canon of virgin saints. Her feast is kept in the Diocese of Toulouse on 15 June. She is represented in art with a shepherd's crook or with a distaff; with a watchdog, or a sheep; or with flowers in her apron.

*(Taken from Catholic Encyclopedia)*

## 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.

### FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

**Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?**



**When: This Friday, 01 March**

**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.

### 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Project Compassion boxes & envelopes are available on the Welcome Table.

### PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Please contact the parish office if you can help.

### BETHANY PRIMARY SCHOOL - Enrolling now for 2025

Bethany Primary School is holding Open Days

**When:** Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 and Friday 8 March

**Time:** 9am-10am. Please visit the school website at [www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au) to register your interest or call the school office on 47233700.

### NEXT SUNDAY is the Third Sunday of Lent Year B

*Exodus 20:1-17. Ps 18:8-11. 1 Cor 1:22-25. Jn 2:13-25*

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 27 February

**Place:** Theresa Brombal

**Date:** Tuesday 05 March

**Place:** Josephine Caruana

### 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.

### SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING

#### OPPORTUNITY: CYCLE 1 (FOR PEOPLE IN MINISTRY)

Have you had a chance to complete your first three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules as yet?

Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be at:

**Where:** Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown. To book:

[parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=safeguarding](http://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=safeguarding)

- Module 1: Tuesday 5 March (10.00am – 11.00am)
- Module 2: Tuesday 12 March (10.00am – 11.30am)
- Module 3: Tuesday 19 March (10.00am – 11.30am)

**Sunday 25 February:** Second Sunday of Lent Yr. B

**Tuesday 27 February:** St. Gregory Narek, *Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

**Friday 01 March: Autumn Ember Day: Special Day of**

**Prayer and Penance.** Ember Days mark the beginning of each of the four seasons, where the Church prays to the Lord for the various needs of humanity, especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labour and to give Him public thanks. This has been observed in the Roman Church since the fifth century.

### MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

For all the sick in the world, for the intentions of the donor (5 x Masses). **Recently Deceased:** Eileen O'Keefe.

**Deceased:** Francis Farrugia, Frank Marzella. **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 ONE - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 02/03 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana Tracy Amituanai	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	Chris Hersey Manny Medel
READER	1. <b>help needed</b> 2. <b>help needed</b>	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
MUSIC	Mitchell's Group		Children's Choir
HOSPITALITY		Vera Daher	Zon Lupisan
BAPTISM			Daniel Rossetto
CLEANING TEAM	Doris Cutajar, Paula Harris, Mel Gaudoin, Josephine Caruana, Valeni Rodrigues, Meghan Warda		



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