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## SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2024

## FOURTH 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,

Jesus is the light of the world. We are blind without Him. He brings us to the truth, the truth that will set us free. The world keeps rejecting the light – the Christ. It chooses to be in the dark by a choice, that too a deliberate choice. God doesn't force Himself on anyone. He gives us a choice to choose or to reject Him. Unfortunately, when we reject Him, we are in darkness that is very evil. We must make every effort to be in the light of Christ.

We see in the Gospel, Jesus comes across this man who was born blind. Normally any sickness was seen as a punishment or wrath from God. So too the blindness of this man was seen as a wrath from God for the sins of his parents or his own. But Jesus clarifies by saying that the blindness of this man will be a means to reveal the Glory of God. Jesus knew that the glory of God will be revealed by the miracle that He is about to perform.

Friends, at times, we too may be suffering from one sickness or the other. Never think that God is punishing us for the sins of our ancestors or even our own sins. Many Saints understood that the suffering has got a meaning in the life of a Christian. That is why they were willing to suffer patiently. The Saints teach us to offer the sufferings up to God so that salvation of the souls could be achieved. Our own patron St. Padre Pio suffered so much with the stigmata for 50 long years. No one can imagine the pain and the discomfort that he would have had with the stigmata. He offered up to God for the salvation of souls. Saints such as these are real heroes who live their calling to the fullest. God may be using our suffering in order to save a soul out there. We might not have met them but still our endurance will win the soul.

Another big lesson that we need to learn from the Gospel is that the people will find fault in us no matter what good that we do. Jesus happened to heal that man on a sabbath. Instead of appreciating Him, the Jews found fault with Him for doing so. Jesus always transcends the human barriers in order to help people in their suffering. The same people who accused Jesus of breaking the law didn't move a finger to help this man. That is the world that we live in. When people suffer, they stand by and watch the drama! Heartless and perverse generation. As people of faith, we shouldn't be spectators but rather participants of the goodness of God.

We are in the season of Lent, a time to repent and return to God. It is also a time to reach out and help. God places us in situations expecting us to make a change. Let us not let Him down. We may not be able to change the whole world, but we can change the world around us.

God Bless..

Kind regards,  
Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

## **ST. ANGELA MERICI**



Angela Merici was born on March 21st, 1474, at Desenzano on Lake Garda; left an orphan at the age of ten she was brought up by her uncle and on his death went to live with her brothers. She was a devout girl and, having joined the Third Order of St. Francis,

devoted herself to teaching children. As her work became known she was asked to go to Brescia where a house was put at her disposal and a number of women came to join her; she was thus enabled to establish a religious association of women, under the patronage of St. Ursula, who, remaining in the world, should devote themselves to every sort of corporal and spiritual work of mercy; but the particular emphasis was on education. Angela's methods were far removed from the modern idea of a convent school; she preferred to send her associates to teach girls in their own families, and one of her favorite sayings was, 'Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family'. It was by educating children in the milieu in which they lived that she strove to effect an improvement in social conditions.

Angela Merici is known now as the foundress of the Ursuline nuns—and so she was, but despite her own inclinations. In reality she was in advance of her own times. Her plan of religious women without distinctive habit, without solemn vows and enclosure, was directly contrary to prevailing notions at her period, and under the influence of St. Charles Borromeo at Milan and subsequent papal legislation (under St. Pius V) the Ursulines were obliged to adopt the canonical safeguards then required of all nuns.

Angela Merici died in Brescia on January 27th, 1540.

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## **ST. VERONICA GIULIANI**

Born at Mercatello in the Duchy of Urbino, Italy, 1660; died at Citta' di Castello, 9 July, 1727. Her parents, Francesco Giuliana and Benedetta

Mancini were both of gentle birth. In baptism she was named Ursula and showed marvelous signs of sanctity. When but eighteen months old she uttered her first words to upbraid a shopman who was serving a false measure of oil, saying distinctly: "Do justice, God sees you." At the age of three years, she began to be favoured with Divine communications, and to show great compassion for the poor. She would set apart a portion of her food for them, and even part with her clothes when she met a poor child scantily clad. These traits and a great love for the Cross developed as she grew older. When others did not readily join in her religious practices, she was inclined to be dictatorial. In her sixteenth year this imperfection of character was brought home to her in a vision in which she saw her own heart as a heart of steel. In her writings she confesses that she took a certain pleasure in the more stately circumstances which her family adopted when her father was appointed superintendent of finance at Piacenza. But this did not in any way affect her early-formed resolution to dedicate herself to religion, although her father urged her to marry and procured for her several suitors as soon as she became of marriageable age. Owing to her father's opposition to her desire to enter a convent, Veronica fell ill and only recovered when he gave his consent.

In 1677 she was received into the convent of the Capuchin Poor Clares in Citta' di Castello, taking the name of Veronica in memory of the Passion. At the conclusion of the ceremony of her reception the bishop said to the abbess: "I commend this new daughter to your special care, for she will one day be a great saint." She became absolutely submissive to the will of her directors, though her novitiate was marked by extraordinary interior trials and temptations to return to the world. At her profession in 1678 she conceived a great desire to suffer in union with our Saviour crucified for the conversion of sinners. About this time, she had a vision of Christ bearing His cross and henceforth suffered an acute physical pain in her heart. After her death the figure of the cross was found impressed upon her heart. In 1693 she entered upon a new phase in her spiritual life, when she had a vision of the chalice symbolizing the Divine Passion which was to be re-enacted in her own soul. At first, she shrank from accepting it and only by great effort eventually submitted. She then began to endure intense spiritual suffering. In 1694 she received the impression of the Crown of Thorns, the wounds being visible and the pain permanent. By order of the bishop, she submitted to medical treatment, but obtained no relief. Yet, although she lived in this supernaturally mystical life, she was a practical woman of affairs. For thirty-four years she was novice-mistress and guided the novices with great prudence. It is noticeable that she would not allow them to read mystical books. In 1716 she was elected abbess and whilst holding that office enlarged the convent and had a good system of water-pipes laid down, the convent hitherto having been without a proper water supply. She was canonized by Gregory XVI in 1839. She is usually represented crowned with thorns and embracing the Cross.

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

### WORKING BEE

**When:** 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.

### MEN AT THE SHRINE

There will be a brief reflection by Fr Pawel Barszczewski OP, silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and supper. An opportunity for Confession will be available.  
**When:** Wednesday 13 March, 7-9pm (every 2nd Wed), at Mt. Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa.

### FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATIONS

The Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta invites you to join Holy Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
**When:** Saturday 16 March, 10:30AM at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Novena Masses in preparation for the Feast from 06-14 March, 7:30pm (except 06 & 13 March, 8:00pm) at St Michael's Church, Blacktown Sth.

### NEXT SUNDAY is the Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12. 1  
Hebrews 5:7-9 John 11:1-45*

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 12 March  
**Place:** Jonie & Albert Yuzon  
**Date:** Tuesday 19 March  
**Place:** Gloria & Anton Malicdem

## 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

### MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

**Thanksgiving:** Michayla Meilak. For the intentions of the donor. **Death Anniversary:** Joseph Aaron, Tony Coutinho.  
**Deceased:** Teresa Guterres.

**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.

## ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK THREE - THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 16/17 MARCH

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
<b>SENIOR SERVER</b>	Lya Layug Kylie Sultana Tracy Amituanai	Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	
<b>READER</b>	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. <b>help needed</b>	1. Sue Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Jason Ball 2. Noel Xavier
<b>MUSIC</b>	Our Daily Bread		
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		Sue Guy	Connie Hyland
<b>BAPTISM</b>			Tracy Amituanai
<b>CLEANING TEAM</b>	Susan Guy, Anna Roberts, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Melissa Bowden		



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