

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills NSW 2153  
Telephone: 9639 6516 ♦ Fax: 9686 1727

Website: [www.stpaultheapostleparish.org](http://www.stpaultheapostleparish.org)

**Parish Priest: Fr Raning Creta**  
**Assistant Priest: Fr Tovia Lui**

## 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

On the roof of a Catholic Church in Werden, Germany, one can see the stone carving of a lamb. There is a story behind that stone. A man was working on the roof of this church when his safety rope broke and he pitched headlong into the churchyard below. The yard was cluttered with huge stones. But the man was not hurt seriously. Between two of the blocks a lamb was nibbling grass. The man fell on the lamb, crushing it to death, and breaking what would have been a fatal fall.

In gratitude that workman carved a lamb out of a stone and placed it on the roof. It was a gracious way of expressing his thanks to the dumb animal that had unknowingly saved his life.

Much deeper and more meaningful is our gratitude to Jesus, the Lamb of God, for saving us from the eternally fatal fall from grace. Willingly and lovingly Christ gave his life that we might live. That is what St John is talking about when he calls out in today's gospel: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."



In the Old Testament lambs were used in sacrifice. They were figures of Jesus Christ who was to take away all the sins of the world. Calling Christ a Lamb expresses the fact that He is the One to be sacrificed, the One who would reconcile God with man.

## SOLO PARENT SERVICES

### (Division of Catholiccare Social Services - Parramatta Diocese)

Solo Parent Services particular focus is with those who are grieving the loss of their spouse or partner following separation, divorce or death. We recognize that these people who are grieving also face particular challenges associated with adapting to a new identity.

The role of Grief counselling is to accompany and assist people to come to a point of being able to reinvest their emotional and physical energy back into life and living.

Solo Parent Services offer individual counselling, support groups, psycho-educational programs and seminars which are conducted in a safe and supportive environment. These services are offered separately for those in the process of a separation and divorce or grieving the death of their spouse or partner. Our groups and services are currently offered from our offices at Parramatta and Blacktown, or Parish based in the Western Suburbs where required.

For more information contact Rita Chater on 8822 2222 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## FEAST DAYS

17th St Anthony, Abbott  
20th St Fabian  
St Sebastian  
21st St Agnes

## 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. Please join us.

## NEXT MEETING

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

## NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

21 / 22 JANUARY	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00AM	9.30AM	6.00PM
ACOLYTES	E	F	H	R
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Sharon Del Rosario Elizabeth Farrar	Kate Fitzsimons Pat Lord	Joyce Lord Dianne Stocks	Tony Anthony Gerard Fabien
ALTAR SERVERS	B	C	D	E
READERS COMMENTATORS	Elly Benkovich Lourdes Zaballa	Shani Tarrant Emmy Cox	Christie Bawden Michael Reid	Aurea Javier Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	John & Anita Buggy	Volunteer	Brogden Family	Dennis & Violy Whiting
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy school holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING	Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock and Linda Pereira			
WINDOW CLEANING	Phyllis Trovato, Lour Pulvirenti and Gerard Rajakarariar			

## HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- The attractiveness of truth - Archbishop's homily
- What Dubai's Catholics can teach us - Fr Martin Maunsell
- Rejoicing in the evil of others - Simcha Fisher
- Children: The hidden cost of divorce
- Three papal honours for Sydney Catholics
- Death to moral relativism - Fr Flader
- Fun with Faith - Kids page

## MOMENTS OF MERCY

Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces that they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to my compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. (Diary 1146)

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

17-19 February

Everyone is invited to join CCR's Holy Spirit Mission for a weekend of Renewal, Restoration and Revival. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will preside at the opening Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday at 7.30pm. On Saturday & Sunday, the program at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills, includes children's ministry, Reconciliation from 1.00pm-2.00pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing Mass at 4pm on Sunday. Presenters include: Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Fr Ken Barker MGL. Entry is free.

For more information, visit [www.ccrparramatta.org](http://www.ccrparramatta.org)

*I found Him Whom my soul loveth:  
I held Him and I will not let Him go.*

*St Agnes*  
Pray for us

## 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.

## POSITIONS VACANT

- The Institute for Mission requires a full time Team Assistant - Communications & Admin for their office in Blacktown.
- The Office for Worship requires a full time Administration Assistant for their office in Blacktown.
- The Diocesan Ministry Centre in Blacktown requires an Administration and Project Support Assistant (6 month maternity leave contract).

More details for these positions can be found at: <http://parracatholic.org/employment>

## 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.

## 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.