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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

Here is the epitaph on a pastor's tomb:
Go tell the Church that I am dead,
But they need shed no tears;
For though I'm dead I'm no more dead
Than they have been for years.

As Vice President, George Bush represented the US at the funeral of former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. Bush was deeply moved by a silent protest carried out by Brezhnev's widow. She stood motionless by the coffin until seconds before it was closed. Then, just as the soldiers touched the lid, Brezhnev's wife performed an act

of great courage and hope, a gesture that must surely rank as one of the most profound acts of civil disobedience ever committed in the communist Russia: she made the Sign of the Cross on her husband's chest. There in the citadel of secular, atheistic power, the wife of the man who had run it all made a gesture suggesting that her husband had been wrong. She hoped that there was another way of life—a life best represented by Jesus who died on the cross, and that this same Jesus might yet have mercy on her husband and raise him up on the Day of the Judgment.

In today's gospel, Martha expresses her faith in Jesus' assurance of the resurrection of her brother Lazarus.

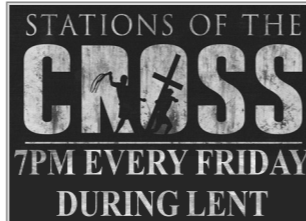
KINDERGARTEN 2018 ENROLMENTS

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.

PYX RETURN BOX

We have installed a special box for the return of pyxes which is located by the front door of the Parish Office. Ministers of Communion to the Sick are asked to please deposit pyxes in this box, should the Sacristy door be locked on their return from their visits.

Please do not place other items such as keys, letters, mass offerings etc. in the Pyx Return Box. Many thanks for your co-operation.



FEAST DAYS

2nd St Francis of Paola
4th St Isidore
5th St Vincent Ferrer
7th St John Baptist de la Salle

In the light of faith, you see things quite differently.
St John Baptist de la Salle

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

Parish Council	03/04	7.30pm
MOSJ – Westmead	6/04	7.00pm
Baptism Talk	06/04	7.30pm
Leisure Group	12/04	10.00am
SVDP	12/04	7.00pm
Liturgy	19/04	7.00pm
Finance	20/04	6.45pm



NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

8 / 9 APRIL	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	U	S	Q & T	N
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Pat Lord Gerard Fabian	Veronica Fry Diane Samson	Dianne Stocks Ken Abrahams	Sean Trainor Lesley Neylan
ALTAR SERVERS	E	F	G	H
READERS COMMENTATORS	Sharon Del Rosario Phil Ogle	Gabrielle Badaoui Emmy Cox	Veronica Reitano Michael Reid	Frances Stephenson Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION	Sebastian Family	Volunteer	Jesser Family	Humphreys Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays—No Children's Liturgy			
CHURCH CLEANING	Isabelle Badaoui, Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard and Gemma Martin			
WINDOW CLEANING	Dennis Dunnachie and Greg D'Souza			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

LITTLE WHITE BOX

Is available this weekend. Your financial support, no matter how small, makes a big impact on the lives of a mother and her little one.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Doctors behaving badly: Ethicist silenced by adolescent behaviour
- Monica Doumit: Statistics and their uses
- Mugged by Medjugorje: Priest tells of remarkable conversion
- Question Time 3: A great Catholic resource
- Thousands take to streets in celebration of life's dignity
- George Wiegel: If only Fr Sosa had spoken on tape

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES

PALM SUNDAY

9 April 2017

Blessing and Procession of the Palms commences at 9.30am at the Parish Centre followed by Mass
(and not at 9.15am as in previous years)

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 6 April ~ 7pm

HOLY THURSDAY

There is no morning Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7pm
Reconciliation ~ 8.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross ~ 10am and 7pm
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion ~ 3pm
Reconciliation ~ 5pm



HOLY SATURDAY

There is no morning Mass
Reconciliation ~ 11am-12pm
Easter Vigil Mass ~ 6pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses ~ 8am and 9.30am
There is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday

MOMENTS OF MERCY

Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary 1246*)

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.

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.

FRIDAY PENANCE

Friday is a traditional day of penance and should be marked by:

- Prayer**—participating in the Eucharist, family prayer, visiting a church, reading the scriptures, making the Way of the Cross, praying the Rosary.
- Self denial**—abstaining from meat, sweets, or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with the family, limiting food and drink in support of the poor.
- Helping others**—giving special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, overburdened.

PARISH MORNING TEA

This will take place next Sunday following the 9.30am Mass. Please join us!!