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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

To conclude a long sermon on repentance, a fire-and-brimstone preacher said forcefully, "I want everyone in this congregation to know that there is one among us who especially needs to repent this day—a man who has been unfaithful to his wife. I want him to know that I know who he is and that if he knows what is good for him, he had better put a fifty dollar bill in today's offering." When the service was over it was discovered that the collection plates contained 30 fifty dollar bills together with a note attached to an offering of \$40 dollars which read as follows: "This is all I had with me. I'll put in the other \$10 next week."

The story is told about a man who claimed that he "got religion." An old crony who knew about his shameful past heard the news, called him on the phone, and said, "Joe, they tell me you've got religion." "I sure have," came the reply. His friend responded, "Then I suppose you'll be going to

church every Sunday." "That's right," Joe affirmed, "I started 5 weeks ago and haven't missed a service since." "And I suppose you're going to quit smoking and drinking." "Already have," Joe replied. "In fact, I haven't smoked a cigarette or touched a drop of liquor since." His friend paused for a moment. Finally, remembering how much money Joe owed him, he said with an intended jab, "I suppose too, now that you've got religion, you're going to pay up all your old debts." At that point Joe exploded and exclaimed, "Now wait a minute! That's not religion you're talking about; that's business!"

Religion should not change the outside only, but it must cure the problem of the heart.

The Season of Lent calls us to repentance. For some of us today, this worship experience will be a homecoming. For some of us there will be the joy of healing, the joy of new life, the joy of reconciliation. Some of us may leave still groping in the empty darkness, still separated from God. It all depends on our willingness to change, to turn our lives around: to REPENT.

MOMENTS OF MERCY

My daughter, during the weeks when you neither saw Me nor felt My presence, I was more profoundly united to you than at times [when you experienced] ecstasy. And the faithfulness and fragrance of your prayer have reached Me.

(Diary 1246)

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight Saving ends next Sunday 2 April. Please remember to set your clock back by one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



Journey through Holy Week with Catholic Youth Parramatta

All are invited to join youth and young adults of the Diocese for the Palm Sunday Procession, WYD Mass & Event at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta on Sunday 9 April. The procession down Church Street with Bishop Vincent will depart at 5.30pm from Parramatta Town Hall following a short liturgy.

On Friday 14 April the Good Friday Night Walk will take place at 10pm through the night departing St Patrick's Church at Blacktown and concluding at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta at 7am.

Building on the success of more than 1300 participating last year the journey will again take us through the Parishes of Blacktown, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, Merrylands and Parramatta.

Further details on **Catholic Youth Parramatta** Facebook Events page. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, (02) 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7PM EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

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	29/03	10.00am
Liturgy	30/03	7.00pm
MOSJ – Winston	30/03	7.00pm
Parish Council	03/04	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	06/04	7.30pm
SVDP	12/04	7.00pm
Finance	20/04	6.45pm

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

1 / 2 APRIL	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	J	P	C	U
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Pauline Knowler Chris Leonard	Elly Benkovich Jan Francis	Joyce Lord Nic Vidot	Tony Anthony Peter Cruz
ALTAR SERVERS	A	B	C	D
READERS COMMENTATORS	Elly Benkovich Pauline Knowler	Christie Bawden Diane Samson	Natalie Mifsud Phil Ogle	Youth Group
PRESENTATION	Prideux Family	McClintock Family	Isaacs Family	Nguyen Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Belinda Hamilton and Annabelle Hamilton			
CHURCH CLEANING	Minda Chumroonridhi, Warren D'Costa, Valentine Mukuria, Charlotte Dos Remedios and Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa			
WINDOW CLEANING	Phyllis Trovato, Lou Pulvirenti and Gerard Rajakariar			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Did Mary MacKillop heal this boy?
- Simcha Fisher: Mary of Medjugorje is not your mother
- Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP: There is no-one outside our offer of love and hope
- Should priests be able to get married?
- Meet the cooking priest
- Monica Doumit: The Coopers tragedy
- Bishop Peter Ingham at the diocesan education Mass

During Lent, penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social
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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.

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.

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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.

BAPTISM WELCOME

to Alexander Sonntag and Oliver Templeman who were baptised here last weekend.

We thank almighty God for the gift of new life. May God the Father, who has received these little ones by baptism into his Church, pour upon them the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people they may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. Amen.

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.