

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 bride was ordering her wedding cake and asked the cake decorator to inscribe her favourite scripture passage on top. It was from John's first epistle, 1 John 4:18: **"There is no fear in love, and perfect love casts out fear."** Just right for a wedding!

Unfortunately, the cake decorator didn't know the difference between an epistle and a gospel, so he went for the gospel, John 4:18, instead of the epistle, 1 John 4:18. And when the happy couple stepped forward to cut their cake, this is the text they found on top: "You have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband." Happy honeymoon!

The woman at the well in Sunday's gospel had

made a mess of her life. She couldn't seem to get a grip on things, and she had no idea where she was going. So Jesus gently helped her see where her life was going - absolutely nowhere, and see what all those husbands were about: Her heart was longing for something more than just good times, good food and drink, and the warmth of a man's touch.

What she wanted is what we all want: Meaning, purpose, a sense of direction, and a calm, sure sense of belonging to someone who can fill us full. And that comes only from being rooted deeply in the one who gives us life and *is Life itself. He alone can fill us full. There is no other.*

Jesus helped that Samaritan woman see that her life could be different, if only she'd set down her roots in God and get her life into harmony with the one who gave her life. With tears of relief, she saw what she needed to do, and she set out to do it.

KINDERGARTEN 2018 ENROLMENTS

St Paul the Apostle School is currently accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2018. Please bring your child's original Birth and Baptismal certificates with you when applying. If your child was baptised at St Paul's a certificate is not required. Applications must be made in person, between the hours of 8am-4pm. Applications close in May.



EASTER LITURGIES

If you are involved in any Mass ministry and would like to take part in the Easter ceremonies, please enter your name on the Easter Liturgies Roster which can be found in the foyer.

WASHING OF THE FEET

Anyone wishing to take part in the "Washing of the Feet" on Holy Thursday night please place your name on the sheet provided in the foyer.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

The Handmaids of the Lord, an integral part of the family ministry of Couples for Christ Australia Oceania Mission, invites you to participate in a **Christian Life Program (CLP)** to be held in the

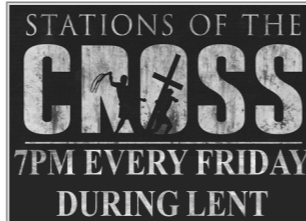
Father David Scott Parish Centre
Next Session Sunday, 26 March at 1pm

The program is an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian women. The CLP is a Christian renewal and support ministry and is open to mature women who may be a single parent, unmarried, divorced, separated or widowed.

Details please call:
Lourdes Zaballa ~ 0413 263 695
Sylvia McGee ~ 0410 685 002

HOLY WATER CONTAINERS

We are seeking donations of small containers for distribution of holy water during Holy Week. Donations may be left at the Parish Office. Thank you for any help you can give.



FEAST DAYS

19th St Joseph
23rd St Turibius of Mogrovejo
25th The Annunciation of the Lord

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.

NEXT MEETING

SVDP	22/03	7.00pm
MOSJ - Westmead	23/03	7.00pm
Leisure Group	29/03	10.00am
Liturgy	30/03	7.00pm
Parish Council	03/04	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	06/04	7.30pm
Finance	20/04	6.45pm

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

25 / 26 MARCH	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	R	F	E	P
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Pat Lord Veronica Brown	Veronica Fry Jan Francis	Dinne Stocks Sean Trainor	Evelyn Brien Peter Cruz
ALTAR SERVERS	E	F	G	H
READERS COMMENTATORS	Frances Stephenson Phil Ogle	Dilanni Dhammapala Tony D'Souza	Peter Gold Michael Reid	Michael Hruby Jill Cruz
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Lorenz & Bernadette Young	Volunteer	Volunteer	Couples for Christ
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Julie Ogle, Stephanie Ogle and Madeline Palos			
CHURCH CLEANING	Couples for Christ, Jhun Javier, Jenny Akandu, Slava Palos and Mark & Caroline Penafiel			
WINDOW CLEANING	Nereo and Rosa Fabrello			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm
Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.

THE NOTE BOOK

March issue is available this weekend. Please take home a copy for yourself and for those who could not be with us today.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday at 3.30pm in the Marian Chapel. Please join us.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- We need a Catholic media with bite, says veteran media expert
- Money to kill: Football scandal reveals the extent of moral decline
- Fr John Flader: Who were the Western Fathers of the Church?
- Mark Shea: Lenten thrills in sincere searching
- Shen Yun ticket giveaway
- Sydney goes global with 24 Hours for the Lord

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A MASS & BLESSING FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM

In celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to honour and pray for all those in our community with autism, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Mass and Blessing for People with Autism, to be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

St Benedict's Church, Broadway
Sunday 2 April 2017 ~ 2pm

For inquiries or to RSVP by Tuesday 28 March please contact:

(02) 9307 8404
LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Invites you to its school and parish

FETE

Bennett Street, Wentworthville
(entry also via Smith Street Wentworthville)

Friday 24 March 2017
from 3pm till 9pm

Entry is free

Unlimited ride wristbands can be purchased for \$27.00 on the day

MOMENTS OF MERCY

You will not be alone because I am with you always and everywhere. Near to my Heart, fear nothing ... Know that My eyes follow every move of your heart with great attention. I am bringing you into seclusion so that I Myself may form your heart according to My future plans. (*Diary 797*)

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.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Getting comfortable with helplessness

1 April ~ 10.30am - 4pm
Cost: \$25

Registrations from 9.30am. Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9.45am and 10.00am. Please remember to bring your own lunch.

02 8795 3400

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Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty
~ Pope Francis ~



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