



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

An adult education teacher once gave his students an assignment to go to someone they love before the following week's class and tell them that they loved them. They would then give their report at the next class. It had to be someone to whom they had never said those words before, or at least not for a very long time. At the next class, one man stood up and recounted his story to the class. "I was quite angry with you last week when you gave us this assignment. I could not understand how you dared to tell us to do something so personal. But as I was driving home, my conscience started talking to me. It was telling me that I knew exactly who I needed to say 'I love you' to. Five years ago, my father and I had a terrible argument which we have never resolved. We have avoided seeing each other unless it was absolutely necessary and even then we hardly spoke to each other. So last week by the time I had returned home after class, I had convinced myself to tell my father that I loved him. It was strange, but just making the decision seemed to lift a heavy load off my chest. When I told my wife, she jumped out of bed, gave me a big hug and for the first time in our married life, she saw me cry. We sat up half of the night talking and drinking coffee.

The next day I was up bright and early as if I had slept soundly all night. I got to the office and accomplished more in a couple of hours than I had the whole day before. At 9am, I called my father to tell him I wanted to come over after work and talk to him. He reluctantly agreed. By 5:30, I was at the house. When my father answered the door, I didn't waste any time. I took one step inside and blurted out 'Dad, I just came over to tell you that I love you.' Well, it was as if a transformation had come over him. Before my eyes, his face softened, the wrinkles seemed to disappear and he too began to cry. He reached out and hugged me, saying 'I love you too, son, but I've never been able to say it.' My mother walked by just then with tears of joy in her eyes. I didn't stay long, but I hadn't felt that great in a long time. Two days after my visit, my dad, who had had heart problems but hadn't told us, had an attack and ended up unconscious in the hospital. I still don't know if he'll make it. So my message to all of you in this class is: don't wait to do the things you know need to be done. If I had waited, I may never have another chance to do what I did."

Today's Scripture teaches how we should love others.

First Reading: Peter's life is changed when he realises that God shows no partiality.
What might I do this week to notice and affirm God's love for those outside the Church?

Second Reading: John summarises God's whole existence as love- the power uniting us into a new community.
How might I imitate God's love in some small way by relating more deeply to others?

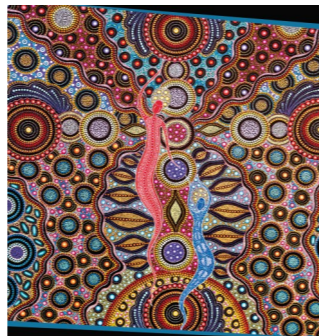
Gospel: Jesus challenges us to love others as we love him.
How might I respond to this challenge by my love for others at home, at work, or at school this week?

St Patrick's Mother's Day Concert

Members of St Patrick's Cathedral Choir are once again going to delight us with the gift of their voices, on 13 May from 3pm. Tickets \$15 Adult, \$10 Concession, \$25 Family. This will be followed by a complimentary 'Afternoon Tea' in the Cathedral Hall. Please contact Pat/Donna from the Parish Office on 8839 8400/8412 or email enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Breakfast with the Bishop

Each year Bishop Vincent hosts a breakfast with youth and young adults from across the Diocese of Parramatta. Attendees have an opportunity to listen to the yearly vision of our Bishop and ask him questions about the challenges they are facing and the priorities they have identified for the year ahead. For more details contact www.parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-breakfast



year of youth
OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY

FEAST DAYS

12th St Nereus
12th St Achilleus
12th St Pancras
13th Our Lady of Fatima

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

ROSARY

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



NEXT MEETING

Parish Council	07/05	7.30pm
Leisure Group	09/05	10.00am
SVDP	09/05	7.00pm
MOSJ - Westmead	10/05	7.00pm
Liturgy	13/06	7.00pm
Finance	26/07	7.00pm

12/13 May	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	Ray Modini	Fidel Zaballa & Paul Dahlberg	Norm Badaoui & Ciaron Fitzsimons	Larry Mapanao
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Chris Leonard Gerard Fabien	Carmel Kevill Elly Benkovich	Dianne Stocks Ken Abrahams	Kerry Bailey Veronica Brown
ALTAR SERVERS	B	I	G	H
READERS COMMENTATORS	Bianca Del Rosario Sharon Del Rosario	Lourdes Zaballa Veronica Reitano	Keenan Fitzsimons Kate Fitzsimons	Tony Anthony Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Paul & Chris Bourke	Volunteers	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Couples for Christ
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Tracy & Vanessa Turini			
CHURCH CLEANING	Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard & Gemma Martin			
WINDOW CLEANING	Joe & Yvonne El-Bayeh			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5.00-6.00pm

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."

NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

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

MOMENTS OF MERCY

My daughter (*to St Faustina*), do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace. (*Diary, 1074*)

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Searching to God in the stars
- Movement re-opens the NSW office
- Archbishop Fisher: Lest we forget
- Good moral values embedded in Avengers
- Movie review: *Little Alfie Evans*

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CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

Next week, The Catholic Foundation is launching its May Appeal which will focus on our collective works of Faith, particularly in support of our seminarians.

A donation to The Catholic Foundation is not only a gift to support our growing number of seminarians, which is deeply valued and needed, but also supports the good works they do in the community – including feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick, and conducting catechises in state schools.

Your donation will be a gift that keeps on giving.

Envelopes will be available for you to take home to consider becoming an Ambassador of Faith, by committing to a \$7 monthly donation that's less than \$2 per week.

Alternatively, you may like to visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au and donate online.

Thank you and God bless.

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.

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!

ST PAUL'S MOVIE NIGHT

THE OTHER WISE MAN

When Saturday 19 May
Time 6pm right after the vigil mass
Where: Fr David Scott Parish Centre

Light supper and refreshments will be served.

Hope to see as many of you as possible and please feel free to invite your friends and family.

LITTLE WHITE BOX

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

THE NOTE BOOK

Please submit all articles for the May issue of the Note Book by Wednesday 9th May. Thank you.

If men knew what eternity is, they would do everything to change their lives – *Our Lady of Fatima*