



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 RAINING

It was the day before Christmas when an exhausted mother of three realised she'd forgotten to send any Christmas cards. So she dashed down to the mall where she grabbed the first two boxes she found, then rushed home, addressed, stamped, and mailed them.

At last, all her tasks were done, so she sat down to relax just for a moment. Her eyes fell on the single left-over card. "For the last minute, I did all right," she said to herself. Then she opened the card to look at the message which read as follows: "This is just a little note to say a lovely gift is on the way."

Unfulfilled promises. Life is full of them:

- the investment that the broker said was perfect;
- the friend who said she'd/he'd never walk away;
- the heartfelt word: "I'm just here if you need me."

Life is full of unfulfilled promises.

But God isn't like that. Good keeps his promises. That is what we're celebrating this Christmas: Jesus! He is God-With-Us for all time!
He is our very own dear brother for all ages!

Thanks be to God!

MOMENTS OF MERCY

In an appearance to St Faustina, the Christ Child told her, "I keep company with you as a child to teach you humility and simplicity" *Diary*, 184

Liturgical Ministry Courses

The Office for Worship is offering Liturgical Ministry Courses in 2018, open to all parishes and individuals seeking formation and training for serving at the altar. Held at the Diocesan Assembly Centre in Blacktown on Mondays and at St Nicholas of Myra in Penrith on Thursdays, the formation courses are for anyone who is interested in becoming a Minister of the Word, Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Acolyte. Please register your interest by contacting the office on 9639 6516. Also advise what ministries you are interested in. **Bookings close 8 February 2018.**

BAPTISM WELCOME

To Elliot Green and Xavier Jazrawi who were baptised here last weekend. *Angels of God, their Guardians dear to who God's love comments them here, ever this day be at their side to light and guard, to rule and guide.*

FATHER SHINTO FRANCIS

Congratulations to our newly ordained priest Father Shinto Francis. Ordained on Saturday 16 December at St Patrick's Cathedral, which could only be described as magnificent, a truly moving and memorable occasion shared by all. Many thanks to all those who attended the ordination and Father Shinto's first mass, as well as all those involved in Father Shinto's journey to Priesthood. Father Shinto, by your ordination you have been endowed with the sacramental mystery which has been conferred upon you. Powers that liken you to Christ, the power to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, to administer the sacrament of Penance, and so on. Through the priestly ministry that is now yours you are likened to the Apostles, you have been made a minister of the Gospel. To you now applied in a special way the words that Christ spoke to his disciples "As the Father has sent me, so I send you"



FEAST DAYS

26th St Stephen
27th St John
28th Holy Innocents
29th St Thomas Becket

ROSARY

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

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 \$4.00. 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	TBA	7.00pm
Leisure Group	17/01	10.00am
Finance	18/01	7.00pm
Liturgy	07/02	7.00pm
MOSJ - W/hills	08/02	7.00pm

30/31 DECEMBER	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	7.00 PM
ACOLYTES	Jim Martin	Paul Dalhberg	Peter Samson	Ciaron Fitzsimons
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Pauline Knowler Elly Benkovich	Gerard Fabien Emmy Cox	Frank Roach Wendy Roach	Kelly Bailey Sean Trainor
ALTAR SERVERS	I	J	K	A
READERS COMMENTATORS	Dilani Dhamnapala Lourdes Zaballa	Veronica Reitano Phil Ogle	Diane Samson Tony D'Souza	Michael Mifsud Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Caroline Martin Colleen O'Keefe	Volunteers	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Volunteers
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING	Elly Benkovich, Romina Frangi, Ann Gonzalez, Jennifer & Daniel Lowe & Chantelle Moubarak			
WINDOW CLEANING	Nereo and Rosa Fabrello			

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!

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- The best thing I've done Mike Willesee
- A Christmas grace for all
- the family
- 'I'll never give up' Melbourne Lawyer's war Against the death penalty
- Greg Sheridan Belief in God the smartest option
- Royal Commission response
- Arise from the darkness A fabulous guide
- Fun with Faith - Kids page

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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



If you would like to join our Morning Tea team for 2018, please contact Claudine on 0424 225 648 or email claudine_costa@hotmail.com. Many thanks to the 2017 team. I Hope you all can return for another year.

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.

Volunteers for the homeless needed

The Order of Malta requires volunteers to visit 'homeless hotspots' around Parramatta. Volunteer drivers, nurses and paramedics are needed to provide this service to Parramatta's homeless. If you would like to learn more, please email info@smom.org.au

Feast of the Holy Family Vigil

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite families and youth (aged 18-35) to join us for a Celebration Vigil for Feast of the Holy Family, on Saturday 30 December at 2:30 pm. Pizza from 5:30pm, 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. Please RSVP to Sr Paula vocationscsfn@gmail.com by 28 December or 0449 656 406

Mass of the Holy Innocents 28 December

The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be held at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville. Principal celebrant will be Fr Benedict La Volpe OFM Conv. Mass will be followed by a rosary procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents. A luncheon will be provided - please bring a plate to share. Inquiries 9629 2595.

As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and when he said this, he fell asleep. (*Acts of the Apostles, 7:59-60*) "You desire that which exceeds my humble powers, but I trust in the compassion and mercy of the All-powerful God". Saint Stephen