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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

A newspaper reporter went to interview a successful businessman. "How did you make all those millions?" he inquired.

"I'm glad you asked," said the businessman. "It's a wonderful story. When my wife and I got married, we had exactly five cents to our name. So I took that nickel, went down to the grocery, bought an apple, shined it up, and sold it for ten cents.

"What did you do then?" asked the reporter.

"Well," he said, "I bought two more apples, shined them up, and sold them for twenty cents."

At this point the reporter was sure he had a great story. "Then what?" he asked excitedly.

"Then," said the business man, "my father-in-law died and left us \$50 million!"

When we see someone who really *is* great or wonderful - Mother Teresa or maybe just an extraordinary friend - we wonder where all that goodness came from: The very question they were asking about Jesus in Sunday's Gospel: Where did he get all this?

The answer is not complex: Jesus came from a family who loved him in all the right ways from the very beginning, a family who day by day gave him all the pieces from which he could build a good life. That's the first part of the answer.

But there was something more, something that made him very special: It was the power that came from his bond with our Father. Because Jesus was entirely open to Him, our Father was able to take all the good that had been passed down to Jesus by generations of family and friends, and our Father was able to make of Jesus a man of goodness beyond all imagination.

PROPHET: Prophets are those who speak for or on behalf of God to the community. Their major task was not to foretell the future but to forth-tell God's presence in the events affecting their nation. In a world that that did not clearly separate issues of religion and politics, the prophets reminded the kings that God was present and active in the political and social crises of the community. They demanded that courses of action in times of crisis must follow what God desires and not simply what is most expedient according to human political wisdom.

First Reading: Ezekiel is commanded to prophesy even though his audience will be unreceptive.

What gives me the courage to go on when others are unreceptive to my witness?

Second Reading: Paul learns the hard way that his weakness is a showcase for God's strength.

When have my weakness been an unexpected source of blessing for me and others around me?

Gospel: Jesus' neighbours were unreceptive because they could not see beyond their rigid stereotypes.

How might I be missing what Jesus is calling me to discover?



year of youth
OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY

FEAST DAYS

9th St Augustine Zhao Rong
11th St Benedict
13th St Henry
15th St Bonaventure

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

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

NEXT MEETING

MOSJ – Westmead	12/07	7.00pm
SVDP	11/07	7.00pm
Leisure Group	18/07	10.00am
Finance	26/07	7.00pm
Parish Council	06/08	7.30pm
Liturgy	26/09	6.30pm

14/15 July	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	Larry Mapanao	Paul Dahlberg & Bob Mcmillan	Norm Badaoui & Warren D'Costa	Tony Anthony
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Chris Leonard Elizabeth Farrar	Veronica Fry Veronica Brown	Frank Roach Wendy Roach	Peter Cruz Lesley Neylan
ALTAR SERVERS	B	I	C	J
READERS COMMENTATORS	Bianca Del Rosario Sharon Del Rosario	Christie Bawden Emmy Cox	Natalie Mifsud Michael Mifsud	Michael Hruby Jill Cruz
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Patrick & Louise Artup	Volunteers	Brogden Family	Couples for Christ
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING	Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard & Gemma Martin			
WINDOW CLEANING	Joe & Yvonne El-Bayeh			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5.00-6.00pm

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

ROSARY

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

MOMENTS OF MERCY

See I have left My heavenly throne to become united with you. What you see is just a tiny part and already your soul swoons with love. How amazed will your heart be when you see Me in all My glory. (*Diary 1810*)

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Panama revs up for WYD
- Broken Bay Bishop for Melbourne
- Books best for kids
- Faith is key for playwright
- Gunnedah marks 100 years
- Movie Review: "Gotti"

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24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 13 July to Saturday 14 July

Starting at 9:00am with Mass on Friday, our Lord will be exposed for 24 hours and concluding with Mass at 9am on Saturday

Come ... spend some time with Him

At all times our Lord Jesus must have someone with Him, so please signify your interest on the timetable posted at the back of the Church



Liturgical Ministry Courses

The Office for Worship is offering Liturgical Ministry Courses in 2018, open to all parishes and individuals seeking formation and training for serving at the altar. Held at the Diocesan Assembly Centre in Blacktown on Mondays and at St Nicholas of Myra in Penrith on Thursdays, the formation courses are for anyone who is interested in becoming a Minister of the Word, Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Acolyte. Please register your interest by contacting the office on 9639 6516. Also advise what ministries you are interested in.

Bookings close 9 August 2018

Planned Giving Envelopes

There are still a number of Planned Giving Envelopes to be collected. Please take a moment after Mass to collect your set, if you haven't already done so.

"To know much and taste nothing - of what use is that?" *St Bonaventure*

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

The weekend of 21st and 22nd July at all Masses there will be a third collection for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. When you donate to Vinnies you are helping our volunteers rebuild lives this winter. Your contributions can provide warm blankets for men and women experiencing homelessness or prevent a family from being evicted from their home. Vinnies can also help pay a family's utility bills and provide essential groceries to maintain health and strength during these cold months. As always we appreciate the wonderful generosity of the parishioners of St Paul the Apostle Parish.

THE NOTE BOOK

Please submit all articles for the July issue of the Note Book by Wednesday 11th July. Thank you.