

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

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.

MOMENTS OF MERCY

"No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away unconsolated."

Diary of St. Faustina, 1777)

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 recognize them as your brothers and sisters.**"

THE AARONIC BLESSING

from last Sunday's readings:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face and bring you peace.

FEAST DAYS

13th St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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 Marian Chapel. Please join us.

NEXT MEETING

Baptism Talk	02/02	7.30pm
Leisure Group	18/01	10.00am
SVDP	18/01	7.00pm
Finance	09/02	6.45pm
Parish Council	06/02	7.30pm
Liturgy	08/02	7.00pm
Men of St Joseph	TBA	

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

14 / 15 JANUARY	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00AM	9.30AM	6.00PM
ACOLYTES	C	B	V	M
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Carmel Kevill Chris Leonard	Emmy Cox Nic Vidot	Shani Tarrant Volunteer	Elly Benkovich Ann McDonald
ALTAR SERVERS	I	J	K	A
READERS COMMENTATORS	Zoe Barcelon Pauline Knowler	Michael Mifsud Tony D'Souza	Simon Lai Kors Van Eyk	Kate Fitzsimons Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Joseph & Lillian Budwee	Domingo Family	Reid Family	Volunteer
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy during the school holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING	Isabelle Badaoui, Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard, Gemma Martin			
WINDOW CLEANING	Nereo and Rosa Fabrello			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- ◇ Ditch selfishness, have courage. Pope Francis' New Year's resolution.
- ◇ What are the chances? Change in U.S. abortion laws?
- ◇ Top-down turned around. Child protection goes global from the ground up.
- ◇ Archbishop Fisher speaks to Notre Dame graduates.
- ◇ The Architecture of Catholic Faith - Dr Matthew Tan.
- ◇ Fun with Faith. Kids pages.

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Maltese Community Council of NSW Australia Day 2017 Special Event

To be held on

Date: Sunday 22ND January 2017

Time: 4.00pm to 6.00pm at the

Place: Holroyd Function Centre
17 Miller Street Merrylands NSW, Lv 1,
(parking available on site)
Light refreshments will be served afterwards

PIETY STORE COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Don't forget to pick up a Columban Art Calendar for \$8. Supporting the Columban Mission.

Mass for World Day of the Sick: 9 February

Everyone is welcome to this annual Mass in acknowledgment of carers and those for whom they care. Includes the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church, 51 Allawah St, Blacktown. Plenty of parking - refreshments to follow.

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.

Come, join us celebrate the 2017 Filipino Diocesan Fiesta in honour of St Joseph, the Husband of Mary

Main Celebrant: Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta

Sunday, 19 March 2017, at St Michael's School Grounds 155 Reservoir Road, Blacktown

- * 10:45 am Holy Mass, followed by
- * Lunch sharing and entertainment

Theme: "*St Joseph: Solidarity and Fraternity*"

Filipino Chaplaincy, Diocese of Parramatta

ROSTERS

Rosters for the quarter January to March 2017 are available by the door to the Sacristy. These include: Acolytes, Altar Servers, Church Cleaners, Ministers of Communion, Presentation of the Gifts, Readers and Commentators and Window Cleaners. Thank you to all of you who are involved in these ministries, for your time and commitment.