



# 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

We celebrate today the feast of the Lord's Epiphany.

The word Epiphany, which means *appearance* or *manifestation*, marks Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. "Epiphany" refers to God's self-revelation as well as the revelation of Jesus as His Son.

The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish scriptures. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus' identity at His baptism in the Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah.

These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany. Today's gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ child, God allowed them to see wondrous things.

### The True Epiphany:

A rabbi put the following question to his disciples, "How can we determine the hour of dawn, when the night ends and the day begins?"

One student replied, "When from a distance you can distinguish between a sheep and a dog." "No," said the rabbi. Another student quickly offered, "When you can tell a fig tree from a grapevine."

"No," repeated the rabbi. "Then tell us, please," asked the students.

Replied the rabbi, "**Darkness ends and day begins when you can look into the faces of all other human beings and you have enough light in you to recognise them as your brothers and sisters.**"

## 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, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, 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**



**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**

Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christian.

## Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council	06/01	7.30pm
Liturgy	09/01	7.30pm
Finance	16/01	7.30pm
Leisure Group	22/01	10.00am
SVDP	28/01	7.00pm
Sacramental	05/02	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	06/02	7.30pm

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	11 /12 January	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Group G	Group E	Group J	Group C	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tony Anthony	Tim Hamilton Peter Samson	Eugene De Souza Larry Mapanao	Maynard Palomares	
<b>Reader</b>	Peter Gold	Annabelle Hamilton	Kate Fitzsimons	Christina Greenlees	
<b>Commentator</b>	Veronica Reitano	Maddie Hamilton	Keenan Fitzsimons	Michael Hruby	
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Gerard Fabien Peter Cruz	Jan Francis Veronica Fry	Frank Roach Wendy Roach	Frank Bailey Kerry Bailey	
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Patrick & Louise Artup	Volunteer	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Couples for Christ	
<b>Projector</b>	Sylvia McGee	Norm Badaoui	Warren D'Costa	Jill Cruz	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy				
<b>Window cleaning</b>	Dennis Dunacchie, Greg D'Souza				
<b>Church cleaning</b>	Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard, Gemma Martin				

## Feast Days

7th St Raymond of Penyafort

"Look then on Jesus, the author and preserver of faith: in complete sinlessness he suffered, and at the hands of those who were his own, and was numbered among the wicked. As you drink the cup of the Lord Jesus (how glorious it is!), give thanks to the Lord, the giver of all blessings." (Saint Raymond of Penyafort)

## Moments of Mercy

To comprehend, experience and offer The Divine Mercy of God we must first adore the Most Holy Trinity. If we could but fathom just a glimpse of true adoration of the Most Holy Trinity, we'd be left speechless, silent, overwhelmed with peace, contentment and joy (Diary #5).

## Catholic Weekly

Great value still only \$2.00. Please be sure to pick up a copy next week.

**No Catholic Weekly available this weekend**

## 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 all occasions ★  
Come in and have a browse

## St Vincent de Paul Society

Many thanks to those parishioners who contributed so generously to our recent appeal. Once again a great result. Owing to the Christmas holiday break there will be some delay in issuing receipts for credit card users.



## Little White Box

Is available this weekend. All proceeds go to the Pregnancy Support Foundation. A small contribution could make a big difference in the life of a little one and her mother. Thank you for your continuing support of this worthwhile cause!!!

## Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again this year, commencing early February. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9630 6516.

## Please keep an eye out

As you may appreciate at this time of year school and church grounds will generally be empty and unattended. If you notice anything suspicious or out of the ordinary please contact the Parish Office.



*We extend a warm welcome to anyone visiting our Parish during this season of Christmas and New Year, and wish you and all members of our Parish Family God's blessing for the coming year!!!*

## 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 Busuttill & Jim Rowan. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace*

## 50th Anniversary Celebrations



### So what's happening?

- main event will be the anniversary Mass Sunday 2nd Feb 9:30am
- following mass will be a meal in our school grounds and you're all invited
- special presentations at all weekend masses in the two weeks leading up to main Mass
- in June a special souvenir edition of The Notebook will be released.

### What can I do? How can I help?

- To assist with catering, and to showcase our many cultures, please bring a plate on the day and drop it off before mass commences
- feel free to lend a hand before mass to set up for lunch - any and all help is appreciated
- reach out to those (eg elderly, infirm) who may not have transport and offer them a lift on the day so they don't miss out
- share articles/stories on our Parish history. We are also looking for a photo of the previous Nativity scene if you happen to have a photo please contact the Parish Office
- and the least we can all do is to pray for wonderful weather and that our celebration is one to remember (for all the right reasons!)

### Anything else I need to know?

- there will be access and restrictions to parking on the day - more on this next week.
  - if you're in touch with former parishioners then we would be grateful if you can let them know and invite them!
- See you all there!!**