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**SUNDAY 03 MARCH 2024**

**THIRD 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,

Everything happens for a reason. It is all God's grace. Some people call some incidents as 'coincidence' but certainly nothing goes beyond God's will. The meeting of the Samaritan woman with Jesus was also such a moment of grace. Jesus was tired from His journey. He needed a drink to refresh Himself and He doesn't hesitate to ask this Samaritan woman for a drink. But she was very surprised since the Jews have nothing to do with the Samaritans. She asks Jesus how can you ask for a drink from a Samaritan, that too, a woman for a drink. Certainly, one can see clearly there might have been quite many restrictions in dealing with the Samaritans.

Jesus begins to enlighten her on number of things. Though the salvation came from the Jews, the Jews were blind from seeing and recognising it. Also, the Samaritans have a different way of worship than the Jews. Jesus told her a powerful truth that when the moment comes, all worship in Spirit and Truth. Samaritans worship on the mountain whereas the Jews worshiped in Jerusalem and still continue to do so. Worshipping God who is Spirit, and that too worshipping in Spirit and in Truth must be our final goal.

Our world is so divided in various ways. It is very sad that the people hate one another based on one's own religion. Jesus wants of us to break the barriers that divide us. He also pointed out through the Samaritan woman, that only He can give us the living water. The woman doesn't seem to understand what Jesus is deriving at. So, He begins to talk about the secrets of her life. There is nothing hidden from God. He knows our innermost thoughts and secrets. That very moment, the woman begins to understand that Jesus was prophetic and not just another person that she met at the well of Jacob. She wanted to share this experience with everyone in her village, so she goes and tells others. In a way, she was a missionary to tell the others about Jesus. The villagers come and meet Jesus and were convinced that He was the Messiah.

Jesus wants of us to be open to Him in all honesty and truth. He teaches us to worship God in 'Spirit and Truth', which will enable us to go deeper in our spiritual life. Our worship shouldn't be vague and superficial but solid and true. We need to be an open book to God since we can't hide anything from Him. Lenten season is a best time to introspect our lives and make those amendments in our lives. The wellspring that flows from Jesus is life nourishing and no one else can quench our thirst except Jesus.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar  
Parish Priest

## **ST. CASIMIR**

*The below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/casimir-514*

St. Casimir was the third among the thirteen children of Casimir III, King of Poland, and of Elizabeth of Austria, daughter to the Emperor Albert II, a most virtuous woman, who died in 1505. He was born in 1458, on the 3rd of October. From his childhood he was remarkably pious and devout. His teacher was John Dugloss, called Longinus, canon of Cracow, a man of extraordinary learning and piety... Casimir consecrated the flower of his age to the exercises of devotion and penance, and had a horror of that softness and magnificence which reign in courts. His clothes were very plain, and under them he wore a hair shirt. His bed was frequently the ground, and he spent a considerable part of the night in prayer and meditation, chiefly on the passion of our Saviour.

He often went out in the night to pray before the church-doors; and in the morning waited before them till they were opened to assist at matins. By living always under a sense of the divine presence he remained perpetually united to, and absorbed in, his Creator, maintained an uninterrupted cheerfulness of temper, and was mild and affable to all. He respected the least ceremonies of the church: everything that tended to promote piety was dear to him. He was particularly devout to the passion of our blessed Saviour, the very thought of which excited him to tears, and threw him into transports of love. He was no less piously affected towards the sacrifice of the altar, at which he always assisted with such reverence and attention that he seemed in raptures.

And as a mark of his singular devotion to the Blessed Virgin, he composed, or at least frequently recited, the long hymn that bears his name, a copy of which was, by his desire, buried with him. His love for Jesus Christ showed itself in his regard for the poor, who are his members, to whose relief he applied whatever he had, and employed his credit with his father, and his brother Uladislav, King of Bohemia, to procure them succour. His compassion made him feel in himself the afflictions of everyone.

The Palatines and other nobles of Hungary, dissatisfied with Matthias Corvin, their king, son of the great Huniades, begged the King of Poland to allow them to place his son Casimir on the throne. The saint, not then quite fifteen years of age, was very unwilling to consent; but in compliance with his father's will he went, at the

head of an army of twenty thousand men, to the frontiers in 1471. There hearing that Matthias had formed an army of sixteen thousand men to defend him, and that all differences were accommodated between him and his people, and that Pope Sixtus IV had sent an embassy to divert his father from that expedition, he joyfully returned, having with difficulty obtained his father's consent so to do. However, as his dropping this project was disagreeable to the king his father, not to increase his affliction by appearing before him he did not go directly to Cracow, but retired to the Castle of Dobzki, three miles from that city, where he continued three months in the practice of penance. Having learned the injustice of the attempt against the King of Hungary, in which obedience to his father's command prevailed upon him to embark when he was very young, he could never be engaged to resume it by fresh pressing invitation of the Hungarians, or the iterated orders and entreaties of his father.

The twelve years he lived after this he spent in sanctifying himself in the same manner as he had done before. He observed to the last an untainted chastity, notwithstanding the advice of physicians who excited him to marry, imagining, upon some false principle, this to be a means necessary to preserve his life. Being wasted with a lingering consumption, he foretold his last hour, and having prepared himself for it by redoubling his exercises of piety, and receiving the sacraments of the church, he made a happy end at Vilna, the capital of Lithuania, on the 4th of March 1484, being twenty-three years and five months old. He was buried in the Church of St. Stanislas. So many were the miracles wrought by his intercession that Swiecicki, a canon of Vilna, wrote a whole volume of them from good memoirs in 1604.

He was canonized by Pope Leo X, whose legate in Poland, Zachary Ferrier, wrote the saint's life. His body, and all the rich stuffs it was wrapped in, were found quite entire, and exhaling a sweet smell one hundred and twenty years after his death, notwithstanding the excessive moisture of the vault. It is honoured in a large rich chapel of marble, built on purpose in that church. St. Casimir is the patron of Poland and several other places and is proposed to youth as a particular pattern of purity. His original picture is to be seen in his chapel in St. German des Prez in Paris, built by John Casimir, King of Poland, the last of the family of Waza, who, renouncing his crown, retired to Paris, and died Abbot of St. Germain's in 1668.

What is there on earth which can engage the affections of a Christian, or be the object of his ambition, in whose soul God desires to establish his kingdom? Whoever has conceived a just idea of this immense happiness and dignity must look upon all the glittering bubbles of this world as empty and vain and consider everything in this life barely as it can advance or hinder the great object of all his desires. Few arrive at this happy and glorious state, because scarce anyone seeks it with his whole heart, and has the courage sincerely to renounce all things and die to himself: and this precious jewel cannot be purchased upon any other terms.

## 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.

### PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR LENT AND EASTER

**When:** 19 March, 7pm

Confession is also 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. Thank you.

### 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. Project Compassion boxes & envelopes are available on the Welcome Table.

### PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Please contact the parish office if you can help.

### 24 HOURS FOR OUR LORD

**Where:** Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa

**When:** Friday 08 March, 6pm to Saturday 09 March, 5pm.

Friday: 6pm Mass followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation then 5pm Mass. Ph: 4773 8338

**NEXT SUNDAY is the Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B**

*2Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136. Eph 2:4-10. Jn 3:14-21*

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 05 March

**Place:** Josephine Caruana

**Date:** Tuesday 12 March

**Place:** Jonie & Albert Yuzon

### 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 South.

### SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING

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

Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be at: 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 03 March:** Third Sunday of Lent Yr. B

**Monday 04 March:** St. Casimir

**Thursday 07 March:** Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, *Martyrs*

**Friday 08 March:** St. John of God, *Religious*

**Saturday 09 March:** St. Frances of Rome, *Religious*

### MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Frank, Fernanda, Andrea & Monica. For the intentions of the donor (6 x Masses). **Deceased:** Maria Domenica, Lorenzo Riccio, Thomas & Aleyamma, Joseph & Stella Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan & Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Prayers for the Sick:** 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 TWO - SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 09/10 MARCH

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



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