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SUNDAY 07 APRIL 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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 Parishioners of Padre Pio,

Greetings of Peace!

I hope you all had a great Easter with your family and loved ones. I understand that the recent transfer of Fr. Suresh has left some of us feeling upset and frustrated. Change can be difficult, especially when it involves someone as beloved as your pastor. Your feelings are valid, and I want to assure you that your concerns are heard and respected.

As appointed by Bishop Vincent, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the administrator of your parish during this transition. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support and care you have shown to Fr. Suresh during his time here. Your kindness and dedication to your parish community are truly admirable.

This parish is your spiritual home, and Fr. Suresh always taught us about it, even when things do not turn out the way we hope for. Like the disciples, who faced Jesus' death and crucifixion, something they never hoped for, yet they still put their trust in God. Let us also trust in God's plan for our parish and remain steadfast in our faith. Your commitment to your parish has been a source of strength and inspiration.

I know that some of you may be concerned about the availability of Masses, especially on weekdays. Due to my responsibilities in Penrith as parish priest and my upcoming pilgrimage to Europe, I am facing challenges in providing weekly Masses at this time. However, please be assured that I am actively exploring various possibilities to ensure that we can still have weekday Masses. For the time being, those of you who wish to attend weekday Masses, please refer to the parish bulletin to find out Mass times in nearby parishes. Your pastoral needs and weekend Masses will continue as usual. Please bear with us as we navigate this transitional period, especially considering the current shortage of priests. Your understanding and patience are greatly appreciated.

Let us continue to remain close to God and faithful to our church. Together, we will overcome these challenges and emerge stronger in our faith. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Joe Manjaly - Parish administrator

ST. CECILIA



The following is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/cecilia-520
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The name of St. Cecilia has always been most illustrious in the church, and ever since the primitive ages is mentioned with distinction in the canon of the Mass, and in the sacramentaries and calendars of the church. Her spouse Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, an officer, who were her companions in martyrdom, are also mentioned in the same authentic and venerable writings.

St. Cecilia was a native of Rome, of a good family, and educated in the principles and perfect practice of the Christian religion. In her youth she by vow consecrated her virginity to God, yet was compelled by her parents to marry a nobleman named Valerian. Him she converted to the faith, and soon after gained to the same his brother Tiburtius. The men first suffered martyrdom, being beheaded for the faith. St. Cecilia finished her glorious triumph some days after them. Their acts, which are of very small authority, make them contemporary with Pope Urban I, and consequently place their martyrdom about the year 230, under Alexander Severus; others, however, place the triumph of these martyrs under Marcus Aurelius, between the years 176 and 180. Their sacred bodies were deposited in part of the cemetery of Calixtus, which part, from our saint, was called St. Cecilia's cemetery. Mention is made of an ancient Church of St. Cecilia in Rome in the fifth century, in which Pope Symmachus held a council in the year 500. This church being fallen to decay, Pope Paschal I began to rebuild it; but was in some pain how he should find the body of the saint, for it was thought that the Lombards had taken it away, as they had many others from the

cemeteries of Rome when they besieged that city under King Astulphus in 755.

One Sunday, as this pope was assisting at matins as was his wont, at St. Peter's, he fell into a slumber, in which he was advertised by St. Cecilia herself that the Lombards had in vain sought for her body, and that he should find it; and he accordingly discovered it in the cemetery called by her name, clothed in a robe of gold tissue, with linen cloths at her feet, dipped in her blood. With her body was found that of Valerian, her husband; and the pope caused them to be taken over to her church in the city; as also the bodies of Tiburtius and Maximus, martyrs, and of the popes Urban and Lucius, which lay in the adjoining cemetery of Praetextatus, on the same Appian road. This was done in 821.

St. Cecilia, from her assiduity in singing the divine praises (in which, according to her Acts, she often joined instrumental music with vocal), is regarded as patroness of church music. The psalms, and many sacred canticles in many other parts of the holy scripture, and the universal practice both of the ancient Jewish and of the Christian church, recommend the religious custom of sometimes employing a decent and grave music in sounding forth the divine praises. By this homage of praise, we join the heavenly spirits in their uninterrupted songs of adoration, love, and praise. And by such music we express the spiritual joy of our hearts in this heavenly function and excite ourselves therein to holy jubilation and devotion. Divine love and praise are the work of the heart, without which all words or exterior signs are hypocrisy and mockery. Yet as we are bound to consecrate to God our voices and all our organs and faculties, and all creatures, so we ought to employ them all in magnifying his sanctity, greatness, and glory, and sometimes to accompany our interior affections of devotion with the most expressive exterior signs. St. Chrysostom elegantly extols the good effects of sacred music and shows how strongly the fire of divine love is kindled in the soul by devout psalmody. St. Augustine teaches that "it is useful in moving piously the mind and kindling the affections of divine love."

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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses this week are on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please note: There will not be Mass on Tuesday.

Weekend Masses are as usual.

Sunday 07 April: Second Sunday of Easter Yr. B (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Monday 08 April: Solemnity of the ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Thursday 11 April: St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

Saturday 13 April: St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

PROJECT COMPASSION

A gentle reminder to please return the Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by 14 April. If anyone would like to donate online, please go to: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Third Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4:2, 4, 5, 9. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 09 April

Place: Craig & Maria Wilson

Date: Tuesday 16 April

Place: Orlan & Chris Nugpo



MEN AT THE SHRINE

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, next held on **Wednesday 10 April**.

The hour begins with a brief reflection before a period of personal silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a simple cup of tea. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary.

LEGION OF MARY meeting every Thursday, 5.30pm in the meeting room.

BISHOP'S COLLECTION APPEAL: 20 & 21 APRIL

This Appeal will go in support of the Holy Spirit Seminary and the seven Seminarians in the Diocese of Parramatta. More information will be given next week.

PUT YOUR USED STAMPS TO GOOD USE

Mary MacKillop Today recycles used stamps to raise urgently needed funds to fight poverty, e.g. provide education to disabled children in Papua New Guinea, fund life skills training programs for poor women in Peru and provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste.

There is a plastic container marked 'Mission Stamps' for your used stamps on the brown cupboard at the back of the Church.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH REGISTRATION

We request any new families to register with the parish. Please contact the Parish office for a form.

"Only in Christ do we find real love, and the fullness of life. And so, I invite you today to look to Christ. When you wonder about the mystery of yourself, look to Christ who gives you the meaning of life."
– St. Pope John Paul II, (October 1979).

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Death Anniversary: Vickie Mifsud. **Deceased:** Joseph & Stella Aaron, Ken Gaudoin, Mercy Bhuyan and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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 TWO – SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 13/14 APRIL

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



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