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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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 9.10am
Tuesday 7.00pm (*Exposition 6.00pm - 7.00pm*)
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.10am
Saturday 9.00am

FROM FATHER RANING

The difference between knowing the faith and showing the faith

A man who was walking close to a steep cliff lost his footing and plunged over the side. As he was falling he grabbed on the branch of a tree that was sticking out about half way down the cliff. He managed to hang on the weak limb with both hands. He looked up and he saw that the cliff was almost perfectly straight and he was a long way from the top. He looked down and it was a long, long way down to the rocky bottom.

At this point the man decided that it was time to pray.

He didn't pray a long, wordy prayer, he simply yelled out, "God, if you're there, help me!"

About that time he heard a deep voice coming from high up above that said, "I'm here my son, have no fear."

The man was a little startled at first by God's voice, but he pleaded, "Can you help me? Can you help me?"

God replied, "Yes, I can my son, but you have to have faith. Do you trust Me?"

The man answered, "Yes lord, I trust You." God said, "Do you really trust Me?"

The man, straining to hold on replied, "Yes Lord, I really trust You."

Then God said, "This is what I want you to do, let go of the limb, trust me and everything will be all right."

The man looked down at the rocks below, then he looked up at the steep cliff above him and yelled, "Is there anybody else up there who can help me?"



In the gospel story, Jesus proves that salvation was meant for the gentiles as well as the Jews by healing the daughter of a gentile woman as a reward for her strong faith proving that God's mercy and love are available to all who call out to Him in faith.

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 2-3.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parra.catholic.org.au with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January. can send a receipt.

MOMENTS OF MERCY

I will not delude you with prospects of peace and consolations; on the contrary, prepare for great battles. Know that you are now on a great stage where all heaven and earth are watching you. Fight like a knight, so that I can reward you. Do not be unduly fearful, because you are not alone. (*Diary 1760*)



FEAST DAYS

20th St Bernard
21st St Pius X
22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23rd St Rose of Lima
24th St Bartholomew
25th St Louis
St Joseph Calasanz

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	23/08	7.00pm
MOSJ - WHills	24/08	7.00pm
Leisure Group	30/08	10.00am
Parish Council	04/09	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	07/09	7.30pm
Liturgy	11/10	7.00pm
Finance	12/10	7.00pm

ROSTERS 26/27 AUG	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	F	H	I	J
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Chris Leonard Jan Francis	Ann McDonald Veronica Fry	Lesley Neyland Elizabeth Farrar	Peter Cruz Kerry Bailey
ALTAR SERVERS	K	A	B	C
READERS COMMENTATORS	Elly Benkovich Diane Samson	Christie Bawden Kate Fitzsimons	Michael Mifsud Michael Reid	Jill Cruz Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Bob and Judy Reilly	Volunteers	Brogden Family	Couples for Christ
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Monique Fenech and Sophia Fenech			
CHURCH CLEANING	Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock and Linda Pereira			
WINDOW CLEANING	Dennis Dunacchie and Greg D'Souza			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday at 3.30pm in the Marian Chapel. All welcome.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- John: The passing of a legend
- Opening salvo: Archbishop fires first shots in marriage debate
- Monica Doumit: Reversed world of the Handmaid's Tale
- The human dignity heist
- The English Way
- Matthew Tan: Mary, our mother and our model

THE NOTE BOOK

The August issue of The Note Book is available this weekend. Please take home a copy for yourself and a friend.



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PETITION AGAINST EUTHANASIA

Human dignity is honoured in living life, not in taking it. Even though an act of euthanasia or assisted suicide may be motivated by a sense of compassion, true compassion motivates us to remain with those who are dying, understanding and supporting them through their time of need, rather than simply acceding to a request to be killed. It is right to seek to eliminate pain, but never right to eliminate people. Euthanasia and assisted suicide represent abandonment of those who are in greatest need of our care and support.

Please take the time to sign the petition after Mass

ST PATRICK'S QUARTER

Further to Bishop Vincent's letter of 8 August which is published in this month's Note Book, he has, during the week, announced that the Diocese will undertake a multi-stage project known as "St Patrick's Quarter", which is expected to provide fresh educational, pastoral, and community support in the heart of Parramatta and across the Diocese.

St Patrick's Quarter has three main elements:

1. A new CBD school for primary and secondary students to be known as St Patrick's Cathedral College.
2. A new Diocesan building to be located next to St Patrick's Cathedral on a currently unused section of the St Patrick's Cathedral grounds.
3. A modest commercial/residential hub on the corner of O'Connell St and Victoria Rd.

For further information, please visit www.stpatricksqarter.org or email comms@parra.catholic.org.au

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.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

at St Paul the Apostle Parish

On Sunday 24 September at the 9.30am Mass we will be recognising couples who this year have reached special milestones in their Marriages.

Couples who, in 2017, have or will be celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th or 60th Wedding Anniversary are invited to join us on this special occasion.

Please indicate your acceptance by leaving your details on the form provided in the foyer by Sunday 10th September.

MARRIAGE PLEBISCITE

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to www.aec.gov.au/enrol/ before the cut-off date of **Thursday, 24 August**. Vote "No", to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.