

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

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 Generals of Insignificance in Our Lives:

In the Berlin Art Gallery there is a painting by the famous artist Mengel that is only partially finished. It is supposed to be a painting of King Frederick of Germany talking to his generals. Mengel painstakingly painted the generals first around the outside of the painting. The King was left until last, leaving a bare patch in the middle of the painting with the background of generals. But Mengel died before he could finish the painting. So there is a painting full of generals but no king.

Christians can spend so much time putting all the generals of insignificance, things, personal desires, and they leave the King of Kings until last! How many Christians die without putting Christ into the very centre of their lives? The painting of our lives will never be complete without Christ being the centre. Christians can be so busy with the 'generals of insignificance' and the 'background of things,' not realising that they have left out the most important person, King Jesus Christ whose feast we celebrate today.

MOMENTS OF MERCY

"Transform me into Yourself, O Jesus, that I may be a living sacrifice and pleasing to You. I desire to atone at each moment for poor sinners. The sacrifice of my spirit is hidden under the veil of the body; the human eye does not perceive it, and for that reason it is pure and pleasing to You. O my Creator and Father of great mercy, I trust in You, for You are Goodness Itself. Souls, do not be afraid of God, but trust in Him, for He is good, and His mercy is everlasting." — *Diary*, 908



These will be available for purchase after Mass over the next two weekends, commencing Saturday 2 December 6pm Mass. Puddings are \$15 each. There will also be a limited number of gluten free puddings at a cost of \$20.

CAN YOU HELP

One of our elderly Parishioners is in need of transportation to our masses, preferably the Sunday 9:30am mass. Their residence is at Almeria Avenue, Baulkham Hills. If you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office on 9639 6516. Many thanks for your assistance.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal



Our local conference is once again seeking food donations to provide hampers to needy people in the Mt Druitt area. All donations are greatly appreciated and this year a list of items that are most required will be displayed. Packing will take place 14 December, please place your items in the bins that are available in the Church foyer. For perishable goods please be aware of best before or use by dates. As hampers are delivered in green shopping bags, donations of these bags would also be appreciated.

BAPTISM WELCOME

Congratulations to Xavier Nocum, Tegan Loats, & Tyson Newby who were baptised here last weekend. Lord Jesus Christ hear our prayers, and with Your unfailing protection, watch over and cherish these children whom You have blessed with the grace of baptism.

Carols at St Patrick's Cathedral

Carols in the Forecourt of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be on 2 December at 7pm. Re-enactment of the Christmas story, as well as stalls and activities to enjoy. A BBQ in aid of Arrupe House (Jesuit Refugee Service) will be available. Bring a picnic rug and join in celebrating the season. Entry is free.



FEAST DAYS

30th St Andrew, Apostle
3rd St Francis Xavier
4th St John Damascene

NOVENA MASS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Church preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm

Columban Art Calendar

Please consider buying one for yourself or perhaps a family friend or relative.

Christmas Cards

A wide selection of Christmas cards is available in the piety stall for a cost of \$6.00. Keep Christ in Christmas

NEXT MEETING

MOSJ – W/Hills	30/11	7.00pm
Parish Council	04/12	7.30pm
SVDP	06/12	7.00pm
Liturgy	14/12	7.00pm
Leisure Group	17/01	10.00am
Finance	18/01	7.00pm

2/3 DECEMBER	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	L	C	N	M W
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Sharon Del Rosario Bianca Del Rosario	Veronica Fry Veronica Brown	Kate Fitzsimmons Dilani Dhammapala	Ann McDonald Nic Vidot
ALTAR SERVERS	D	E	F	G
READERS	Esmeralda El-Bayeh Tony D'Souza	Peter Gold Lourdes Zaballa	Shani Tarrant Phil Ogle	Youth Group
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Nereo & Rosa Fabrello	Volunteers	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Youth Group
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Madeline Palos, Julie & Stephanie Ogle			
CHURCH CLEANING	Minda Chumroonridhi, Warren D'Costa, Charlotte Des Remedios, June Balagtas, Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa			
WINDOW CLEANING	Phyllis Trovoto, Lou Pulvirenti and Gerard Rajakariar			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm
Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News? It must be YOU!

ROSARY

For the intention of world peace. Every Wednesday at 2.30pm in the Church

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- The MPs who save life
- Shock as vandals hit Dulwich Hill
- A Life:- Warren Mundine
- Australia's greatest hymster James McAuley
- Death on a train
- Fun with Faith – Kids page – P26



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ADVENT WREATH

We are looking for families, couples or individuals who would like to participate in the lighting of the Advent candles at our Sunday Masses during Advent and on Christmas Day. The candles are lit at the beginning of each Mass. If you would like to take part please insert your name and phone number alongside the Mass you wish to attend, on the roster located in the foyer.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD OF SHINTO FRANCIS

We are very happy to announce that our Deacon Francis Shinto will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 16 December at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

All very welcome to attend.

As many of our parishioners have expressed their interest in attending the ordination, a car pool will be organised. If you are able to assist please place your name, telephone number and number of seats available in your car, on the sheet located in the foyer. For those parishioners who require transportation please also place your name and telephone number on the same sheet.

Shinto will be celebrating his First Mass here at St Paul's on Sunday 17 December at the 9.30am Mass. We would be delighted if you could attend this wonderful occasion, and stay for a while to congratulate Shinto and enjoy a morning tea.

As Fathers Raning and Tovia, will be attending Shinto's Ordination, the 9.00am Mass on 16 December will be brought forward to 8.30am.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

We are in need of parishioners to take part in the Procession of the Gifts particularly at the 8am Mass. Please contact the office on 9639 9516

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.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Scroll for the Holy Souls will be placed on the altar as has been our custom. All Masses offered during November will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in the second collection.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY 3 DECEMBER

The International Day of People with Disability is observed annually on 3 December. In Australia, over many years, the Church has sought to take this day as an opportunity to encourage a truly pastoral view that embraces our total community as the living Body of Christ. We especially pray that we, the Church, can strive to be a people of compassion and relationship, and a sacred place where our gifts are acknowledged, received and celebrated for then we can truly proclaim that we are 'one Body in Christ'.

Special Edition of Catholic Outlook

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back in print for a special, one-off December 2017 Christmas edition. This special edition will be a beautifully bound, 40-page, magazine and showcase the work of the parishes, ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Parramatta. Copies will be available early December.

"It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken" St. Francis Xavier, Priest

