

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

A quiz competition was conducted by a famous TV channel in England. Amidst various interesting questions was this - which is the shortest distance between Yorkshire and Lancashire? These famous industrial towns of England were buzzing with life.

Big prize money was allotted for the right answer. Many competitors took a keen interest in finding out the shortest distance between the two cities. Some took their bicycles to find out the route, others their motorbikes, still others their cars, some even walked the entire distance. And each one sent their findings.

The lucky person to get the prize money was the one who answered thus, "The shortest distance between Yorkshire and Lancashire is good company."



In today's gospel we find such an interesting instance, the two disciples who walked seven miles from Jerusalem to their small village Emmaus exclaimed "*Did not our hearts burn within us while He walked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?*"

It is not the distance, but the company which makes the journey cumbersome or joyful or memorable.

If the Risen Christ is with us on our pilgrim way, our journey would be joyful irrespective of pain or sorrow, trials or tribulations.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

If you would like to contribute to the general running and maintenance of the Parish, please contact the Parish Office on 9639 6516.

Contributions can be made:

- weekly using the envelope system; or
- monthly by direct debit.

St Madeleine's Parish, Kenthurst invites you to the

KENTHURST COUNTRY FAIR

Come for the exciting rides, school "Battle of the Bands", fresh fruit and vegetables, plants for your garden, second-hand stalls, delicious food, and amazing raffle prizes!

Great fun for the whole family!

Sunday 7 May from 9am

28 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst

*Celebrating the
100th Anniversary of*
**OUR LADY OF
FATIMA**

Saturday 13th May 2017

*Procession from Our Lady
of Lebanon Co - Cathedral
Harris Park to St Patrick's
Cathedral Parramatta & Mass*

9.00am: Liturgy of Our Lady at
Our Lady of Lebanon
9.30am: Procession to
St Patrick's Cathedral
11.00am: Mass at St Patrick's
12.00pm: BBQ lunch

**Saturday 13th May
Procession & Mass**

For more information: St Patrick's Cathedral Office 88398400



www.facebook.com/ourladyoffatima100years/

FEAST DAYS

30th St Pius V
2nd St Athanasius
3rd Ss Philip & James

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.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

NEXT MEETING

Parish Council	01/05	7.30pm
MOSJ - W Hills	04/05	7.00pm
Baptism Talk	04/05	7.30pm
Leisure Group	10/05	10.00am
SVDP	10/05	7.00pm
Liturgy	14/06	7.00pm
Finance	20/07	6.45pm

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- How we celebrated Easter: The big round-up
- Monica Doumit: Tough luck for baby girls
- Bishop Peter Elliott: The light and dark of Martin Luther
- George Weigel: I counsel caution on Lefebvre
- Matthew Tan: God and cigarettes
- Australian Catholic Youth Festival song competition opens

MOMENTS OF MERCY

My daughter (*to St Faustina*), do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace.
(Diary, 1074)

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NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

6 / 7 MAY	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	N	P	Q	F
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Chris Leonard Jan Francis	Veronica Fry Gerard Fabien	Emmy Cox Nic Vidot	Kate Fitzsimons Sean Trainor
ALTAR SERVERS	J	K	A	D
READERS COMMENTATORS	Shron Del Rosario Pauline Knowler	Leanda Standring	Natalie Mifsud Tony D'Souza	Youth Group
PRESENTATION	Kingsley Family	Wallace family	Chen Family	Youth Group
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Melanie Fletcher and Ebony Elias			
CHURCH CLEANING	Minda Chumroomridhi, Warren D'Costa, Valentine Mukuria, Charlotte Dos Remedios and Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa			
WINDOW CLEANING	Phyllis Trovatto, Lou Pulvirenti and Gerard Rajakariar			

NSW ABORTION LAWS PETITION

There are currently two bills before the New South Wales Parliament seeking to decriminalise abortion and to create so called "safe zones" around the clinics.

Abortion is very harmful to women and children. These new laws being proposed will add to the existing problem of abortion and will do nothing to address the needs of vulnerable pregnant women.

The Life, Marriage & Family Office of the Diocese of Parramatta has made available a Petition for all parishioners to sign. You will find this in the foyer during this weekend only as it needs to be posted early in the week.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference.

BOOK DONATIONS

Any unwanted books & magazines (adult aged reading material) are welcome as donations for a community organisation that will highly value the donation. Please leave all book donations at the Parish Office.

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.

Ordination to the Diaconate
of
Shinto Francis
by
Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long
OFM Conv DD
Saturday 27 May 2017
at the 6pm Vigil
St Paul the Apostle Church, Winston Hills
All welcome to attend

GIFTS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

We have stocked up with new First Holy Communion gifts for purchase at the Piety Stall. The Piety Stall is open before and after all weekend Masses. You are welcome to drop in for a browse.

Break Free Seminar

'Exploring the natural alternatives to the pill'
Have you experienced any side effects of The Pill and is there a natural alternative that's just as effective? Hear from educators in natural fertility awareness methods and people's personal experiences who have made the change. Empower yourselves with knowledge about your fertility.

Saturday 20 May 2017, 2pm-3:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Hosted by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. For more info, go to <https://parralmf.org.au/nfs/> and register at 88383460 or nfs@parra.catholic.org.au