

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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

When St Augustine was asked to name the three most important virtues, he gave an interesting answer:

- First, he said, humility.
- Second, humility.
- Third, humility.

There is a true story about a snazzy, young French businessman traveling by train to Paris, many years ago. He was sharing a compartment with an old man who looked like a peasant - simple clothes, short hair, and weather-beaten face.

The up-and-coming businessman noticed the rosary gripped in the old man's hands, and the devotion and concentration expressed on his face.

The young man thought he would have some fun, so he said, "I see that you still believe in that medieval bunk about praying your beads. Do you also believe in all the other myths the priests try to teach us?"

"Yes, indeed", the old man answered, "Don't you?"

"Me? Do I believe in all that ridiculous superstition?" The young man laughed out loud.

Then he said, "I gave that up in college. And if you want to be smart, you should throw those beads out the window and start studying some real, scientific truth."

The old man answered, "I don't understand what you mean. Maybe you could help me."

The young whippersnapper felt he had been a little harsh, so he answered, "Well, I could send you some articles, if you like. Do you know how to read?"

"More or less", the old man answered.

"Good - so where should I send the material?"

The old man fumbled in his coat pocket and then handed over a card. It bore a simple inscription:

*Louis [the "s" is silent] Pasteur [pass-TOUR]  
Paris Institute for Scientific Research*



Louis Pasteur was the nineteenth century giant of microbiology who proved the germ-theory of disease and invented the rabies vaccine.

His humility certainly didn't hinder his greatness. But the truth is that humility only adds to true greatness, it never subtracts.

## RETREAT FOR WOMEN

*Treasure in earthen vessels (2 Cor 4:7)*

Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre  
230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa  
Friday 10 February 2017 at 7.30pm till  
Sunday 12 February 2017 at 3.30pm

\$170 shared room; \$180 single room;  
Deposit \$50  
Saturday only \$40 (includes lunch)

Email: [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) - Phone: 4773 8338



## FEAST DAYS

31st St John Bosco  
2nd The Presentation of the Lord  
3rd St Blaise  
St Ansgar

## NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

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

## ROSARY

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

## NEXT MEETING

Leisure Group	01/02	10.00am
MOSJ	02/02	7.00pm
Baptism Talk	02/02	7.30pm
Parish Council	06/02	7.30pm
Liturgy	08/02	7.00pm
SVDP	08/02	7.00pm
Finance	09/02	6.45pm

## HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday at 3.30pm in the Marian Chapel. Please join us.

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Not lost forever: dealing with the grief of miscarriage
- Celebrants not enough: conscience exemptions should extend to all say bishops
- Matthew Tan: what our playing says about our praying
- Florist and Christian? New SSM laws suggest otherwise
- 'The Young Pope' another exercise in smug caricature
- Anna Krohn: Amnesty's double standards

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## NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

4 / 5 FEBRUARY	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00AM	9.30AM	6.00PM
ACOLYTES	N	P	Q	F
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Veronica Brown Jan Francis	Veronica Fry Gerard Fabien	Emmy Cox Nic Vidot	Kate Fitzsimons Sean Trainor
ALTAR SERVERS	J	K	A	D
READERS COMMENTATORS	Sharon Del Rosario Pauline Knowler	Aurea Javier Leanda Standring	Natalie Mifsud Michael Reid	Youth Group
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Nereo & Rosa Fabrello	Volunteer	Mifsud Family	Youth Group
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Karlina Waciega and Myles Waciega			
CHURCH CLEANING	Minda Chumroomridhi, Warren D'Costa, Valentine Mukuria, Charlotte Dos Remedios and Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa			
WINDOW CLEANING	Joe Lenehan, Gabrielle Shaw and Gonzalez Family			

## MOMENTS OF MERCY

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter that this prayer is always heard and answered. (*Diary 1397*)

## BAPTISM WELCOME

to Cassidy Mila Charlotte Nour who was baptised here last weekend. We pray that her faith will become an important and integral part of her life.

## Launch of Human Trafficking and Slavery Paper – A response from Australian Catholics

8 February

World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking will be the diocesan launch of *Human Trafficking and Slavery – A response from Australian Catholics*.

Join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and Sr Noelene Simmons SM for the launch from 7.30pm-9.00pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP to Sr Louise McKeogh FMA at [Lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:Lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au) or [nswprojects@acrath.org.au](mailto:nswprojects@acrath.org.au)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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



We are pleased to confirm that Men of St Joseph resumes Thursday 2 February 2017 in the Parish Centre and fortnightly from that date forwards.

**For all future meetings at St Paul's please refer to the table entitled "NEXT MEETING"**

**in the grey column on the opposite page**

For full details please visit [www.menofstjoseph.com](http://www.menofstjoseph.com)

or contact Bob McMillan on 0487 074 488



## POSITIONS VACANT

**Graphic Designer & Team Support – Brand, Networking, Video**

The Institute for Mission at Blacktown requires a full-time team member who specialises in graphic design. Applications close on 31 January. For a position description go to:

[www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)

## Assistant Housekeeper

Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park has an opening in housekeeping services. The position is part time (two days per week). Applications close on 6 February. For further information please contact the Rector, Fr John Hogan on 9637 1055.