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Sunday 01 March 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH WEEKLY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY

5:30pm Saturday Vigil

7:30am Mass

9:30am Mass

MONDAY

No Mass Office closed

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass

Novena to St Padre Pio

9:45am Sacrament of Penance

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday

8:30am – 3:30pm

Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

BAPTISMS

11:00am

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays

Please contact the Parish Office.

Presentation Mass & Baptism

Information morning are held every

4th Sunday

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION

7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration till

9:00am Saturday

(3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish office.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday, 8.45am in the Church.

All welcome.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years

Bethany Catholic Primary School Hall

Contact Joanne D'Agostino, via the

Parish Office.

Dear Friends,

We have begun the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday called us to 'Repent and believe in the Gospel' and reminded us that 'we are dust and to dust we shall return' one day. Lent invites us individually in a special way to repent and to change our way of life. We know where we are and how we live our lives. God calls us to come back to Him. It might have been a very long time since we have gone away from Him. We need to realise that God has been waiting for us to return home.

The Gospel speaks on the three temptations of Jesus. One may wonder how come Jesus, who is the second person of the Holy Trinity, could be tempted. The temptations of Jesus show us that He was truly human and truly Divine. He fought against those temptations and proved to us that we too can fight against the temptations that come in our lives. Being tempted is not a problem but yielding to the temptations is a problem.

The Lenten season is a season of Grace and Mercy. It is a season to pray, to fast and to give alms. Let our prayer, fasting and almsgiving be meaningful and purposeful. Let us think more of God and less of ourselves. During Lent let us make every effort to go to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. God is willing to forgive us provided we have true contrition in our hearts and ask for His forgiveness.

All through the Lenten season, we will have the Stations of the Cross which will be on Fridays at 7 PM. Please come and walk with the Lord and contemplate those events that took place at the last moments of Jesus' life.

God Bless.

Fr Suresh Kumar
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THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH, *from the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

(Source: www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P51.HTM)

How do the Sacraments affect our daily lives?

PART TWO: THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

- SECTION TWO THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH
 - CHAPTER THREE THE SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
 - Article 7 THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
 - I. Marriage in God's Plan

Marriage in the Lord

1612 The nuptial covenant between God and his people Israel had prepared the way for the new and everlasting covenant in which the Son of God, by becoming incarnate and giving his life, has united to himself in a certain way all mankind saved by him, thus preparing for "the wedding-feast of the Lamb."¹⁰⁴

1613 On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign - at his mother's request - during a wedding feast.¹⁰⁵ The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence.

1614 In his preaching Jesus unequivocally taught the original meaning of the union of man and woman as the Creator willed it from the beginning: permission given by Moses to divorce one's wife was a concession to the hardness of hearts.¹⁰⁶ The matrimonial union of man and woman is indissoluble: God himself has determined it "what therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder."¹⁰⁷





1615 This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy - heavier than the Law of Moses.¹⁰⁸ By coming to restore the original order of creation disturbed by sin, he himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to "receive" the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ.¹⁰⁹ This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life.

1616 This is what the Apostle Paul makes clear when he says: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her," adding at once: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church."¹¹⁰

¹⁰⁴ ⇒ Rev 19:7, 9; cf. GS 22. ¹⁰⁵ Cf. ⇒ Jn 2:1-11. ¹⁰⁶ Cf. ⇒ Mt 19:8. ¹⁰⁷ ⇒ Mt 19:6. ¹⁰⁸ Cf. ⇒ Mk 8:34; ⇒ Mt 11:29-30.
¹⁰⁹ Cf. ⇒ Mt 19:11. ¹¹⁰ ⇒ Eph 5:25-26, ⇒ 31-32; Cf. ⇒ Gen 2:24.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK 2 08 MARCH

Mass Time	5:30PM	7:30AM	9:30AM
Mass Coordinator	Leanne & John Gately	Melinda Almer	Michael Gulli
Acolyte Senior Server	Aiman Jajo	Matthew Topp Melissa Topp	Chris Hersey Manny Medel Dave Williams
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Tracy Amituanai Mel Elmer +	Jan Fontana Melinda Almer Charmaine Cobol	+ Cristina Cignarella
Altar Server	TST EDA AXA	LAL MAL HAL RTO JTO	EPO NHE JHE JOH DTS DWI
Welcome & Hospitality	+ Therese Ediriweera	Melinda Almer Mary Catania Warda Family	Elvie Williams Maria Holy
Commentator	Mel Elmer	Maria Aquilina	Margaret Rooney
Reader	+ Lina Azzopardi	Jacinta Rastegorac Jacinta Aquilina	Gigi Cruz Marilou Pugoy
Music	Amen Choir	Bruce Murray	Padre Pio Choir
PowerPoint Operator	Choir Member	Kiera Warda	Toni Gulli
Children's Liturgy			Trudie Weber
Baptism Hospitality	Pat Canderle & Maureen Klingner	Baptism Acolyte Dave Williams	
Cleaning Teams	Saturday	Team One	Doris Cutajar

<p>PLEASE NOTE: NEW PARISH PHONE NUMBER The Parish has a new phone number: 4789 2232</p>	<p>LITURGICAL CALENDAR</p> <p>MARCH Sunday 01 First Sunday of Lent Year A Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11</p> <p>NON-LITURGICAL CALENDAR Wednesday 04 8:45am Parish Prayer Group Thursday 05 Friendship Group after 9:00am Mass All welcome for a cuppa & a chat</p>
<p>BISHOP VINCENT LONG'S VISIT TO OUR PARISH Bishop Vincent will be visiting our parish and celebrating this coming Saturday's Vigil Mass. It is a good opportunity to see the Bishop and to speak to him. Please make him feel welcome. When: Saturday 07 March. Time: 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LENT</p> <p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS When: Every Friday in Lent Time: 7:00pm There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table for volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to walk with Jesus through His Passion and death.</p> <p>LENTEN SUNDAY READINGS The Lenten Sunday readings will be reflected on during the Parish Prayer Group. You are invited to take part as preparation for the season of Lent and Easter. Everyone is welcome. When: every Wednesday, 8.45am in the Church</p> 
<p>THANK YOU TO: Everyone who helped in the Working Bee to prepare the Church and its surrounds for Lent. God bless you. The Indian and Sri Lankan communities and all who donated the food for the International Food Experience and Parish Fundraiser. It is much appreciated.</p>	<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS & FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION Date: This Friday, 06 March Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm, followed by the usual All-Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.</p> 
<p>HELP NEEDED We require the help of a structural engineer to assess the bell tower. If anyone can help with this, please contact the parish office via email: glenmorepark@parracatholic.org Thank you.</p>	<p>PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A 7PM FIRST FRIDAY MASS 8:00pm: All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts 3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:00am: Adoration will finish on Saturday with Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio.</p> <p>We encourage all parishioners including families, to add your names to the sign-up sheets on the Welcome table at the back of the Church. Come and be blessed by God who wants to pour so many graces on us!</p>
<p>PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES are available on the Welcome Table. Please take one with you for your sacrificial offering during Lent. More information can be found on the posters pinned to the noticeboards.</p> 	<p>AUTUMN EMBER DAY: SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE: FRIDAY 06 MARCH It marks the beginning of Autumn where the Church prays to the Lord for the various needs of humanity, especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labour and to give thanks to Him publicly.</p>
<p>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP Date: Tuesday 03 March Place: Teresa Brombal 3 Woodi Close Glenmore Park Contact: Elvie on 0412 397 671 if you are interested in hosting the Rosary Prayer Group.</p> 	<p>MASS WAS OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS - Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them</p> <p>Recently Deceased: Avelino Bhundoo</p> <p>Special Intentions: <i>Please pray for all our parishioners and friends who are ill at home or in hospital, including:</i> Karen Foley, Anne Hume, Jessie Zammit, Peter Sidgreaves, Lucy Xiberras, Elena Zamora, Lucia Longo, Kenneth Borlongan, Candida Irugalbandara, Bridgette Grech, Arno Struzina, Malcolm Maitland, Frank Azzopardi, Virginia Santos, Ian Wallace, Herb Middlebrook, William Chalice, Antonio Sulfaro, Pierina Sulfaro, Ken Player, Bandula De Silva, Leanne Gately, Joe Catania, Domenica Rossetto, Marta Pereira, Merleen Emberson.</p>
<p>RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX AND HER PARENTS TO VISIT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL When: 04 March from 9.30pm till 6.15am for overnight veneration.</p>	
<p>2020 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK When: 1-7 March. Theme: 'Celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education'. Bethany Catholic Primary School will be celebrating on Mon 02 March: - Open Classrooms 8:40 - 9:15am for existing students - Liturgy celebration 9:15 - 10:00am in the hall - Early recess for children & families 10:00 - 10:30am Tues - School Tour: prospective parents 9:30-10:30am Thurs - School Tour: prospective parents 1:45- 2:45pm</p>	



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- 2. Gorgeous Hawaii: September 2020.** Join us on a hilarious escorted tour: **Honolulu - Pearl Harbour Polynesian Culture - Maui - Hilo - Kona - Kauai.** Call Paul Vassallo: 9666 6684, Mob: 0416 951 502.
- 3. NEW TOUR: East Canada & USA: July 2020. Boston - Montreal - Quebec - Ottawa - Kingston - Toronto - Niagara Falls - Washington - New York.** Call Charlie - 9631 2689 or 0412 523 893.
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