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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening Vigil 6.00pm (*Exposition 4.30pm - 5.45pm*)
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 9.10am
Tuesday 7.00pm (*Exposition 6.00pm - 7.00pm*)
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.10am
Saturday 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

from FATHER RANING

There is a long –running road safety campaign called Stop, Revive, Survive. The campaign shares information on microsleep, urging motorists going on long drives to stop every so often for a short break - whether for coffee, or snack, or simply to do some stretching.



A microsleep is a fraction of a second's slip into sleep often resulting from lack of sleep, fatigue, sleep apnoea, hypoxia, narcolepsy, or hypersomnia. In fact, no amount of distraction, save near collision, can shake microsleep off. Coffee won't work nor having someone babble beside you. Sleep attracts sleep.

The point of the road campaign is, of course, saving lives by reducing microsleep moments. The point of our Advent campaign is similar: to reduce spiritual microsleeps and the number of spiritual deaths on the road to holiness.

Stop: Some Malls in the Philippines have the habit of pausing twice a day to pray the Angelus at noon time and in the evening- putting a halt to all business transactions - to simply say "Thank you Lord!"

Revive: Tell-tale signs of spiritual micro slips into microsleeps may include: slipping into self-pity, serious doubts about self-worth, little outbursts of sarcasm toward another person, fleeting bad or malicious thoughts and wishes for persons we dislike or like too much, mentally cursing a person, using non-verbal indifference, finding mental excuses for not participating in Sunday worship.

Survive: Jesus said, "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

Jesus gives us a formula for surviving through our slippery, sleepy time: PRAYER.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
Thursday, 24 December ~ 7pm

MIDNIGHT MASS
Carol singing from 11.40pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday, 25 December ~ 8am and 9.30am
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

Christmas is here once again. We are inviting all the parishioners for fellowship and refreshment on Christmas Eve after the 7pm Mass in the Parish Centre from 8.30—11.30pm. Please come, join us. Let's celebrate!! You are welcome to bring a plate, however, if you are unable to, you are still very welcome.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Paul the Apostle Church, Winston Hills
Monday 14 December at 7pm
St Bernadette's Church, Castle Hill
Tuesday 22 December at 7.30pm

ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

If you are involved in any Ministry here at St Paul's and wish to participate in any of the Christmas liturgies, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

Christmas Eve Nativity and Vigil Mass

Would you like to be involved? Please give Veronica Brogden a call on 0414 345 526 or email veronica.parramatta@gmail.com
Rehearsals start 19th December

FEAST DAYS

15th St Albert the Great
16th St Margaret of Scotland
St Gertrude
17th St Elizabeth of Hungary
18th Dedication of Basilicas
of Ss Peter and Paul

NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm.

ROSARY

For the intention of world peace. Every Wednesday at 2.30pm in the Church. All welcome.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday at 3.30pm in the Church. All welcome.

PIETY STORE

Come in and have a browse -

- Columban Calendars \$8
- 'Keep Christ in Christmas' cards sold out. Religious Christmas cards are \$3 for a pack of 8 cards.
- Christmas gift ideas

NEXT MEETING

SVDP	16/12	7pm
Liturgy	16/12	7pm
Youth	18/12	7pm
Baptism	7/01	7.30pm
Leisure Group	27/01	10am
Finance	28/01	7pm
Parish Council	01/02	7.30pm

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS					
19 / 20 DEC	ACOLYTES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS	READERS COMMENTATORS	PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS
6.00pm Vigil	U	Gerard Fabien Elly Benkovich	J	Aurea Javier Pauline Knowler	Nereo & Rosa Fabrello
8.00am	V	Emmy Cox Nic Vidot	G	Kathy Ireland David Ireland	Bates Family
9.30am	B	Dilani Dhammapala Rhonda Bolton	H	Leanda Standing Diane Samson	Brogden Family
6.00pm	C	Kerry Bailey Sharon Del Rosario	I	Zoe Barcelon Lourdes Zaballa	Ammon & Vanessa Cassin
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING		Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock and Linda Pereira			
WINDOW CLEANING		Joe Lenehan, Gabrielle Shaw and Gonzalez Family			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5.00 - 6.00pm
Have you ever asked: "What ought I do?" Simply, tell the good news to people. Nothing else matters.

FATHER MAC'S HEAVENLY PUDDINGS

These are available for purchase this weekend. 800g puddings \$15. Proceeds to the NSW Right to Life.

THE NOTE BOOK

Please have all articles in by Wednesday 16 December.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

- Christmas Message: Fr Peter Williams
- Farewell to Fr David Scott
- Our Past in Our Future: CTK Parish North Rocks
- ACYF Festival and Commissioning Mass

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St Peter's for start of Year of Mercy
- Catholic priest arrested after peaceful sit-in at Malcolm Turnbull's electoral office
- Murdered churchwomen remembered with their own words

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HOLY DOORS

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis opened a usually sealed door of St Peter's Basilica as a symbolic door of God's mercy.

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, millions of pilgrims will pass through this door as a stepping into the arms of God's mercy and renewal.

The Jubilee will be celebrated in every diocese of the world, where there will also be a designated door for the many of us who are obviously unable to visit Rome.

In our Diocese, this door will be at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. It will be the eastern door at the top of the entry steps, closest to the new statue of St John Paul II and his friends.

The Jubilee will call people to be merciful like the Father, to rediscover works of mercy, to receive sacramental healing and strength, to dialogue with those in our world who are different to us and to truly participate in God's merciful love.

Likewise, our Cathedral will have specially prepared focuses and activities reflecting these themes and into which we as local pilgrims can be drawn.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Therese & Noel Scahill, Alice, Aurelio Lopez & Julia Sherman, Bern, Mary Betts, Elias & Afifi Younis, Frank Whiting, Ted Church, Elizabeth & Allan Ward, Stella Borg, Fabri Family, Suzanne Portelli, Ross Nelson, Pasquale & Maria Paoletti, Josephine Clayton, Edna Fernandez, Adrian Coppolino, Marie & Claude Strange, Nellie Rodrigues, Brian Hollings, Franco & Lucia Paoletti, Joe Mangion, Sebastian Pereira, Therese Farrugia, William Wilson, Sam Vella, Paul Gove and Mario & Maria Coppolino.

MISA DE GALLO CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS NOVENA

The Sacred Heart Parish Westmead will be once again celebrating the Dawn Mass Novena in preparation for Christmas.
14 Ralph Street, Westmead
Wednesday 16 Dec to Thursday 24 Dec
5.00 am
All welcome to attend

Our Holy Door will be opened this 3rd Sunday of Advent. During the year of the Jubilee, this will be the only door through which to enter at the front of the cathedral.

The tradition of gaining a plenary indulgence will apply during the Jubilee Year and more will be communicated about this as the Jubilee begins.

In brief, it is a special favour of God's grace and love with which we can be blessed by participating in certain spiritual, sacramental and merciful expressions.

The focuses and themes around our Cathedral's door of mercy will continue throughout the year. The special sense of passing through this threshold of God's mercy will be emphasised until the close of the Jubilee in November 2016.

During the course of the year, many people from our parishes, Diocese and beyond will be able to participate meaningfully with a pilgrimage to St Patrick's Cathedral.

*By Rev Paul Roberts and Sr Mary Louise Walsh ISSM
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St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal

This weekend will be the last opportunity for donations to be made as packing will take place this Wednesday. For perishable goods please be aware of "best before" or "use by" dates. As hampers are delivered in green shopping bags, donations of these bags would also be appreciated.