



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

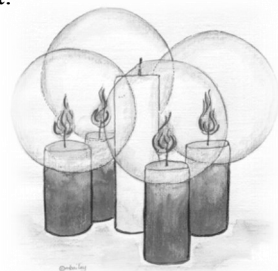
RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

from FATHER RANING

I wish I had a brother like that

Paul received an automobile from his brother as a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve when Paul came out of his office, a street urchin was walking around the shiny new car, admiring it.



"Is this your car, Mister?" he asked.

Paul nodded. "My brother gave it to me for Christmas." The boy was astounded. "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you nothing? Boy, I wish..." He hesitated. Of course Paul knew what he was going to wish for. He was going to wish he had a brother like that.

But what the lad said jarred Paul all the way down to his heels.

"I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that."

Paul looked at the boy in astonishment, then impulsively he added, "Would you like to take a ride in my automobile?"

"Oh yes, I'd love that."

After a short ride, the boy turned and with his eyes aglow, said, "Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house?" Paul smiled a little. He thought he knew what the lad wanted. He wanted to show his neighbours that he could ride home in a big automobile. But Paul was wrong again.

"Will you stop where those two steps are?" the boy asked. He ran up the steps. Then in a little while Paul heard him coming back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little crippled brother. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car. "There she is, Buddy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn't cost him a cent. And someday I'm gonna give you one just like it...then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I've been trying to tell you about."

Paul got out and lifted the lad to the front seat of his car. The shining-eyed older brother climbed in beside him and the three of them began a memorable holiday ride.

That Christmas Eve, Paul learned what Jesus meant when he had said: "It is more blessed to give..."

Dan Clark from Chicken Soup for the Soul (1992)

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Bernadette's Church, Castle Hill
Tuesday 22 December at 7.30pm

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

Everyone is invited to reflect and celebrate Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral. Starts each evening until 25th December at 7.30pm with a choir performance. The light show comes on just after dusk and stays on until midnight. St Mary's Cathedral is close to public transport and parking stations.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

to Norm Badaoui and to all the members of the Parish Council for your efforts and time in making the 30th Anniversary Celebrations such a memorable occasion. Thank you to all who attended the Mass and the brunch and to all who contributed any way in making this such a joyful day. Special thanks to The Most Reverend Kevin Manning in celebrating with us.

If you have too much to do,
with God's help you will find time to do it all.

St Peter Canisius

FEAST DAYS

21st St Peter Canisius
23rd St John of Kanty
25th Christmas
26th St Stephen

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

For this week only, the Chaplet will be recited on Wednesday 23 December at 3pm (following the Rosary)

NEXT MEETING

SVDP	23/12	7pm
Baptism	7/01	7.30pm
Youth	15/01	7pm
Leisure Group	27/01	10am
Liturgy	27/01	7pm
Finance	28/01	7pm
Parish Council	01/02	7.30pm

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5.00 - 6.00pm

Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will, O God"? Blessed are you who trusts that the Lord's words to you will be fulfilled.

PIETY STORE

Come in and have a browse -

- Columban Calendars \$8
- Religious Christmas cards are \$3 for a pack of 8 cards.
- Fr Mac's Christmas Puddings are still available for \$15.00
- Christmas gift ideas

THE NOTE BOOK

This is available this weekend. Please take home a copy for yourself and a friend.

CHRISTMAS EVE GET-TOGETHER

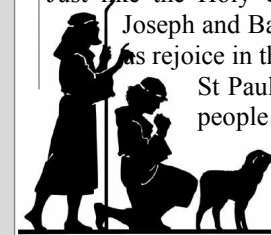
Hello fellow parishioners and visitors!!

There will be drinks and nibbles in the Father David Scott Parish Centre on Christmas Eve after the 7pm Vigil Mass and will continue till 11.30pm just before midnight Mass.

Everyone is welcome. There will be drinks and nibbles served. However, if you would like to bring a plate of your choice you are most welcome to do so.

It will be an evening of fellowship where we can meet and chat with new friends and catch up with old friends. And Santa will be there to give lollies to the children.

Just like the Holy Christmas night where Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus became a family, let us rejoice in the family atmosphere of St Paul the Apostle and welcome all people even if only for a chat. We join together as a united parish community to celebrate in the spirit of Christmas. Thank you.



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal



Parishioners have been wonderfully generous with their donations for Christmas hampers. The hampers will be packed with goodies for local as well as families in Mt Druitt area. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this festive season extra special for families in need this Christmas.

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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

26 / 27 DEC	ACOLYTES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS	READERS COMMENTATORS	PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS
6.00pm Vigil	E	Veronica Brown Chris Leonard	D	Frances Stephenson Jill Cruz	Bisazza Family
8.00am	D	Jan Francis Gerard Fabien	C	Elly Benkovich Emmy Cox	Domingo Family
9.30am	R	Joyce Lord Evelyn Brien	E	Kathy Ireland David Ireland	Halligan Family
6.00pm	H	Carmel Kevill Sylvia McGee	F	Kate Fitzsimons Michael Hruby	Volunteer
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		No Children's Liturgy During School Holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING		Jennifer Akandu, Couples for Christ, Jhun Javier, Slava Palos, Tanya Rurz			
WINDOW CLEANING		Craig Colbert, Joe & Yvonne El-Bayeh and Michael Albert			

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
Thursday, 24 December ~ 7pm

MIDNIGHT MASS
Carol singing from 11.40pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday, 25 December ~ 8am and 9.30am
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Saturday 26 December	Mass of the Day 9am
Saturday 26 December	Sunday Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 27 December	Sunday Masses 8am, 9.30am and 6pm
Monday 28 December	Mass of the Day 9.10am

NEW YEARS DAY MASS
Friday 1 January 9.10am

ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

It is unfortunate that our Christmas Mass Roster went missing during the week. Would those who have already put down their name for a role in the Christmas Masses please do so again. Apologies for any inconvenience.

And for those Ministers who would still like to participate in any of the Christmas liturgies, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

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
Next rehearsal Tuesday 22nd December