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<b>SUNDAY 02 JUNE 2024</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	<b>YEAR B</b>
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<p><b>ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b> Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass</p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> No Mass and Office closed.</p> <p><b>TUESDAY TO FRIDAY</b> 9:00am Mass</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00am Mass Novena to St. Padre Pio 9:30am Sacrament of Penance 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass</p> <p><b>BAPTISMS</b> 11:30am 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office. Presentation and Baptism Information mornings are held every 4th Sunday.</p> <p><b>FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION</b> 8:00pm –9:00am Saturday Mass 3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet</p> <p><b>CHILDREN’S YOUTH GROUP</b> <b>For children:</b> Year 1 to Year 8. Every 1st &amp; 3rd Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm in school hall</p> <p><b>FRIDAY PLAYGROUP</b> 9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years Bethany Catholic Primary School Hall. Contact the Parish Office.</p> <p><b>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS</b> Please contact the Parish Office.</p>	<p>All of us have the unquenchable desire to be understood and accepted as we are and to be loved unconditionally. There is a place where it happens without fail, that is before the person of Jesus in the Eucharist. Through her daily practice of one hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta had personal experience of it and said emphatically, “Nowhere on earth are we more welcomed or loved than by Jesus in Eucharist”. She also claims boldly from her experience that “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth” because “Every holy hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity. It opens the floodgates of God’s merciful Love upon the world”. As we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, I invite you all to come every day if possible or at least once a week and spend an hour before our Lord in the Eucharist and to have the same experience that Saint Mother Teresa had.</p> <p>Some say that they find it “boring” or “feel restless” because they cannot ‘concentrate’ when they are in adoration. This happens mainly because we do not understand what the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament means; first and foremost, let us become aware that it may not be possible for everyone to concentrate for an hour in prayer. That is perfectly all right. The remedy is simply being aware that we are not merely in the spiritual presence of the Lord, but before His physical and real presence. Therefore, when we are in adoration, even though we cannot ‘pray’ as we desire, we are still in front of Jesus’s physical and real presence. Simply sitting in His presence and looking at him with our naked eyes itself can do wonders in our lives.</p> <p>Secondly, let us become convinced that the adoration of the Eucharist is not one way process but two-way process; it means not only we sit before the Lord to fix our attention on Him to adore Him, but Jesus also fixes His attention on us personally and cherishes and enjoys our presence. Even when we get distracted, He continues to be attentive to our presence and takes delight in our presence before Him. So let us not allow anything to stop us from spending time before His real physical presence in the Eucharist. May our Lord who became bread for us bless you and your family. Happy feast of Corpus Christi!.</p> <p><b>Fr. Mathew CRS.</b></p>
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## Sts. Charles Lwanga, Joseph Mkasa, Martyrs of Uganda



In the interior of central Africa the first Catholic missions were established by Cardinal Lavigerie's White Fathers in 1879. In Uganda, some progress was made under the not unfriendly local ruler, Mtesa; but his successor, Mwanga, determined to root

out Christianity among his people, especially after a Catholic subject, St. Joseph Mkasa, reproached him for his debauchery and for his massacre of the Protestant missionary James Hannington and his caravan. Mwanga was addicted to unnatural vice and his anger against Christianity, already kindled by ambitious officers who played on his fears, was kept alight by the refusal of Christian boys in his service to minister to his wickedness.

Joseph Mkasa himself was the first victim. Mwanga seized on a trifling pretext and on November 15, 1885, had him beheaded. To the chieftain's astonishment the Christians were not cowed by this sudden outrage, and in May of the following year the storm burst. When he called for a young 'page' called Mwafu, Mwanga learned that he had been receiving religious instruction from another page, St. Denis Sebuggwawo; Denis was sent for, and the king thrust a spear through his throat. That night guards were posted round the royal residence to prevent anyone from escaping. St. Charles Lwanga, who had succeeded Joseph Mkasa in charge of the 'pages', secretly baptized four of them who were catechumens;

among them St Kizito, a boy of thirteen whom Lwanga had repeatedly saved from the designs of the king. Next morning the pages were all drawn up before Mwanga, and Christians were ordered to separate themselves from the rest: led by Lwanga and Kizito, the oldest and youngest, they did so—fifteen young men, all under twenty-five years of age. They were joined by two others already under arrest and by two soldiers. Mwanga asked them if they intended to remain Christians. "Till death!" came the response. "Then put them to death!"

The appointed place of execution, Namugongo, was thirty-seven miles away, and the convoy set out at once. Three of the youths were killed on the road; the others underwent a cruel imprisonment of seven days at Namugongo while a huge pyre was prepared. Then on Ascension day, June 3, 1886, they were brought out, stripped of their clothing, bound, and each wrapped in a mat of reed, they were laid on the pyre (one boy, St Mbagwa, was first killed by a blow on the neck by order of his father who was the chief executioner), and it was set alight. The persecution spread and Protestants as well as Catholics gave their lives rather than deny Christ.

A leader among the confessors was St Matthias Murumba, who was put to death with revolting cruelty; he was a middle-aged man, assistant judge to the provincial chief, who first heard of Jesus Christ from Protestant missionaries and later was baptized by Father Livinhac, W.F. Another older victim, who was beheaded, was St Andrew Kagwa, chief of Kigowa, who had been the instrument of his wife's conversion and had gathered a large body of catechumens round him. This Andrew together with Charles Lwanga and Matthias Murumba and nineteen others (seventeen of the total being young royal servants) were solemnly beatified in 1920. They were canonized in 1964.

*The above is from: [ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/charles-lwanga-joseph-mkasa-martyrs-of-uganda-441](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/charles-lwanga-joseph-mkasa-martyrs-of-uganda-441). The picture is from: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Lwanga#/media/File:Karoli\\_Lwanga\\_and\\_his\\_followers.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Lwanga#/media/File:Karoli_Lwanga_and_his_followers.jpg)*

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## ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

**THIS FRIDAY** is the **SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS. MASS is at 9am.** Bethany School will be attending. **THIS SATURDAY** is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

**When:** This Friday, 07 June

8:00pm: All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins

3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am: Adoration concludes on Saturday with

9:00am Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio. We encourage all parishioners to add their name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome table.

### NEXT WEEKEND: BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth

**When:** 08 & 09 June

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously via the envelopes or at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal). Thank you.

### MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS

All people on the roster, or who have a role in Parish Ministry, are Mandatory Reporters. Therefore, they are all required to do the Mandatory Safeguarding Training Modules online or in person. More info is available at: <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/> or the Parish Noticeboards. The Working with Children Forms cut-off date is 10 June.

**Sunday 02 June: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) Year B**

**Monday 03 June:** St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, *Martyrs*

**Wednesday 05 June:** St. Boniface, *Bishop & Martyr*

**Thursday 06 June:** St. Norbert, *Bishop* & St. Marcellin Champagnat, *Religious*

**Friday 07 June: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**Saturday 08 June: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**NEXT SUNDAY is the 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**Time:** Gen 3:9-15. Ps 129 2Cor 4:13-5:1. Mk 3:20-35.

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

**Date:** Tuesday 04 June. **Place:** Maria & Edgar Castro.

**Date:** Tuesday 11 June. **Place:** Roland & Zon Lupisan.

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

**The INCOME AND EXPENDITURE paper for March and April** is on the Parish Notice boards.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION 2024

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those people (16years+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Catechesis Class:** 24 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided. It is recommended that all sponsors attend. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on:** 27 August, 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please contact the Parish office if you are interested.

### MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

**Deceased:** Roger & Leonila Varca. **Prayers for the Sick:** All the sick, Jimmy Zacharias, 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 TWO – SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 08/09 JUNE

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	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	Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
BAPTISM			Chris Hersey
CLEANING TEAM	Rebecca Locke, Johan, <b>help needed</b>		
<b>PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL EACH WEEK &amp; CONTACT LYNN YOUNG IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND YOUR MASS</b>			

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B

### FIRST READING

Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

**(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us.

The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### SEQUENCE

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

*This is my body. This is my blood.*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**