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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

Welcome Fr Trovia Lui

On 12 December 2015, Fr Trovia Lui will be coming to our parish, St Paul the Apostle, as Assistant Priest.

Fr Trovia was born in Samoa. He was ordained a priest on 8 December 1983, for the Archdiocese of Samoa-Apia.

Fr Trovia earned a licentiate degree on Moral Theology in the Academia Alfonsiana, Rome.

In 1995, he was appointed chaplain for the Samoan Catholics in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. In 2004, he was incardinated to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Fr Trovia has asked to take a leave from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to exercise active ministry in the Diocese of Parramatta, where most members of his family reside.

Welcome Fr Trovia Lui.



Celebrate the Second Week of Advent

We light the second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

WEEKDAY MASS GOERS PLEASE NOTE

On the evening of Tuesday 15th December the Parish School will be celebrating its Year 6 Graduation Mass.

Our regular Adoration, Benediction, Mass and Novena, therefore will need to be cancelled for that evening only. Mass for Tuesday 15th December will take place in the morning at 9.10am

The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah*, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis*, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently await the messiah's triumphant return.

"But you, Bethlehem, only a small village in Judah, yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from a distant past... And He will stand to lead His flock with the Lord's strength... Then His people will live undisturbed, for he will be highly honoured around the world. And he will be the source of our peace." (Micah 5:2, 4-5)

This is one of the most powerful messianic passages because Bethlehem is pinpointed as the birthplace of the Messiah. Written 750 years before Christ, the prophet Micah tells of the honour which will belong to Bethlehem. Christ's deity and humanity are shown here – He is a shepherd, leading with the strength of God, bringing peace to His people.

The precision of God's promises proclaimed and fulfilled inspire us continually to hope in God. The hope of Christians is wishful thinking, but based on the historical facts of Christ's birth, death and resurrection, and in the confidence of His eagerly anticipated return.

(Liza Robertson)

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Paul the Apostle Church, Winston Hills
Monday 14 December at 7pm
St Bernadette's Church, Castle Hill
Tuesday 22 December at 7.30pm

"I am a nobody, I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf."

St Juan Diego

FEAST DAYS

- 6th St Nicholas
- 7th St Ambrose
- 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9th St Juan Diego
- 11th St Damasus I
- 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Church. 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 Church. All welcome.

PIETY STORE

- Come in and have a browse -*
- Columban Calendars \$8
 - Christmas Cards \$5 for pack of 10
 - Christmas gift ideas

NEXT MEETING

Youth Parish Council	6/12	7pm
Leisure Group	7/12	7.30pm
SVDP	09/12	10am
	09/12	7pm
Liturgy	16/12	7pm
Baptism	7/01	7.30pm
Finance	28/01	7pm

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5.00 - 6.00pm

Who, today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord, to clear Him a straight path? Good, I prayed you would.

FATHER MAC'S HEAVENLY PUDDINGS

These are available for purchase this weekend. 800g puddings \$15. Some gluten free puddings available. Proceeds to the NSW Right to Life.

LITTLE WHITE BOX

All proceeds go to the Pregnancy Support Foundation. A small contribution could make a big difference in the life of a little one and its mother.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Mary is National Geographic's 'most powerful woman in the world'
- Secular media set their sights on Cardinal Pell, again
- Bishops step forward in asylum seeker debate, back call to 'set kids free' for Christmas
- Literary convert: Oscar a slave to sensation, but Wildest at the end
- Children suffer because of adoption 'taboo'

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NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

12 / 13 DEC	ACOLYTES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS	READERS COMMENTATORS	PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS
6.00pm Vigil	Q	Evelyn Brien Jan Francis	F	Carmel Kevill Phil Ogle	Bob & Judy Reilly
8.00am	S	Sean Trainor Diane Samson	C	Gabrielle Badaoui Emmy Cox	Erin Smith & Family
9.30am	I	Ken Abrahams Cathy Staff	D	Veronica Reitano Kors Van Eyk	As arranged
6.00pm	T	Pat Lord Peter Cruz	E	Esmerelda El-Bayeh Michael Hruby	Whiting Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Kata Collimore and Michelle Thompson			
CHURCH CLEANING		Isabelle Badaoui, Eileen & Dennis Dunnachi, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard, Gemma Martin			
WINDOW CLEANING		Peter de Robillard, Rose Fabrello and Michael Albert			

30th Anniversary Celebrations of the New Church

St Paul the Apostle Parish will be commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the foundation of the Church Building which took place on 15th December 1985.

To celebrate this milestone, a Parish event will take place next Sunday 13th December 2015. Bishop Kevin Manning will begin the celebrations with Mass at 9.30am. This will be followed by brunch in the church grounds.

Please come, join us. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reminisce, share stories of who we were then and who we are now, eat good food, catch up with friends and maybe make new ones too!

A barbeque will be provided. However, if you would like to bring a plate of your favourite cultural dish, it would be most welcomed.

We look forward to seeing everyone on this special day!

YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has called on the whole Church to celebrate an extraordinary jubilee Year of Mercy. The jubilee commences next Tuesday with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and concludes next year with the Solemnity of Christ the King.

The explanation of the logo is a good summary of what the Year of Mercy means and this can be found at:

<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/logo.html>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Therese & Noel Scahill, Alice, Aurelio Lopez & Julia Sherman, Bern, Mary Betts, Elias & Afifi Younis, Frank Whiting, Ted Church, Elizabeth & Allan Ward, Stella Borg, Fabri Family, Suzanne Portelli, Ross Nelson, Pasquale & Maria Paoletti, Josephine Clayton, Edna Fernandez, Adrian Coppolino, Marie & Claude Strange, Nellie Rodrigues, Brian Hollings, Franco & Lucia Paoletti, Joe Mangion, Sebastian Pereira, Therese Farrugia, William Wilson, Sam Vella, Paul Gove and Mario & Maria Coppolino.

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
Monday 7 December at 7pm in the Parish Office. Although the programme has commenced, it is not too late to join. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith please have them contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Eve Nativity and Vigil Mass

Would you like to be involved?
Please give Veronica Brogden a call on 0414 345 526
or email veronica.parramatta@gmail.com
Rehearsals start 19th December

ADVENT WREATH ROSTER

There are still a number of places to be filled for anyone who would like to participate in the Advent Liturgies by lighting the Advent Candle at the beginning of Mass, please leave your name on the sheet at the back of the church.



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal

Our local conference is once again seeking food donations to provide hampers to needy people in the Mt Druitt area. Your donations may be left in the foyer up until next weekend to enable packing on 16 December. For perishable goods please be aware of "best before" or "use by" dates. As hampers are delivered in green shopping bags, donations of these bags would also be appreciated.