

# 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

It was high noon in midtown Manhattan. The streets were buzzing with activity: crowds of people scurrying to lunch; auto horns honking; brakes screeching; a siren wailing.

Two men mere making their way together through the throng. One was a native New Yorker, the other a Kansas farmer on a visit. Suddenly, the farmer stopped and said to the city dweller, "Hold on! I hear a cricket!" His friend replied, "Are you kidding? Even if there were a cricket around here, which isn't likely, you would never be able to hear it over all this noise." The farmer remained quiet for a few moments, then walked several paces to the corner where a bush was growing in a large cement planter. He turned several leaves over and found the cricket. The city man was flabbergasted. "What great ears you have," he said.

"No," The farmer replied, "Your ears are as good as mine. It's a matter of what you've been conditioned to listen for. I'll show you." Whereupon, he pulled a handful of coins from his pocket and let them drop to the sidewalk. As if on signal, every head on the block turned. "You see," said the farmer, "You hear what you want to hear. It's a matter of what you're listening for."



Week-after-week we come together and some men named Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Paul try to tell us that the Word became flesh and entered into time and yet walked within the boundaries of an eternal rhythm.

Are you listening?

They try to tell us of the Love that was beyond measure.

Are you listening?

They try to tell us of a hope beyond reason.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today the Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations – whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion. The Pope, in his Letter for today, tells us 'There is no room for fear!' May each one of us be fearless in praying for, and promoting more vocations.

## PARISH MORNING TEA

Please join us after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday for a cuppa and good company. It will be Mothers' Day ~ let's celebrate!

## HOLY WEEK BOOKLETS

Anyone involved in the Holy Week Liturgies, who is still holding onto a comb-bound booklet, would you kindly return it to the Parish Office. We would like to preserve these for future use, enabling us to save resources and precious time.

Ordination to the Diaconate  
of  
**Shinto Francis**  
by  
**Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long**  
OFM Conv DD  
**Saturday 27 May 2017**  
at the 6pm Vigil  
St Paul the Apostle Church, Winston Hills  
All welcome to attend

## BOOK DONATIONS

Any unwanted books & magazines (adult aged reading material) are welcome as donations for a community organisation that will highly value the donation. Please leave all book donations at the Parish Office. Thank you for the great response so far.

## FEAST DAYS

- 12 St Nereus & Achilleus  
St Pancras
- 13 Our Lady of Fatima

## 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.

## LITTLE WHITE BOX

is available this weekend. All proceeds go to the Pregnancy Support Foundation. A small donation goes a long way.

## NEXT MEETING

Leisure Group	10/05	10.00am
SVDP	10/05	7.00pm
MOSJ – Westmead	11/05	7.00pm
Baptism Talk	01/06	7.30pm
Parish Council	05/06	7.30pm
Liturgy	14/06	7.00pm
Finance	20/07	6.45pm

## NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS AND OTHER ROSTERS

13 / 14 MAY	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	S	T	C	U
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Chris Leonard Elizabeth Farrar	Jan Francis Elly Benkovich	Ken Abrahams Evelyn Brien	Kerry Bailey Peter Cruz
ALTAR SERVERS	C	B	E	F
READERS COMMENTATORS	Frances Stephenson Diane Samson	Shani Tarrant Phil Ogle	Peter Gold Michel Reid	Tony Anthony Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION	Wehbe Family	Domingo Family	Hardwick Family	Howe Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Karlina Waciega and Myles Waciega			
CHURCH CLEANING	Isabelle Badaoui, Eileen and Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince Chris Leonard and Gemma Martin			
WINDOW CLEANING	Dennis Dunnachie and Greg D'Souza			

## HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest."

## THE NOTE BOOK

Please submit all articles by Wednesday 10 May.

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- St Patrick's, Bondi, turns 100
- Sydney Catholics flock to sign abortion petition
- Great little secret: BXVI Retreat Centre
- Women's mentoring programme to launch
- Home ownership crisis
- North Korean gulag: Special report

## MOMENTS OF MERCY

With My mercy, I pursue sinners along all their paths, and My Heart rejoices when they return to Me. I forget all the bitterness with which they fed My Heart and rejoice in their return. ... What joy fills My Heart when you return to Me. Because you are weak, I take you in My arms and carry you to the home of My Father. (*Diary 1728 and 1486*)

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May, the month of our  
**MOTHER MARY**



Let's imitate Jesus in His love for Our Lady by offering her "flowers" of our filial love and affection in the little things of each day!

## NSW ABORTION LAWS PETITION

**There are currently two bills before the New South Wales parliament seeking to decriminalise abortion and to create so called "safe zones" around the clinics.**

Abortion is very harmful to women and children. These new laws being proposed will add to the existing problem of abortion and will do nothing to address the needs of vulnerable pregnant women.

The Life, Marriage & Family Office of the Diocese of Parramatta has made available a Petition for all parishioners to sign. You will find this in the foyer.

We are fortunate to have been granted an extension for the submission of the petition ... And so we encourage anyone who has not signed to please take the time to do so today.

As Catholics this should be a very serious concern to us. Let us invoke the intercession of our Heavenly Mother, especially during this month of May, the month of Mary!!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Therese & Noel Scahill, Louis Bayeh, Aurelio & Connie 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.

*Celebrating the  
100th Anniversary of  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
Saturday 13th May 2017*

*Procession from Our Lady of Lebanon Co - Cathedral Harris Park to St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta & Mass*

9.00am: Liturgy of Our Lady at Our Lady of Lebanon  
9.30am: Procession to St Patrick's Cathedral  
11.00am: Mass at St Patrick's  
12.00pm: BBQ lunch

**Saturday 13th May  
Procession & Mass**

For more information: St Patrick's Cathedral Office: 88398400  
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