


17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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Padre Pio (Francesco Forgione) was born to Giuseppe and Grazia Forgione, in the small farming town of Pietrelcina, Italy on May 25, 1887. Even as a young boy, Francesco had already shown signs of extraordinary gifts of grace. At the age of 5, he dedicated his life to God. From his early childhood, he showed a remarkable recollection of spirit and a love for the religious life. His mother described him as a quiet child who, from his earliest years, loved to go to church and to pray. As a young boy, he was able to see and communicate with, not only his guardian angel but also with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. In his simplicity, Francesco assumed everyone had the same experiences. Once a woman who noticed his spiritual demeanour asked him, *"When did you consecrate your life to God? Was it at your First Holy Communion?"* and he answered, *"Always, daughter, always."* When Francesco was 15 years old, he was admitted to the novitiate of the Capuchin Order of the Friars Minor in Morcone, Italy. He was admired by his fellow-students as well as by his Superiors for his exemplary behaviour and his deep piety. One of the novices stated, *"There was something which distinguished him from the other students. Whenever I saw him, he was always humble, recollected, and silent. What struck me most about Brother Pio was his love of prayer."* On August 10, 1910, at the age of 23, Padre Pio was ordained to the priesthood. The celebration of the Holy Mass was for Padre Pio, the centre of his spirituality. Due to the long pauses of contemplative silence into which he entered at various parts of the Holy Sacrifice, his Mass could sometimes last several hours. Everything about him spoke of how intensely he was living the Passion of Christ. The parish priest in Pietrelcina called Padre Pio's Mass, "an incomprehensible mystery." When asked to shorten his Mass, Padre Pio replied, *"God knows that I want to say Mass just like any*

DAY	SS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH SCHEDULE 26 JULY- 1 AUGUST 2010 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	What's On! 
MON 26 July	SS JOACHIM & ANN 9.00am Mass 1.45pm <u>Funeral Mass for Marija Franulovich (3.30pm Burial at Midland)</u>	7.00pm PA Integrated Group—JP Centre 7.30pm Proclaimers' Preparation—JP Church 7.30pm SVDP—Meeting Room 2
TUE 27 July	9.00am Mass	7.30pm RCIA—Large Meeting Room
WED 28 July	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass	9.30am Craft Circle—Large Meeting Room 9.30am Exposition of the BS—John Paul Church 10.15am Legion of Mary—Meeting Room 2 7.30pm JP Prayer Ministry Fellowship—JP Centre
THU 29 July	ST MARTHA 9.00am Mass	11.00am Divine Mercy Devotions—JP Church 7.00pm PA Integrated Group—JP Church
FRI 30 July	12.00noon Mass	10.00am Parish Team—Meeting Room 2 10.30am Growing Vine—John Paul Centre
SAT 31 July	ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA 9.00am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation (till 10.00am) 5.30pm Reconciliation (till 6.00pm) 6.30pm Vigil Mass	BAPTISM: Sierra Mia REEVES
SUN 1 Aug	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass	BAPTISMS: Isabella Teresita HUNT Logan Curtis WOODS Taylah Rose MORTON Grace Liliana TENAKOV

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Thai Vu (pp@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)	Secretary/Bursar: Rossana Terpolilli
Assistant Priest: Fr Anand Reddy (ap@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)	R.E. Co-ordinator: Mildred Rego (9450 4573)
Pastoral Workers: Sr Monica (9310 4072); Sr Veronica (9443 1036) Rosa Pasquale (9332 3813)	John Paul Care Co-ordinator: Betty Thompson (9457 4991)

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His parishioners were deeply impressed by his piety and one by one they began to come to him, seeking his counsel. For many, even a few moments in his presence proved to be a life changing experience. As the years passed, pilgrims began to come to him by the thousands, from every corner of the world, drawn by the spiritual riches which flowed so freely from his extraordinary ministry. To his spiritual children he would say, "It seems to me as if Jesus has no other concern but the sanctification of your soul."

Keeping the Memory Alive.... In 1993 I was invited to join the parish "Refugee Support Group" by Fr Doyle at the suggestion of Sue Larsen whose husband was on that committee under the umbrella of the then 'Home Shelter Group'. The Pacas family had recently arrived from El Salvador and they were looking for someone who spoke some Spanish. This was a lifeline for me because, having recently returned after working for 10 years in Peru, I was having difficulty in finding a ministry. Under the guidance of Con and Beryl Stacey, who are still parishioners of this parish, and many other generous volunteers, we worked happily to settle many families from various parts of our war-torn world.

At the end of the 90s, because of a change in the resettlement program, Fr Jim suggested I become involved in the Personal Advocacy Program. Ten years later we have two very active P A groups in our parish, supported by volunteers and friends of our neighbouring parish of Bateman.

I continue to visit the Pacas family, now living in Huntingdale and have been taking communion to an elderly gentleman since 1994.

I live in Mt Hawthorn but the journey across the freeway never seems long because I love my work and I love this Parish. *Sr Veronica Martin*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS.... Thanks to the wonderful response and feedback from Parishioners to our Special Wedding Anniversary Mass last year, the event is now firmly set in the parish's annual calendar. This year's celebration will be on **Sunday, 19 September at the 10.30am Mass**. The event is held to recognise couples who are celebrating **significant** wedding anniversary milestones this year. The milestone years are: 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and above – every year after 50 is significant! Couples who joined us last year to celebrate more than 50 years of marriage are especially welcome again. In addition, couples who reach their **first** wedding anniversary by the middle of this year are also invited to be part of the celebrations. This is to encourage our younger parishioners to emulate the tremendous example of marital commitment set by our more senior members.

During the celebration, the participating couples will renew their marriage vows and receive a special blessing. Mass will be followed by a shared meal for the special couples and their families in the parish hall.

If last year's celebration was anything to go by, it promises to be a very joyous and memorable event. So if you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary – including your very first, **register your details** on the clipboard in the church foyer **by Sunday, 15 August**. You will be contacted with further information. Or call **Su, 9315 1039/Anne, 9310 1518/Christina, 9364 6375**.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.... We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 26 September. This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is titled 'Violence in Australia: A message of peace'.

The Statement considers how the Christian values of forgiveness and reconciliation lead to peace and non-violent ways of addressing conflict and divisions. The bishops highlight the role we all share in making a difference for peace as individuals, as a community and as a nation.

For further details about the Social Justice Sunday Statement visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.acsjc.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

ANTONIO SARACO, RIP & BRIAN LOWTHER, RIP

The sincere sympathy of the parish community is extended to Ilario & Nancy Saraco & family on the loss of Ilario's Father, Antonio, who passed away recently & Brenda Lowther & family on the loss of her husband, Brian, whose Funeral Service was held on 22 July 2010. May their souls rest in peace.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)....

1st Reading: *Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23*
2nd Reading: *Col 3:1-5, 9-11*
Gospel Reading: *Lk 12:13-21*

PROCLAIMERS WORKSHOP EVERY MONDAY, 7.30PM (See "What's On" for Venue). The coming weekend's rostered Proclaimers who are to attend are:

Saturday, 31 July 2010

6.30pm Letty D'Cruz, Joel Anthony

Sunday, 1 August 2010

7.30am Rossana Terpolilli, Pat Bonser

9.00am Theodore Ricketts, Therese Groen

10.30am Sharon Willessen, Paul Jones

Facilitator: Mildred Rego—9450 4573

JOHN PAUL CARE

This parish pastoral organisation offers, through its volunteers, short term (up to 3 months) emergency care to anyone who lives within the parish. Assistance is offered in the areas of bereavement/grief support, visiting the sick and the elderly, mental health, support for parents, cooking, transport, gardening and handyman. To enquire about these services, please contact the following:

- Parish Office (Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm) 9332 5992
- FAMILY SUPPORT: Betty 9457 4991
- MEALS: Mary 9310 2426
- MENTAL HEALTH: Bob 9332 3528
(Information only)
- GARDENING: Greg 9456 1747
- BEREAVEMENT: Geraldine 9456 2985
(or Betty: 9457 4991)
- TRANSPORT: Reena 9310 4173

The John Paul Care brochure is available in the foyer of the Church. It offers the opportunity to volunteer or to request assistance. **Please feel free to take one home. CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED AT ALL TIMES**

RCIA - Know someone inquiring about the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults prepares new members to join our Catholic faith; and helps baptised Catholics in renewing their faith. Faith development and growth is achieved through a series of presentations, sharing and reflection. Under the guidance of our team and accompanied by friends, the candidates took a spiritually enriched journey, culminating in their reception into the Church on Easter Vigil night.

The parish of Willetton invites all who are interested in the Catholic faith to the RCIA process commencing Tuesday, 27 July from 7.30-9.00pm at the Parish Centre Large Meeting Room. If you or someone you know has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith, please come along. In addition, we are also in need of sponsors for our candidates. The sponsor is a companion for the candidate during his/her journey of faith; to befriend, sustain and encourage the candidate. Often, the faith discovery journey becomes a spiritually enriching journey for both the candidate and the sponsor. For more information about RCIA, please visit <http://www.johnpaulwilletton.org.au/rcia.html> Alternatively, contact Howard (0412 177 378) or Neicha (9332 0563).

CAFE Continues.... Starting August 5-23 September (Thurs) 7.30pm-9.30pm, we will be starting on the Gospel of Matthew. This is the first instalment of 3 lots of 8 sessions following the Bible Timeline DVDs. The focus of this study will be the establishment of the Church as the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Throughout the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus fulfils the Old Testament covenants with Abraham, Moses and David. Set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, universal truths of the Kingdom of God are clearly understood and God's will for us today more fully realized. All welcome. Angeline Farm 9332 0060/0402 122 940. Angeline@farm.id.au

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

The Dare to be Different Retreat....

Calling all our Willetton youth aged 16 and above to come join us for a retreat you will never forget. 6-8 August at Lancelin. The Retreat will be focused on how the Holy Spirit can empower you to be GREAT through the outpouring of Gifts. The retreat will be run by Fr Varghese from Pota, Kerala, India, who specialises in the healing ministry through the Holy Spirit. This is the first youth retreat in 10 years....definitely not one to be missed! Cost: \$100 per person. Sign up your interest soon to Joel or Kathleen through the Parish Office.

Parish Annual General Meeting....

In an effort to make the AGM as available as possible to as many parishioners as possible the **Parish Pastoral Council has decided to hold this year's AGM after the 10.30am Mass Sunday, 25 July in the Parish Centre.** We will also have morning tea with the AGM (after the 10.30am Mass only). You are invited to attend the AGM to find out about the decisions being made in your parish. The AGM will include written reports from key groups within the parish. **Please take a copy of the AGM Report from the Church foyer.**

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL....

Persistence is such an important aspect of missionary work amongst the poor and marginalised. Faced with unimaginable human suffering our missionaries persist in their efforts to be beacons of God's Love amidst the violence and persecution. Your generous support for Catholic Mission's Propagation of the Faith Appeal in 2 weeks' time sustains and strengthens this persistent Eucharistic and prayerful presence throughout our broken world.

One Year to Go, Madrid WYD—Countdown:

Featuring special guest: International touring Catholic musician, Rob Galea. Mass at 5.00pm at the Cathedral. Bring \$7.00 for supper at 6.00pm, Sunday Sesh with Robert Galea at 7.00pm, Mercedes Hall. A collection will be taken to support Rob's ministry. For more information go to www.cym.com.au or find us on Facebook.

Can anything good come from guilt?

Gerry Smith, Grief Counsellor, will be sharing with us about "Guilt and Its Benefits". Thursday, 22 July 7.00pm-8.30pm Infant Jesus Parish Hall, 47 Wellington St, Morley. This meeting has been organised by the Infant Jesus Catholic Mental Health and Wellbeing Group. For more information contact Darren 9276 8500 or Barbara Harris 9328 8113.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

(Lk11:1-13)

Jesus gave me this beautiful prayer.

Have I recently stopped and prayed the 'Our Father' with meaning and understanding?