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## SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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.

### *From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

#### Paragraph 2. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ...

#### I. THE HISTORICAL AND TRANSCENDENT EVENT

<sup>642</sup> Everything that happened during those Paschal days involves each of the apostles - and Peter in particular - in the building of the new era begun on Easter morning. As witnesses of the Risen One, they remain the foundation stones of his Church. The faith of the first community of believers is based on the witness of concrete men known to the Christians and for the most part still living among them. Peter and the Twelve are the primary "witnesses to his Resurrection", but they are not the only ones - Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion and also of James and of all the apostles.<sup>501</sup>

<sup>643</sup> Given all these testimonies, Christ's Resurrection cannot be interpreted as something outside the physical order, and it is impossible not to acknowledge it as an historical fact. It is clear from the facts that the disciples' faith was drastically put to the test by their master's Passion and death on the cross, which he had foretold.<sup>502</sup> The shock provoked by the Passion was so great that at least some of the disciples did not at once believe in the news of the Resurrection. Far from showing us a community seized by a mystical exaltation, the Gospels present us with disciples demoralized ("looking sad"<sup>503</sup>) and frightened. For they had not believed the holy women returning from the tomb and had regarded their words as an "idle tale".<sup>504</sup> When Jesus reveals himself to the Eleven on Easter evening, "he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen."<sup>505</sup>

<sup>644</sup> Even when faced with the reality of the risen Jesus the disciples are still doubtful, so impossible did the thing seem: they thought they were seeing a ghost. "In their joy they were still disbelieving and still wondering."<sup>506</sup> Thomas will also experience the test of doubt and St. Matthew relates that during the risen Lord's last appearance in Galilee "some doubted."<sup>507</sup> Therefore the hypothesis that the Resurrection was produced by the apostles' faith (or credulity) will not hold up. On the contrary their faith in the Resurrection was born, under the action of divine grace, from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Jesus.

<sup>645</sup> By means of touch and the sharing of a meal, the risen Jesus establishes direct contact with his disciples. He invites them in this way to recognize that he is not a ghost and above all to verify that the risen body in which he appears to them is the same body that had been tortured and crucified, for it still bears the traces of his Passion.<sup>508</sup> Yet at the same time this authentic, real body possesses the new properties of a glorious body: not limited by space and time but able to be present how and when he wills; for Christ's humanity can no longer be confined to earth, and belongs henceforth only to the Father's divine realm.<sup>509</sup>

## **THE ANNUNCIATION of the LORD**

Usually celebrated on March 25, but because it fell during Holy Week, the Annunciation was observed last Monday, April 8.



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### **Why is the Annunciation celebrated on March 25?**

The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, a feast which came about earlier historically. The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of God, and she accepted. At that moment, the "Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

### **What were the five things that the archangel told Mary about her Son?**

Luke 1:32-33: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom there will be no end.

### **What does the word "fiat" mean in the Bible?**

The word "fiat" is Latin, and it means "let it be done." Mary's fiat was when she said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

### **What does Mary's fiat mean?**

Pope St. John Paul II said, 'Mary's words at the Annunciation "I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38), indicate an attitude characteristic of Jewish piety. At the beginning of the Old Covenant, Moses, in response to the Lord's call, proclaims himself his servant (cf. Ex 4:10; 14:31).

With the coming of the New Covenant, Mary also responds to God with an act of free submission and conscious abandonment to his will, showing her complete availability to be the "handmaid of the Lord"

She commits herself to fulfil personally and in a perfect manner the service God expects of all his people.

### **Why is Mary's yes to God so important to us?**

Through Mary's fiat, her "yes" to God, she made the Divine Plan of salvation effective in history. As Eve disobeyed and set humanity on a path of sin, Mary was perfectly obedient and set us on the path of grace. As Eve was the "Mother of All the Living" (Gen. 3:20), Mary is the Mother of All those Living "in Christ." We owe her a debt of justice, and a filial obligation of love. Mary responded with the most perfect faith and obedience.

### **What is the role of Mary in our life?**

First, Mary is truly our mother. In Revelation 12:17, we see that the offspring of Mary are "those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus." Thus, as Christians, we become the sons and daughters of Mary.

Second, Mary is our perfect example of following Jesus in everything we do. For example, at the Wedding Feast at Cana, she said to the servants, "Do whatever [Jesus] tells you." This was the running theme throughout Mary's life: continually pointing to her Son. Also, Mary shows us how to truly obey God. At the Annunciation, Mary was a young teenager, a virgin. Instead of saying "no" to the Lord because of the enormity of the request, she put total trust in the Lord. In our daily lives, we should follow her example as we trust God in all large and small issues.

### **How did the Virgin Mary pray?**

The Virgin Mary prayed with great faith and trust in the Lord. In Sacred Scripture, we see glimpses of the Blessed Mother's deep interior life.

For example, when she visits St. Elizabeth, we see this beautiful prayer: The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55):

*My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him  
from generation to generation. He has shown strength with  
his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of  
their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry  
with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.  
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his  
mercy, as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.*

## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

### MASSES THIS WEEK

All Weekday and Weekend Masses are as usual.

### NEXT WEEKEND: BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Will you support our seminarians to "go out into the deep" and serve?

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan the QR code found on the envelopes. Thank you.

### SUNDAY MASS ROSTERS

We are in the process of updating the rosters for the weekend Masses. Please check the sheet on the Welcome Table to update your present roles or to register interest in volunteering for any of the Masses. Training is needed for some of the roles. Please contact Lynn Young for further information.

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### PIETY

In the piety shop, you will find candles with the image of the Risen Lord. These will be a beautiful addition to include on the prayer table especially during the Easter season.

### HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

There will be monthly Holy Hours for Vocations, held across different parishes in Parramatta Diocese, starting from 19 April. Please refer to the posters found on the Parish Noticeboards for more information.

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 16 April

**Place:** Orlan & Chris Nugpo

**Date:** Tuesday 23 April

**Place:** Rosie & Farley Bartholomeusz

### NEXT SUNDAY is the Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

*Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. 1Jn 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18.*

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Parent Letter and the Enrollment Form are available on the Welcome Table and on the Parish Website. Please let others know about it.

### NEW TIME FOR THE LEGION OF MARY MEETING

Every Thursday, 5.30pm in the meeting room.

### SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be on:

**When:** Saturday 27 April

**Place:** Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, for Modules 4 and 5.

More training opportunities will be available throughout May.

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email:

[safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

**Deceased:** Leonila Varca, Roger Varca, Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Trent Moore, Bernadette Tecson, 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 20/21 APRIL

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
<b>ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER</b>	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana Tracy Amituanai	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	Chris Hersey
<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, Johan, Melissa Bowden.		



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