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 When is the Plenary Council?
 Plenary Council will be held in two sessions. The first will be held in October 2020 and the second session will be held in May 2021.
 The Council will be held in two sessions in order to enable to deeper discernment, further learning, dialogue and listening where it may be needed and to write or rewrite anything in response to the dialogue of the first session.
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
 23rd September 2018

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday marks the 50th anniversary of St. Pio of Pietrelcina's death and 100 years since he received the stigmata. Known and loved more commonly as "Padre Pio," St. Pio has captivated generations of Catholics the world over.

His life

St. Pio was born in 1887, the son of poor farmers from the southern region of Italy called Campania. He exhibited a unique and special piety from an early age. He suffered from precarious health, particularly stomach ailments, most of his life, beginning in his early years.

Coincidentally, his birth name was Francis (Francesco Forgione), and he longed to become a friar in the order founded by his saintly namesake from Assisi. He joined the Capuchin Franciscans when he was 15. As he put it, he only wanted to be a "poor friar who prays."

In the seminary his frail health continued, indicative of a life of suffering that St. Pio would come to fully embrace. He suffered from terrible headaches and a variety of digestive issues, causing a restricted diet. He also suffered from insomnia at times. He professed final vows as a Capuchin in 1907 after a period of time spent at home due to his ill health. Also, he was given permission to remain there for six years after his 1910 ordination to the priesthood.

Later on he moved to the friary at San Giovanni Rotondo, where he became known as a popular confessor. On Sept. 20, 1918 - while hearing confessions - St. Pio had the first signs of being marked with the stigmata, the wounds of Christ's crucifixion on his own body. In addition to the bloody wounds on his hands, he was afflicted with tremendous pains and bleeding. The pain intensified at different times and in special circumstances. Many reported the wounds had a pleasant, floral aroma. He bore these marks

for the remaining 50 years of his life, which disappeared at the time of his death.

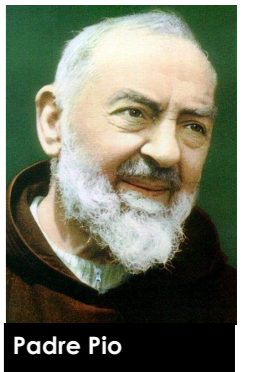
His suffering

In addition to the physical pain brought on by the stigmata, there was another dimension to his suffering. That was because of the variety of accusations and suspicion surrounding their origins. Some claimed the stigmata was manmade or self-inflicted on account of a mental disorder. Some claimed the Capuchins were trying to make money off him because of the crowds beginning to assemble to catch a glimpse of the priest or celebrate the sacraments with him. Others feared a cult of personality, emerging by false wounds that would lead the faithful astray. These concerns were only exacerbated by emergence of more supernatural phenomena in St. Pio's life, such as bilocation, healings, reading souls and the ability to speak in tongues.

His suffering and anguish were exacerbated over the decades by the ensuing, repeated investigations into the authenticity of the wounds.

Even the Vatican became extremely suspicious of the origin of St. Pio's stigmata and his other spiritual gifts, initiating investigations under papal authority. At times St. Pio, due to the investigations or other related provisions, was even forced into seclusion.

All of this often kept him from serving fully in the capacity he desired as a priest. But he embraced it all as God's will and his share in the Cross of Christ.



Padre Pio

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MASS TIMES
St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri 7am; Sat 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday 9am and 5pm
St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Mon-Fri 10am (Rosary before Mass at 9.30am)
 (Anointing: 1st Friday); Sunday: 9am
St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil) 5pm; Sunday 8.00am
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

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Confession
St Mary's Church:
 Fri 7.30am—8am Sat 8.30-9.30am; Sun 4-4.45pm
St Ita's Church: Sat 4-4.50pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 9.30am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis'

2nd Saturday St Mary's

3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions are held at St Ita's church on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church

Adoration

Sunday | 4-5pm

Devotion

1st Friday of each month | 6pm (Mass & Adoration)

Church open

12-2pm | Monday to Friday

Awaken: Together in Christ

Every Tuesday | 7pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

website: awaken.org.au

St Francis Cake Stall

Third Sunday of the month

After the 9am mass | baking on the Saturday prior

St Francis Table

Every Monday | 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

Anointing of the Sick and Morning Tea

First Friday of the Month | 10am | St Francis

First Sunday of the month | 7am | OLPS Fairfield

Morning Tea

First Sunday of the month | after 9am mass | St Francis

St Ita's Family Mass

Fourth Saturday of the month | 5pm | St Ita's Church (school term only)

Last Month's Collection Totals August 2018

South Brisbane

1st Collection: \$3,925.75

2nd Collection: \$2,893.55

Dutton Park

1st Collection: \$4,279.60

2nd Collection: \$3,446.20

St Mary's Church Cleaning—calling all volunteers

Saturday 6th October - 10am

Volunteers needed please.



Come along and help us get St Mary's looking its best for the Brisbane Open House.

Please contact Ruby on 0412 193 462

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

5th October 2018 6pm at St Mary's Mass, Novena and Confession.



St Mary's Adoration

Come and join Young Adults from around Brisbane on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm at St Mary's for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** Adoration is held as part of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars Coffee Ministry for the Poor and Homeless. Adult Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 53: 3-6, 8

R/ The Lord upholds my life.

Second reading

James 3:16– 4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Num 11:25-29

2nd reading: James 5:1-6 **Gospel:** Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses) 25th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 24th:

R/ Whoever does justice shall live on the Lord's mountain.

Tuesday 25th:

R/ Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.

Wednesday 26th:

R/ Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.

Thursday 27th: St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)

R/ In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Friday 28th:

R/ Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Saturday 29th: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Feast)

R/ In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

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Eventually, he was cleared of all accusations by the mid-1960s by Blessed Pope Paul VI.

A work of mercy

Though St. Pio fully embraced his suffering out of love and obedience, he wanted to help alleviate the suffering of the poor and sick out of love for them. A heavenly inspiration prompted him to begin a hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. Called "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" (the House of Relief from Suffering), St. Pio desired it to be a place where God's love would shine forth for those who needed it most. It quickly gained a reputation as one of Italy's premier hospitals, which he affectionately called "the apple of my eye" when the hospital was dedicated.

Concluding a life of suffering and service, St. Pio died on Sept. 23,

1968 - just days after marking the 50th anniversary of when he received the stigmata, the marks of which completely healed when he died. He was beatified in 1999 and canonized in 2002. Pope St. John Paul II stated in his homily at the event that St. Pio's life shows how "difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord."

Extract from Our Sunday Visitor, by Michael R. Heinlein.

Positions Vacant within the Archdiocese

Multimedia Designer - Vocations Brisbane
Parish Secretary—Coolangatta Tugun
Parish Administration Assistant—Kingaroy Nanango
(all positions part-time)

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/>
for more information.

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St Francis Cake Stall—Last Weekend

A big THANK YOU!

To all existing and new bakers who donated their goods to the bake stall last weekend. All proceeds are heading out to the Roma Parish to help rural families in need.

Mother Teresa Shrine Opening Day: 13 October

The newest chapel at Marian Valley - for St Teresa of Calcutta - opens on Saturday 13 October. The program for the day starts at 9am with morning tea, then a procession to the shrine and prayers, followed by Mass and finally lunch, concluding at 1pm. Bishop Ken Howell will be celebrating Mass and the Missionaries of Charity Sisters will be joining the celebration. All are welcome. Full details on the website:

www.moherteresashrine.com.au Marian Valley - 2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren.



St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day

A mass dedicated to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi will be celebrated on Sunday 7th October at St. Francis Church at 9am. A picnic and a game of touch football at St Ita's Jubilee Oval, Dutton Park (enter via TJ Doyle Memorial Drive car park) will follow along with a 'Blessing of the Animals'. Please bring a picnic morning tea/lunch and your pets for this community gathering. Dogs must be on a leash at all times, cats and chickens need to be in crates or cages.



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Volunteers Urgently needed St Francis Church Flower Arrangers (training provided) Flower Donations Musicians and Choir Members

Please contact the parish office

2018 Brisbane Open House

St Mary's Church has been invited to participate in the **2018 Brisbane Open House** and the Church will be open to the public on **Saturday, 13 October** from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. This is a free public event which acknowledges Brisbane's architecture and our beloved St Mary's provides an early example of a church built in a style derived from Italian Romanesque and Renaissance architecture in inner-City Brisbane. As well as opening St Mary's to the Brisbane public, the Fundraising Team will be holding a **Cake Stall** and selling hand-made Christmas and special occasion cards at the event to raise much needed funds for our maintenance and renovation projects. **If you can assist us by baking for the Cake Stall or helping on the day for some of the time, please contact Dianne or Ruby.** Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.



St Mary's Car Wash Sunday 28th October

during both 9am and 5pm masses

Fundraising for restoration of

St Mary's Church

Volunteers required to wash cars

Please contact Andrea (0422 357 980) or

Leon (0451 143 619)



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Cancellation Parish Safeguarding Training

27 & 28 September

(due to lack of numbers)

After discussions with the Safeguarding Office the training requirements have been changed and direct face to face training is now only mandatory for any Volunteers that work specifically with Children and Vulnerable Adults.

If you volunteer in either of the following ministries:

Children's Liturgy/ Sunday School, Transport Ministry
Altar Server Coordinator, Altar Server Adult
Care and Concern – Home visits to Families/sick
Sacramental Preparation, Safeguarding Officer
Eucharistic Minister to the elderly or infirmed in private homes or nursing homes

Training is available at the Francis Rush Centre October 18th, November 7th & December 6th from 12:30pm – 2:30pm. Book through the parish office is essential.

For all new volunteers a new video/online training will be released by the end of the year which will be sent out to all of you to meet the requirements.