

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 rabbi and a soapmaker went for a walk together. The soapmaker said, "What good is religion? Look at all the trouble and misery of the world! Still there, even after years - thousands of years - of teaching about goodness and truth and peace. Still there, after all the prayers and sermons and teachings. If religion is good and true, why should this be?" The rabbi said nothing. They continued walking until he noticed a child playing in the gutter.

Then the rabbi said, "Look at that Child. You say that soap makes people clean, look at the dirt on that youngster. Of what good is soap? With all the soap in the world, over all these years, the child is still filthy. I wonder how effective soap is, after all!"

The soapmaker protested, "But, rabbi, soap cannot do any good unless it is used!"

"Exactly," replied the rabbi. "Exactly!"

When doubts of faith occur, we may actually be using our faith and this can be the occasion for stronger faith.

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'

Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Sr Faustina in the 1930's and promised that he would bestow his Divine Mercy to any sinner that totally repents his/her sins, no matter how grave, and our Lord would not refuse any soul that seeks his mercy. It is not a mere coincidence that in the private revelations that Sr Faustina received Jesus asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

Therefore, on 30th April 2000, when Pope John Paul II canonized his country-woman, Sr Faustina, he said, "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'." In brief, this Sunday invites us to contemplate the mercy of God. We experience this Divine Mercy very tangibly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and also in Grace - the unmerited favour, the gratuitous gift which God gives to us out of His compassion and merciful love.

FEAST DAYS

23rd St George
St Adalbert
24th St Fidelis
of Sigmaringen
25th Anzac Day
26th St Mark
27th St Louis Grignon de
Montfort
28th St Peter Chanel
29th St Catherine of Siena

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. All welcome.

NEXT MEETING

Leisure Group	26/04	10.00am
SVDP	26/04	7.00pm
MOSJ - Westmead	27/04	7.00pm
Parish Council	01/05	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	04/05	7.30pm
Liturgy	14/06	7.00pm
Finance	20/07	6.45pm

ANZAC DAY SCROLL

This year we are inviting you to include, on a scroll, the names of your loved ones who have served in past wars or who are serving at present. The scroll will be placed on the Altar during our Anzac Day Mass and will be offered up especially for all those listed, and indeed for all servicemen and women. The scroll is hanging in the foyer on the right side as you exit the church.

WINSTON HILLS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

next meeting
Monday 24 April 2017 at 7.30pm
Woodberry Village
Lanham's Road, Winston Hills

ANZAC DAY DAWN MASS

St Paul the Apostle Church
Winston Hills

TUESDAY
25TH APRIL 2017
6.00AM

commemorating the
landing at Gallipoli
and acknowledging
all our valiant people
that served in past
and present wars

LEST WE FORGET

*Please note the Tuesday evening
Mass at 7.00 will be celebrated as usual*

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

29 / 30 APRIL	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	J	D	M	L
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Evelyn Brien Kate Fitzsimons	Lesley Neylan Sylvia McGee	School	Diana Roberts Sean Trainor
ALTAR SERVERS	F	G	H	I
READERS COMMENTATORS	Frances Stephenson Emmy Cox	Esmerelda El-Bayeh Veronica Reitano	School	Jill Cruz Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Poole Family	Maguire Family	Gokel & Barton Families	Sewell Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy - School Mass			
CHURCH CLEANING	Elly Benkovich, Romina Frangi, Anne Gonzalez, Jennifer & Daniel Lowe, Chantelle Moubarak			
WINDOW CLEANING	Nereo and Rosa Fabrello			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Be there: Special Fatima walk 13 May
- Teachers hot for chant in schools
- Luther: Theology's Nordic Noir?
- Monica Doumit: Egypt's heroic Coptic Christians
- Karl Schmude: Fairy tales
- Tony Farley: BXVI was right - we need a new approach to the minimum wage

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On that day all the divine floodgates
through which graces flow are opened.
Let no soul fear to draw near to Me,
even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy
is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel,
will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.

LIFTED LIVE!

Featuring Steve Angrisano
13 May

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta for our first LIFTED Live! in 2017 at our new central venue in the Rooty Hill RSL. Last year, more than 400 young people were inspired by Catholic musician, singer, songwriter and storyteller Steve Angrisano. You can expect music, prayer, worship, adoration, drama, laughs and a great night as the LIFTED Band and Steve join forces in faith, formation and fun! \$5 entry fee to be inspired and upLIFTED for your ongoing ministry! From 7pm-10pm at Rooty Hill RSL, 55 Sherbrooke Rd, Rooty Hill. RSVP thru the **Catholic Youth Parramatta** Facebook event. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, ring 8838 3428 or email jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

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.

NEW TESTAMENT WORKSHOPS 10, 12 & 13 May

The internationally respected Scripture scholar Prof van Than Nguyen SVD will be conducting three face-to-face workshops at The Broken Bay Institute which will be of practical interest to teachers, parishes and religious communities. Prof Nguyen is the Chair of Catholic Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the Director of its widely respected Master of Divinity Program. He has published extensively in the areas of *New Testament Studies* and on *Spirituality in a Pluralistic Society*. Topics: ♦Interpreting and Preaching the Gospel of Matthew—10 May ♦The Lukan Spirituality of Jesus—12 May ♦Reading the Bible in the Context of World Christianity—13 May

For further information and to register:
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