



ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

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WEEKEND 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

An anonymous author made this striking comparison: "Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40, and Jesus for only 3. Yet the influence of Christ's 3-year ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined 130 years of teaching from these men, who were among the greatest philosophers of all antiquity.

Jesus painted no pictures yet some of the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelo, and Leonardo da Vinci received their inspiration from him. Jesus wrote no poetry but Dante, Milton, and scores of the world's greatest poets were inspired by him. Jesus composed no music still Haydn, Handel, Beethoven, Bach, and Mendelssohn reached their highest perfection of melody in the hymns, symphonies, and oratorios they composed in his praise. Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by this humble Carpenter of Nazareth.

His unique contribution to humanity is the salvation of the soul! Philosophy could not accomplish that. Nor art. Nor literature. Nor music. Only Jesus Christ can break the enslaving chains of sin. He alone can speak peace to the human heart, strengthen the weak, and give life to those who are spiritually dead."

First Reading: Isaiah encourages us to be strong and fear not when God comes.
What weakness and fear block my acceptance of God into my life?

Second Reading: St. James counsels patience as we wait for God.
What makes it hard for me to be patient this Advent?

Gospel: John prepares a way for Jesus to draw near to us.
What can I do today to smooth a way for God to come to others?

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Brian Baker, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassins, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Naomi Diel, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Dex Habito, Piper Hastings, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford and Patrick Wheeler.

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times.
Amen

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Kerry Cini, Mary & John Ford & John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Andrew Busuttil & Jim Rowan. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace*



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Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays 7pm preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm

Rosary

Intention is for world peace. Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Church.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays 3.30pm in the Marian Chapel. All welcome

Holy Hour for Vocations Saturday 5.00 - 6.00pm

"For your example, brothers, in patiently putting up with persecution, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name" (James 5:10). A vocation is responding to the call of God.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council	06/01	7.30pm
SVDP	28/01	7.00pm
Leisure Group	22/01	10.00am
Liturgy	12/12	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	02/01	7.30pm
Finance	16/01	7.30pm
Sacramental	05/02	7.30pm

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21/22 December	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group E	Group H	Group J	Group I
Acolytes	Tim Hamilton	Exequiel Rana Mike Ryan	Norm Badaoui Eric Wood	Maynard Palomares
Reader	Annabelle Hamilton	Sanchea Rodrigues	Gabrielle Badaoui	Richard Houwing
Commentator	Maddie Hamilton	Emmy Cox	Jill Cruz	Michael Hruby
Ministers of Communion	Diana Roberts Gerard Fabien	Sean Trainor Dilani Dhammapala	June Wood Peter Cruz	Joshua Ortiguerra Chris Torres
Presentation of Gifts	Peter & Renata Beck	Volunteer	Brogden Family	Couples for Christ
Projector	JMJ (Jhun Javier)	Lourdes Zaballa	Helene/Julianne Barker	Larry & Persy Mapanao & Connie
Children's Liturgy	No Liturgy			
Window cleaning	Lou Pulverenti, Phyllis Trovato			
Church cleaning	Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock, Linda Pereira			

Feast Days

21st St Peter Canisius
"If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all" St Peter Canisius

Moments of Mercy

Look into My Heart and see there the love and mercy which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look, and enter into My Passion. (Diary 1663)

Catholic Weekly

- WA death squad
- A blessing for Westconnex
- Medevac move slammed
- Sheen beatification called off
- A home for the homeless
- Movie review *The Two Popes*

Catholic Outlook

Please pick up your copy of the Catholic Outlook, for you and a friend located at the rear of the church.

Piety Store

Available in the Piety Store:
★ Gifts for Christmas and all occasions ★
Come in and have a browse

Lights of Christmas

St Mary's Cathedral
5-25 December

Celebrate the joy of Christmas every night at St Mary's Cathedral until Christmas night. Starting each day at 7.30pm with a choir performance. Then the lights from 8:30pm to 11:00pm.

Christmas Cards

A wide selection of Religious cards are available in the piety stall.
Please keep Christ in Christmas

Weekday Mass Attendees

On the evening of Tuesday 17 December our Parish School will be celebrating the Year 6 Graduation Mass. Our regular evening Mass therefore, will be moved to Tuesday 9:10am. The evening mass will be cancelled for that evening only.

St Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL



A very big THANK YOU to all those parishioners who donated so generously to our recent Christmas Hamper appeal. As a result, our Conference was able to pack and deliver a whopping 100 hampers, one of our best results.

A special thanks to those non-conference parishioners who volunteered their time in both the packing of the hampers and their eventual distribution.

We are extremely blessed to have such wonderful parishioners who continue to surprise us every year.

We would like to take this opportunity of behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with joy and happiness.

May God continue to Bless our parish.



The Note Book

The December issue of The Note Book is available this weekend. Please be sure to take home a copy.

January-March Rosters

Rosters for Window Cleaners, Presenters of the Gifts, Readers & Commentators, Altar Servers, Ministers of Communion and Acolytes are now available outside the Sacristy, as well as on our website. Many thanks to everyone involved and for your ongoing commitment.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

Tuesday, 24 December ~ 7.00pm

MIDNIGHT MASS

12.00am (Carol singing from 11.40pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, 25 December ~ 8am and 9.30am

(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday 1 January 2020 ~ 9.10am

6:30pm Christmas Eve
Childrens' Nativity & Mass
24/12/19
St Paul The Apostle Church



REHEARSAL:
10:00am-1:00pm, 20th Dec 2019
Father David Scott Parish Centre

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Christmas Eve and Children's Nativity and Mass

Thank you so much for being part of the St Paul the Apostle Nativity in the past. I would like to invite your family to again take an active role in the Nativity this year. Please respond to the image above. Looking forward to spend another special celebration of the Nativity with you. Veronica