

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

FROM FATHER RANING

After a long illness a woman died and arrived at the Gates of Heaven. While she was waiting for St Peter to greet her, she peeked through the Gates. She saw inside a beautiful banquet table. Sitting around it were her parents and all the other people whom she had loved and who died before her.

When St. Peter came by, the woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?" "You will have to spell a word," St Peter told her. "Which word?" the woman asked. "LOVE," St Peter said. The woman correctly spelled the word "LOVE" and St Peter welcomed her into heaven.

About six months later St Peter came to the woman and asked her to watch the Gates of Heaven for him that day. Now, while the woman was guarding the Gates of Heaven, her husband arrived there. "I'm surprised to see you here," the woman said, "How have you been?" "Oh! I have been doing pretty well since you died," her husband told her. "I married the beautiful nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And then I won a lottery. I sold the little house you and I lived in, and bought a big mansion. And my wife and I travelled all around the world. We were on vacation and went water skiing today. I fell, the ski hit my head and here I am." Then he

asked her, "How do I get in?" "You will have to spell a word," the woman told him. "Which word?" her husband asked. She replied, "CZECHOSLOVAKIA."



I suppose all of us do realise that this is no way to get into heaven when we die. However, this story does bring up a most serious question - 'How does a person get into heaven?'

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (*MT 5:1-12A*)

MOMENTS OF MERCY

It is when you submit yourself to my will that you give me the greatest glory and draw upon yourself a sea of blessings. I would not take such special delight in you if you were not living My will. (*Diary 954*)

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish we wish to welcome you and get to know you. There is a booklet in the foyer in which you can enter your details.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

We are urgently in need of parishioners to take part in the Procession of the Gifts particularly at the 8am Mass—This is an important ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 9639 6516

CAR PARK

There will be no parking of cars during Mass times over the next few weeks on the school playground whilst there is a cover being constructed. If need be you can park on the grass outside the Parish Hall by means of face to hall and you do not block road access.

WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

Wesley Uniting Church grounds
 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill

Friday & Saturday 3 & 4 November
 8.00am to 1.00pm

Helping those families who need our assistance within the Hills area



FEAST DAYS

- 1st All Saints
- 2nd All Souls
- 3rd St Martin De Porres
- 4th St Charles Borromeo

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

MOSJ – W/Hills	02/11	7.00pm
Parish Council	06/11	7.30pm
Leisure Group	08/11	10.00am
SVDP	08/11	7.00pm
Liturgy	16/11	7.00pm
Finance	18/01	7.00pm

4 / 5 NOVEMBER	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	N	I	Q	F W
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	Sharon Del Rosario Pauline Knowler	Aurea Javier Tony D'Souza	Natalie Mifsud Leandra Standing	Youth Group
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Joseph & Lillian Budwee	Volunteers	Reid Family	Volunteers
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kata Collimore and Michelle Thompson			
CHURCH CLEANING	Jun Balagtas, Minda Chumroonridhi, Warren D'Costa, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa			
WINDOW CLEANING	Dennis Dunnacchie and Greg D'Souza			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

We must stop just putting band-aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God's people. God loves us and we were created to serve God, and others in God.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday at 3.30pm in the Marian Chapel. All welcome

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- We won't do it - We won't kill patients.
- You're wrong - Theologian criticises Fr Frank Brennan and Greg Sheridan on gay marriage.
- New youth office to launch.
- Inside the 'NO' campaign.
- Movies - P3
- UNDA students launch medical mission
- Fun with Faith - Kids page



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POSTAL SURVEY ON PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE MARRIAGE ACT

We remind you that the survey closes on Tuesday, 7 November 2017 (6pm local time). Any surveys received after this will not be counted. As we exercise our democratic responsibility in responding to the survey it is important to remember that the postal survey is about whether or not Australians want the legal definition of civil marriage changed to include same-sex couples. It is not a referendum on sacramental marriage, however we are called to consider carefully the implications of any change. In the words of Bishop Vincent: "Whatever the outcome of the survey or the eventual legislation by the government, the Church will continue to hold that marriage is a natural institution established by God to be a permanent union between one man and one woman, directed both to mutual companionship and to the formation of a family in which children are born and nurtured."

Let us pray, discern and act with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Scroll for the Holy Souls will be placed on the altar as has been our custom. All Masses offered during November will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in the second collection.

PARISH MORNING TEA 8AM

This will take place next Sunday 5 November following the 8.00am Mass. Please stay awhile and enjoy each other's company in the Parish Centre!

Holy Hour for Vocations

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations.

Thursday 2 November 2017 at 7:00 pm

Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm

Holy Spirit Convent

120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton

RSVP: Sr Paula

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or mobile 0449 656 406

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Therese & Noel Scahill, Louis Bayeh, Aurelio & Connie 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.

CATHOLICISM

IT'S YOUR STORY...

Final session

Friday, 17 November at 7.30 pm

Conference Room of the Parish Centre

Save the date!

St Patrick's Business College Information Session

Places are filling fast in our 2018 Diplomas of Business and Business Administration. These 40-week courses are ideal for Year 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a real pathway to a career and university. We also assist well over 90% of our graduates to find well-paid jobs in top tier firms in Sydney.

Our next Information Session focusing on giving students and their parents an insight into the 'St Patrick's Pathway to Success' will be held at 11 am on Sunday, 12 November at our Sydney CBD premises on Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney.

"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out." (**St. Charles Borromeo**)