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**SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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.

Dear Friends,

“I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?” – what a powerful statement is this from Jesus!

The world and various leftist ideologies promote death culture whereas Jesus gives us life, that too, even after we are dead to this world. Jesus goes further by saying that whoever lives and believes in Him will never die. That is, to live for eternity. God gives us the culture of life whereas satan gives us culture of death. We need to live and believe in Jesus so that we too are part of the culture of life.

The Gospel of this Sunday speaks of Lazarus who was a friend of Jesus and the brother of Martha and Mary. Jesus brings him back to life. We cannot but look at it as yet another miracle as it speaks volumes on the goodness of Jesus. Martha, Mary and Lazarus had been friends with Jesus for a long time and they lived in a village called Bethany. Jesus had visited them few times. When Jesus hears that Lazarus was very ill, He delayed from going to them. In the meantime, Lazarus died and was buried in a tomb. When Jesus arrived there, it had been 4 days already since he died. Jesus knew that the glory of God will be manifested by this very event.

Jesus asks the sisters to have faith so that their brother will rise again. Though they believed in the resurrection of the dead on the last day, they did not believe that Jesus could raise the dead. When Jesus asked them to open the tomb, they even said that it had been 4 days since he died and there will be stench.

The command of Jesus to the dead man Lazarus, brought him back to life. In the words of Martha, ‘whatever you ask of God, He will give you’ came true. Jesus consolidates the faith that these sisters had in their lives. Though Jesus performed this miracle of raising the dead man Lazarus, He wept at the death of Lazarus. That proves the humanity of Jesus as well as the cruel nature of death.

Only Jesus can give us life. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We cannot go to anyone else to receive life. We as people of faith must turn to God for it. The world has nothing to offer as Jesus Himself puts it rightly. Let us turn to God with faith and be strong in our belief in Him.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

# **ST. JOSEPH**

**Feast day: 19 March**



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## **Who are the members of the Holy Family?**

Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph are the members of the Holy Family. The central figure is Jesus: The Word-made-Flesh, the Son of God made man for the salvation of the world.

He was conceived in the Blessed Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that Mary is His Mother according to His human nature. She is titled Mother of God because Her Son is a Divine Person.

St. Joseph, husband of Mary, while not the biological father of Jesus, was guided by an angel to assume the responsibilities of fatherhood and as the "Custodian of the Redeemer" (Pope St. John Paul II).

## **Why is the story of Joseph so important?**

St. Joseph's story is important because, as the earthly father of Jesus, he and Mary are caretakers of God Himself. Jesus even follows in Joseph's footsteps by becoming a carpenter. In other words, Joseph helped shape the earthly life for Our Lord during His childhood and young adulthood.

## **What does the name "Joseph" mean?**

Joseph is the English version of the Hebrew name "Yosef," which means "he will add." It was the name of the great patriarch who saved God's people Israel at the time of the great famine, when they had to go down into Egypt. Like the patriarch, Joseph of Nazareth had charge and responsibility for the Household of God in Jesus and Mary.

## **How old was Jesus when Joseph died?**

There is no specific Church teaching on when St. Joseph died. All we know from Sacred Scripture is that he died in between the time that Jesus was twelve and when Jesus started His public ministry at age 30.

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## **Litany of St. Joseph**

*Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.*

*Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.*

*God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.*

*God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy on us.*

*God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.*

*Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.*

*Holy Mary, pray for us.*

*St. Joseph, pray for us.*

*Renowned offspring of David, pray for us.*

*Light of Patriarchs, pray for us.*

*Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.*

*Guardian of the Redeemer pray for us.*

*Chaste guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.*

*Foster father of the Son of God, pray for us.*

*Diligent protector of Christ, pray for us.*

*Servant of Christ pray for us.*

*Minister of salvation pray for us.*

*Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.*

*Joseph most just, pray for us.*

*Joseph most chaste, pray for us.*

*Joseph most prudent, pray for us.*

*Joseph most strong, pray for us.*

*Joseph most obedient, pray for us.*

*Joseph most faithful, pray for us.*

*Mirror of patience, pray for us.*

*Lover of poverty, pray for us.*

*Model of workers, pray for us.*

*Glory of family life, pray for us.*

*Guardian of virgins, pray for us.*

*Pillar of families, pray for us.*

*Support in difficulties, pray for us.*

*Solace of the wretched, pray for us.*

*Hope of the sick, pray for us.*

*Patron of exiles, pray for us.*

*Patron of the afflicted, pray for us.*

*Patron of the poor, pray for us.*

*Patron of the dying, pray for us.*

*Terror of demons, pray for us.*

*Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Jesus.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Jesus.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

*He made him the lord of his household and prince over all his possessions.*

## **Let us pray:**

O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

**Saint Joseph, pray for us.**

## 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.

### PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR LENT AND EASTER

**When:** This Tuesday, 19 March, 7pm  
Confession is available every Saturday after 9 am Mass.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Please include the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation this Wednesday, in your prayers.

### WORKING BEE

**When:** This Saturday 23 March, after 9am Mass.  
We need as many people as possible to help at the Working Bee. We will be cleaning inside the Church, the grounds and decorating for Palm Sunday. BYO garden gloves and garden cutters. If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

### HOLY LAND (Good Friday) COLLECTION

**When:** Good Friday 29 March, 3pm Passion of the Lord  
The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land.

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### FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

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

**When:** Friday, 05 April

**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.

### ACT OF CONTRITION (to be used at Confessions)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

**Or**

O my Jesus, I am very sorry that I have sinned against You because You are so good and with Your help, I will not sin again. Amen.

### MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

**Death Anniversary:** Arthur Reid, Ana Broz. **Prayers for the Sick:** Trent Moore, Maribel Harina, 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.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE



**RECONCILIATION † TUESDAY 19 MARCH 7:00pm**

(Saturday mornings after 9:00am Mass)

**PALM SUNDAY † SATURDAY 23 MARCH**

5:30pm Mass (begins outside the church)

**PALM SUNDAY † SUNDAY 24 MARCH**

8:00am Mass (begins outside the church)

10:00am Mass (begins in the park across the road)

**HOLY THURSDAY † THURSDAY 28 MARCH**

7:00pm Mass (No 9:00am Mass)

**GOOD FRIDAY † FRIDAY 29 MARCH**

10:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

**EASTER VIGIL † SATURDAY 30 MARCH**

7:00pm Mass (No 9:00am Mass)

**EASTER SUNDAY † SUNDAY 31 MARCH**

8:00AM Mass & 10:00am Mass

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY † SUNDAY 07 APRIL**

8:00am Mass, 10:00am Mass

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 19 March

**Place:** Gloria & Anton Malicdem

**Date:** Tuesday 26 March

**Place:** Bernadette & Peter Quigley



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