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SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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...

Article 6: "HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

659 "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God."⁵³¹ Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys.⁵³² But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity.⁵³³ Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.⁵³⁴ Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle.⁵³⁵

660 The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."⁵³⁶ This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

661 This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus.⁵³⁷ "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man."⁵³⁸ Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness.⁵³⁹ Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.⁵⁴⁰

663 Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honour of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified."⁵⁴⁵

⁵³¹ Mk 16:19. ⁵³² Cf Lk 24:31; Jn 20:19, 26. ⁵³³ Cf. Acts 1:3; 10:41; Mk 16:12; Lk 24:15; Jn 20:14-15; 21:4. ⁵³⁴ Cf. Acts 1:9; 2:33; 7:56; Lk 9:34-35; 24:51; Ex 13:22; Mk 16:19; Ps 110:1. ⁵³⁵ 1 Cor 15:8; cf. 9:1; Gal 1:16. ⁵³⁶ Jn 20:17. ⁵³⁷ Cf. Jn 16:28. ⁵³⁸ Jn 3:13; cf. Eph 4:8-10. ⁵³⁹ Jn 14:2. ⁵⁴⁰ Missale Romanum, Preface of the Ascension: sed ut illuc confideremus, sua membra, nos subsequi quo ipse, caput nostrum principiumque, praecessit. ⁵⁴⁵ St. John Damascene, Defide orth. 4, 2: PG 94, 1104C.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Throughout the Old Testament God, in His great mercy, chose prophets to call His people back to Him. In recent times God is sending His Mother. One of the apparitions of the Mother of God in this century took place in 1917 at Fatima, a little village in Portugal. Our Lady came there to warn us of the harm we would inflict upon ourselves as a result of our sins: wars, famines, plagues, persecution of the Church and the loss of many souls in Hell. God, in His great mercy, wished to save us from these miseries through the Immaculate Heart of His Mother. Our Heavenly Mother revealed at Fatima a plan of hope for this world which continues to plunge headlong toward its own destruction.

In 1944 the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was put on the Church Calendar to be celebrated on August 22nd. After Vatican II the Church Calendar was revised changing the celebration of August 22nd to the Saturday following the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is always the Friday after the Feast of Corpus Christi.

In 1946 John M. Haffert, a great promoter of the Brown Scapular, asked Sr. Lucy to help him formulate a Fatima message pledge which people could make. In 1947 Msgr. Colgan, inspired by the Fatima messages, began the Blue Army. A little later he met John Haffert who told him about the Fatima Pledge. Fr. Colgan appointed him to spread the Blue Army in the U.S. The Blue Army became the greatest apostolate for promoting the messages of Fatima. In 1948 Sr. Lucia entered the Carmelite convent in Coimbra, Portugal. Later she took for her religious name Sr. Maria of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In an interview with John Haffert that same year, Sister said the most important request of Fatima is the fulfillment of

one's daily duty. Praying the Rosary aids one in doing this. The First Saturdays help one to free oneself from sin and renews the commitment to fulfill one's daily duties. Two years later in another interview with John Haffert, Sister explained that wearing the Brown Scapular is also part of the Fatima message. It is a sign of one's consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Russia continued to spread her errors all around the world, fulfilling Our Lady's prophecies. An attempt was even made on the life of Pope John Paul II on May 13th, 1981. The Holy Father believed that Our Lady of Fatima saved his life. This led him to see that the only way to save the world from atheism was the consecration requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

On March 25, 1984, the Holy Father consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. According to Sr. Lucia this consecration was accepted by Our Lady. The result was the peaceful fall of Communism a few years later.

Certainly, we see the mercy of God in the Fatima apparitions. God really wishes to have mercy on the whole world. He forewarns us of evils which will befall us, by our own fault, if we do not return to Him. He gives us His Mother to help us and guide us. Had we responded to His grace World War II would never have happened, Russia would have been converted sooner and the world would have peace. It is evident that we have not lived the Fatima messages as we should. How patient God has been with humanity! God wishes all people to save their souls. Because we are all part of God's family His mercy allows us to make reparation for the sins of others. This not only consoles God for their offenses but can bring about the conversion of the offenders. If wars and punishments come upon the earth it is still God's mercy. By allowing these events He wishes sinners to turn to Him with a purpose of amendment and say, "My Jesus, mercy." And those in the state of God's grace, some lukewarm in their love of God and neighbor, are brought to greater fervor and more detachment from the passing things of this world. God is our Father. He doesn't want us to suffer. But sometimes it is necessary for the salvation of many souls.

Let us respond to Our Lady's messages by living God-centered lives and by fulfilling the requests of Our Lady of Fatima, the fulfillment of our daily duty and the keeping of God's Commandments, making the Five First Saturdays, wearing the Brown Scapular as a sign of our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and praying the Holy Rosary every day!

Picture is from: <https://novena.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/fatima12c-seers.jpg>
Excerpt is from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/our-lady-of-fatima-423>

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME!

We welcome Fr Mathew Velliyamkandathil from the Somascan Fathers to St. Padre Pio Parish.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

May God bless and protect Mothers on this special day and always. Thank you for all that you do!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated food items for the Mother's Day Cake stall and to the volunteers who helped.

ROSARY IN MAY

The Month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. You are most welcome to join in praying the beautiful prayer of the Rosary during the month of May, led by the parish's Legion of Mary group.

When: Each Saturday, starting at 8:30am before 9am Mass & Sunday starting at 9:30am before 10am Mass.

HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Next Holy hour is on:

When: Friday 17 May, 7pm

Where: St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood with Fr Chris del Rosario.

If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino: (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812, galbert.albino@parracatholic.org

Sunday 12 May: The Ascension of the Lord, Yr. B

Monday 13 May: Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday 14 May: St. Matthias, *Apostle*

Saturday 18 May: St. John I, *Pope & Martyr*

NEXT SUNDAY is PENTECOST SUNDAY Year B

Acts 2:1-11. Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. Gal 5:16-25. Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 14 May

Place: Doris Cutajar

Date: Tuesday 21 May

Place: Mel Gaudoin

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

MOUNT SHOENSTATT MARIAN MAY DEVOTIONS

Everyone is invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine to pray, sing and honour the Blessed Mother daily in the month of May. All are welcome to join the sisters for half hour May Devotions in the Shrine on: Sunday to Friday at 5.30pm and Saturdays at 5.15pm.



Learn more about the May devotions on their website <https://schoenstatt.org.au/> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MtSchoenstattMulgoa/>

'LAUDATO SI' WEEK: Seeds of Hope (16-24 May)

Resources can be found at linktr.ee/met.pje

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Joseph, Stella, Ken, Mercy & Holy Souls in Purgatory, Elsie Bugeja.

Prayers for the Sick: Mario Cauchi, Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, 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 18/19 MAY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Lya Layug Kylie Sultana Tracy Amituanai	Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. help needed	1. Sue Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Jason Ball 2. Noel Xavier
MUSIC	Our Daily Bread		
HOSPITALITY		Sue Guy	Connie Hyland
BAPTISM			None
CLEANING TEAM	Sue Guy, Anna Roberts, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Johan, Melissa Bowden.		

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL EACH WEEK & CONTACT LYNN YOUNG IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND YOUR MASS



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