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SUNDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2024

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

MONDAY

7:00pm Mass

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass
Sacrament of Penance
(Confession) before & after Mass
(depending on priests' availability)

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Mass & every First
Wednesday includes Novena to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass
Novena to St. Padre Pio &
Blessing with his Relic
9:30am Sacrament of Penance
5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

BAPTISMS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays.
Minimum booking time: two
months in advance.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

7:00pm Mass, Adoration starts
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00am Saturday Mass

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass,
then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.



The Holy Souls in Purgatory

(from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

III. The Final Purification, or Purgatory

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.⁶⁰⁴ The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:⁶⁰⁵

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: *"Therefore Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin."*⁶⁰⁷ From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, the Holy Mass, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.⁶⁰⁸ The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.

The above extract is from: https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P2N.HTM

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"If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."

– **St. Paul of the Cross**

The below is from: ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/all-souls-20378

What does repose of the soul mean?

Scripture uses the expression "falling asleep" for death in Christ (1 Cor. 15:20). Thus, repose of the soul means its resting in God until the day of the General Resurrection.

Can you pray for the dead?

The Holy Souls cannot pray for themselves, and they are in need of our prayers. We should never assume a person went immediately to God, and

even people who went on to be canonized died wanting Masses and prayers to be said for them.

It is unnecessary, of course, to pray for canonized Saints, and those who are in Hell are beyond our reach and God's mercy.

Can the dead intercede for the living?

Yes, just souls can, whether in Heaven or Purgatory. All the faithful, whether on earth (the Church Militant), in Purgatory (the Church Suffering), or in Heaven (the Church Triumphant), form a "Communion of the Saints" in God, for "He is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to Him" (Luke 20:38).



So, while the Holy Souls cannot pray for themselves, we will obtain powerful intercessors

and please the Lord with our prayers for them. St. Paul of the Cross once said, "If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in Purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."

How do you pray for the departed souls?

Throughout the year, we can have Masses said for the souls in Purgatory, include them in our daily prayers and Rosary intentions, and pray for them when we're near a cemetery. Mother Angelica said, "Every time you pass a cemetery, it's time for a little prayer: 'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.' It's just common sense that you help some of them get out of Purgatory."

Venerable Fulton Sheen said, "As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say 'a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.'"

How long does your soul stay in Purgatory?

The degree of imperfection in each soul which needs purifying is really known only to God. It can also be mitigated by Masses, prayers, indulgences, etc., as described earlier. This means that although relatively speaking different souls will require different degrees of purification that will determine their "time" in purgatory, we cannot know how "long" that will be.

OFFERING MASSES FOR THE DECEASED IN NOVEMBER:

Please use the **November Mass Envelopes** to offer Mass for the faithful departed. Please PRINT the names of the loved ones and hand the envelope to the parish office. Their names will be added to the Book of Remembrance and will be prayed for, for the whole month of November.

From 01-08 Nov, a person can gain a plenary indulgence for a soul in Purgatory each day by visiting a cemetery, praying for the dead, along with the usual conditions to gain a Plenary Indulgence.

Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory given by Our Lord to St. Gertrude the Great

St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would release 1,000 souls from their suffering in purgatory:

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

St. Gertrude the Great was a 13th-century German nun, writer, and mystic who was graced with many heavenly visions, including being one of the earliest mystics to whom Jesus encouraged a devotion to his Sacred Heart. It is recounted that Jesus showed her a vast number of souls entering heaven from purgatory as a result of her faithful and frequent recitation of the prayer.

Photo of Holy Souls is from: <https://au.pinterest.com/pin/prayers--357614026640305609/>

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

From Fr. Johnson:

REGARDING ALL SAINTS NIGHT

The *All Saints Night* event went very well. There were 65 children dressed as different Saints. I really would like to thank the core team and those who helped to organise and run the event! God bless you.

NOVEMBER IS ESPECIALLY DEDICATED TO PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY.

Through prayers and Masses offered for them, they will go to Heaven.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking for children and young people who are in Yr 3 and above to be part of the Children's Choir. The Choir usually sing once a month and on special occasions. **Next practice date:** Next Sat 09 Nov, 3.30pm in the Church. If your child is interested, please contact the parish office.

ADVENT FAMILY RETREAT DAY: *THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE* – Saturday 30 November, 9am-3.30pm

There will be Mass & Novena, Sessions for primary-school aged and teens/adults, Holy Rosary, Lunch & afternoon tea and more. Free event, registration is essential! The Program is on the Parish Noticeboard.

NATIVITY PLAY

We are planning to have a Nativity Play on Christmas Eve from 5.30pm, followed by the 6pm Children's Christmas Mass. If your child would like to take part, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Sunday 03 November:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time YrB

Monday 04 November: St Charles Borromeo

Saturday 09 November: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

NEXT SUNDAY: 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 17:10-16, Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 05 November

Place: Gilbert & Silvana Grech

Date: Tuesday 12 November

Place: Nelson & Gigi Cruz

LEGION OF MARY MEETING:

Every Thursday, 5.30pm in the Church meeting room.

OUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

We like to provide morning tea after the 8am & 10am Masses on Sunday morning. Thank you to the volunteers who set this up each weekend and have been doing so for many years.

We really need more helpers so this can continue. You would be rostered on one Sunday per month. Setting up starts 20 minutes before 8am Mass and then remain after Mass to help parishioners. Helpers for 10am Mass check the table before Mass and remain after Mass to help & pack all away when finished. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help. Thank You.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Thanksgiving to God-Birthday & Wedding Anniversary. **Recently Deceased:** Mary Grech, Mr. Valenton.

Deceased: Thresiamma Xavier, Carmen Ellul, Mary Azzopardi, Doris Vella. **Prayers for the Sick:** Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Richard Daher, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Mario Cauchi, Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, Trent Moore, 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 NOVEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey Aiman Jajo
READER	1. Maz Lirio 2. Georgia Fraser	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Katie English	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, Augustina Nwaorgu, Zon Lupisan, Bebs Perez, Ancy Presty, Dari Boni		

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself.

The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

