



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

In the Zen tradition of the Far East there is a story about a professor who went to visit the great master Nan-In one day. Master he said, teach me what I need to know to have a happy life. I have studied the sacred scriptures, I have visited the greatest teachers in the land, but I have not found the answer, please teach me the way. At this point Nan-In served tea to his guest. He poured his visitor's cup full and then kept on pouring and pouring so that the tea began to run over the rim of the cup and across the table, and still he poured, until tea was cascading upon the floor. The professor watched this until he could no longer restrain himself. "It's overfull, stop, no more will go in" he cried out. "Like this cup", Nan-in said, "you are full of your own opinions and speculations. How can I show you the way unless you first empty your cup?"

Let us empty our hearts of all the unnecessary and harmful stuff during these Advent weeks, clean it with tears of repentance and confession of sins, fill it with God and keep Him the centre of our lives during Christmas and every day of the New Year.

MOMENTS OF MERCY

It is not always within your power to control your feelings. You will recognise that you have love if, after having experienced annoyance and contradiction, you do not lose your peace, but pray for those who have made you suffer and wish them well. (Diary 1628)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Haylee Stock, Jacob Karpinski, Mia Allison, Thomas Ryan & Josephine Ryan 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. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - Roster

If you are involved in any Ministry here at St Paul's and wish to participate in any of the Christmas liturgies, please place your name on the roster located in the foyer.

ADVENT WREATH

There are still a number of places to be filled for lighting the Advent Candle Please leave your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal

Last weekend for donations - final packing next Thursday 14 December. Please keep donations coming. For perishable goods please be aware of the best before or use by dates. Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKDAY MASS GOERS

On the evening of Tuesday 12 December our Parish School will be celebrating the Year 6 Graduation Mass. Our regular evening Mass therefore, will be moved to 9:10am. The evening mass will be cancelled for that evening only.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Paul the Apostle Church, Winston Hills
Monday 18 December at 7pm

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St Bernadette's Church, Castle Hill
Wednesday 20 December at 7.30pm

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St Michael's Church, Baulkham Hills
Monday 18 December at 7.30pm

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St Anthony's Church, Toongabbie
Monday 18 December at 7.30pm



FEAST DAYS

11th St Damasus
12th Our Lady of Guadalupe
13th St Lucy
14th St John of the Cross

NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

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

Christmas Cards

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

Columban Art Calendar

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

NEXT MEETING

Parish Council	TBA	7.30pm
SVDP	14/12	7.00pm
MOSJ -	TBA	7.00pm
Liturgy	14/12	7.00pm
Leisure Group	17/01	10.00am
Finance	18/01	7.00pm

16/17 DECEMBER	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	U	B	N	J
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Chris Leonard Elly Benkovich	Emmy Cox Nick Vidot	Dilani Dhammapala Ann McDonald	Carmel Kevill Gerard Fabien
ALTAR SERVERS	A	B	C	D
READERS	Aurea Javier Pauline Knowler	Sharon Del Rosario Diane Samson	Natalie Mifsud Leanda Standring	Tony Anthony Lourdes Zaballa
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Peter & Renata Beck	Volunteers	Domingo Family	Dennis & Violy Whiting
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING	Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock & Linda Pereira			
WINDOW CLEANING	Joe Lenehan, Gabrielle Shaw & Gonzalez Family			

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

- Cathedral Christmas Services
- Help the Rohingya with Caritas
- Silent Night gets a new lease of life
- Bishop for Wollongong
- Maronite runs for Bennelong
- Order of Malta share Lourdes blessing with the ill
- Fun with Faith - Kids page - P30



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Christmas Eve Nativity and Mass

COME CELEBRATE!

Rehearsal
18 December 2017 ★ 10.00am—12.00pm

Father David Scott Parish Centre
St Paul the Apostle Church

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ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD OF SHINTO FRANCIS

Deacon Shinto Francis will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 16 December at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The principal celebrant will be Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta. **Everyone is welcome.** The Mass will also be livestreamed on YouTube. Details on parracatholic.org.

The community bus is now full thank you to all the parishioners who registered their interest. The bus will depart at 10:00am sharp from St Paul the Apostle car park and return by approximately 1:30pm.

Due to Shinto's celebration, the usual 9:30am morning tea will be postponed until next weekend.

Shinto will be celebrating his First Mass here at St Paul's on Sunday 17 December at the 9.30am Mass. All very welcome to attend this wonderful occasion, please stay a while to congratulate Shinto and enjoy a morning tea.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
Sunday, 24 December ~ 7.00pm no 6:00pm mass
MIDNIGHT MASS
12.00am (Carol singing from 11.40pm)
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
Monday, 25 December ~ 8am and 9.30am
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sunday, 31 December 2017
Masses as usual at 8am, 9.30am and 6.00pm
Vigil Mass (Saturday evening) as usual at 6.00pm
Monday, 1 January 2018
Mass as usual at 9.10am



HEAVENLY PUDDINGS

All profits go to the NSW Right to Life Association

These will be available for purchase after all masses this weekend. Puddings are \$15 each. There will also be a limited number of gluten free puddings at a cost of \$20.

NOTE BOOK

Please submit all articles for the December issue by next Wednesday 13 December Thank you.

"In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved". St John of the Cross

