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| SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | YEAR C |
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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

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

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Tuesday – Friday
Before & after Mass (*depending on
priests' availability*).

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.

WHAT ARE THE "O'S" OF ADVENT?

By Elsa Chaney – ewtn.com

The "O's" of Advent are the great gems of liturgical song which are sung each evening at the "Magnificat" at Vespers, from December 17 to December 23. Addressing Christ with seven magnificent titles, they beg Him with mounting impatience to come to save His people.



December 17

O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly—

COME! and teach us the way of prudence.

(Isaiah 11:2-3; 28:29)

December 18

O LORD AND GIVER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush, and gave him the law on Sinai—

COME! and redeem us with outstretched arm.

(Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22)

December 19

O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence, and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication— COME! to deliver us, and tarry not.

(Isaiah 11:1; 11:10)

December 20

O KEY OF DAVID, and Sceptre of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts, and no man opens—



COME! and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

(Isaiah 9:6; 22:22)

December 21

O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of the light eternal, and Sun of Justice—

COME! and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

(Isaiah 9:2)

December 22

O KING OF THE GENTILES and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one—

COME! and deliver man, whom You formed out of the dust of the earth.

(Isaiah 2:4; 9:7)

December 23

O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior—

COME! to save us, O Lord our God.

(Isaiah 7:14)

The above is from: ewtn.co.uk/ca-what-are-the-o-antiphons/ & ewtn.co.uk/article-the-hidden-message-in-ancient-o-antiphons-of-advent-2/
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FROM THE DIOCESE

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The courses are for people interested in serving within the Church either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. The dates are on the noticeboards. If interested, please see Fr. Johnson.

MET NATURAL FERTILITY CREIGHTON MODEL

INTRODUCTION FREE SESSION:

19 February, 7:15pm-8:15pm via Zoom

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore the Creighton Model FertilityCare System – a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. To register or for more info, contact:

catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

You are cordially invited to join Fr Johnson, Fr Sheldon & St. Padre Pio Parish Catholic Community at Christmas celebrations.

NINE DAY CHRISTMAS NOVENA – ROOSTER MASSES

Monday 16 December – Tuesday 24 December 5:00am

Other Masses as usual.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday 24 December - Children's Mass

5:30pm Nativity Play & 6:00pm Mass

The children are invited to dress as a nativity character.

Tuesday 24 December - Family Mass

9:00pm Mass

Wednesday 25 December - Solemn Mass

12:00am Mass

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day Mass

8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation and Catholics are expected to attend Mass on this day.



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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

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| <p>THANK YOU -To a Secret Santa who donated a water dispenser to the parish. Thank you! -A big thank you to all who came to the Working Bee!</p> | <p>Sunday 15 December: Third Sunday of Advent Year c Saturday 21 December: St Peter Canisius</p> |
| <p>THANK YOU AND WONDERFUL NEWS ABOUT THE AIRCONDITION FOR THE CHURCH There is another Secret Santa who wish to remain anonymous, who is covering the cost of almost \$55,000 for the installation of air-conditioners in the Church! Next week when you come to the Church, there will be air-conditioning. God bless them abundantly for their generosity.</p> <p><i>Please note: Due to the installation work in the Church: Tuesday, 9am Mass will be held in the school hall.</i></p> | <p>NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C Micah 5:1-4, Ps. 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, Heb 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-44</p> <p>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP Date: Tuesday 17 December Place: Brad & Natalie Wilkinson Date: Tuesday 24 December Place: Matthew & Melissa Topp</p> <p>LEGION OF MARY MEETING: Every Thursday, 5.30pm in the Church meeting room.</p> |
| <p>CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS You are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food and place them in the boxes outside the parish office to support families in our community this Christmas. Please sort your donation into the correct box (no chocolate or toys). THANK YOU to Bethany Catholic Primary School and Caroline Chisholm College who have contributed to the food hampers!</p> <p><i>If anyone knows individuals or families who might need some support with food, please let the parish office know. All information will be held confidentially.</i></p> | <p>GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS In the piety shop there are many beautiful items that can be given as gifts for Christmas. The piety shop is located at the back of the Church. Please take some time to have a look.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS - before and after Masses from Monday 23 December. Please make use of this Sacrament to prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas.</p> |
| <p>ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP Come and prepare for the real meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus. When: every Tuesday in Advent, 7pm-8pm in the Church. All welcome!</p> | <p>SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION 2025 The Parent Information Letter & Enrolment Form are now available on the Parish Website & Welcome Table for children in Yr 3 (in 2025) and above who have received the Sacrament of Baptism. <i>Enrolment forms need to be in to the parish office by 18 February.</i></p> |

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Helen Cauchi, Cosimo Fiorentino, John Brombal, Antonia Bonello. **Prayers for the Sick:** Steve Eggleton, 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 FOUR – FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 21/22 DECEMBER

| MASS TIME | 5:30PM | 8:00AM | 10:00AM |
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| COORDINATOR | Cristina Cignarella | Lynn Young | Regina Rossetto |
| ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER | Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana | Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech | Chris Hersey Aiman Jajo |
| READER | 1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Georgia Fraser | 1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac | 1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan |
| MUSIC | | | Pio's Voices |
| HOSPITALITY | | Warda Family | Jonielyn Yuzon |
| CLEANING TEAM | Helen Sipeli, Rebekah Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Johan | | |

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

**(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is
the great and Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**



Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians**

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;
I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your
tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very
near. There is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can understand,
will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he
answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with
the man who has none, and the one with something to eat
must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who
came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what
must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your
rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about
us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation!
No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who
were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so
John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water,
but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful
than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will
burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there
were many other things he said to exhort the people and
to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.