



# 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

A musician travelled to Vienna to visit the grave of his hero, Beethoven. As he stood at the grave and whispered his prayers, he could hear Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, but it was being played backwards! It was very strange, so the next day he returned to the cemetery with a friend.

This time what he heard was Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, but again it being played backwards! It was all quite bizarre, so he sought out the custodian. "What's going on?" he asked. "Beethoven's symphonies are being played backwards at his grave!"

"Well, of course!" said the custodian, rolling his eyes. "This is a cemetery. Don't you get it? Beethoven is de—composing!"

Sometimes it feels as though parts of our world may be decomposing. Check the news.

What does it all mean? Are some people just born bad, destined to destroy themselves and others? Our faith says "no!" Our faith says that every one of us is born good, made in God's image. Now, if this is true, why do so many good people end up doing such monstrous things?

The first reading for this Feast of the Ascension offers a subtle clue.

Jesus speaks his last words to his disciples: "Go out to all the world and share the Good News, not just by talking about it, but by living it, helping people to see what a real life looks like, just as I helped you to see that."

Having said that Jesus ascends to the heavens and disappears from sight. What happens next is... absolutely nothing! Nobody moves or does a thing, till finally an angel speaks up: "Don't just stand there looking up at the sky. Get busy. You have work to do. People need your help if they are to make lives that are worth living."

Today's Scripture teaches how we should love others.

First Reading: Jesus' ascension ends his time on earth but not his presence for salvation. *How might I witness to the good news of Jesus' abiding presence with us still?*

Second Reading: Paul asks that we grow in the knowledge of Christ and the new relationship he made possible with God.

*What new insight about Christ has been most meaningful for me this Easter season?*

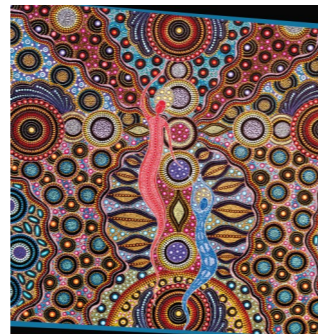
Gospel: After his ascension Jesus continues to work through the disciples. *When have I most felt that God was working through me?*

## Mass For Neophytes

The annual Mass for Neophytes (newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church) will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv on Friday 18 May, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

## GIFTS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

We have stocked up with new First Holy Communion gifts for purchase at the Piety Stall, Communion will take place on Saturday 19 & 26 May. The Piety Stall is open before and after all weekend Masses. You are welcome to drop in for a browse.



year of youth  
OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY

### FEAST DAYS

14th St Matthias  
18th St John I  
20th St Bernardine of Siena

### 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.

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### NEXT MEETING

MOSJ – W/Hills	17/05	7.00pm
Leisure Group	23/05	10.00am
SVDP	23/05	7.00pm
Parish Council	04/06	7.30pm
Liturgy	13/06	7.00pm
Finance	26/07	7.00pm

19/20 May	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Peter Samson	Jhun Javier & Mike Ryan	Eric Wood & Bob McMillan	Warren D'Costa & Tony Anthony
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	Sharon Del Rosario Diane Samson	Kate Fitzsimons Lilia Ferrero	June Wood Joyce Lord	Peter Cruz Sean Trainor
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>READERS COMMENTATORS</b>	Frances Stephenson Leanda Standring	Aurea Javier Elly Benkovich	Kata Collimore Michael Reid	Phil Ogle Jill Cruz
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS</b>	John & Anita Buggy	Volunteers	Mifsud Family	Dennis & Violy
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Karlina & Eleanor Waciega			
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock & Linda Pereira			
<b>WINDOW CLEANING</b>	Nereo and Rosa Fabrello			

## HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5.00-6.00pm

The more your sins are forgiven, the more love you must show - what greater love than to lay down your life for others in a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?

## NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

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

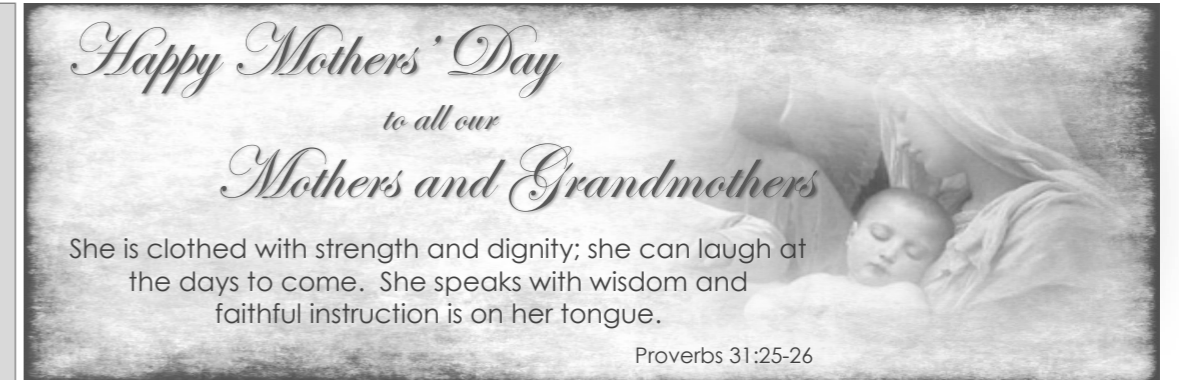
## MOMENTS OF MERCY

Be at peace, My child. See, you are not alone. My Heart watches over you. (Diary 799)

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- 200 years with us
- Catholic Schools speak out
- The women who support Mums: Marilyn Rodrigues
- Gunnedah's major milestone
- Movie review: *Traffik*
- Monica Doumit: Fair Work: Do teens have rights?

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## CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

Today, The Catholic Foundation will launch its May appeal which supports our works of Faith, particularly our seminarians and their good works within the wider community.

A gift for our seminarians is also a gift to the wider community.

Please consider becoming an Ambassador of Faith today and donate a \$7 monthly gift – that's less than \$2 per week.

Donate today and sustain our works of Faith across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

For more information, or to donate online, please visit [www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au) or call 8838 3482

## BAPTISM WELCOME

Mason Kuche, Jessica McGie, Aurora Bush and Dylan Bush who were baptised here last weekend.

*You are new creations clothed in Christ. May you always walk as children of light keeping the flame of faith alive in your heart*

## THE NOTE BOOK

The May issue of The Note Book is available this weekend please take home a copy for you and a friend.

## 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.

## ST PAUL'S MOVIE NIGHT

### THE FOURTH WISE MAN

**When** Saturday 19 May  
**Time** 7pm right after the vigil mass  
**Where:** Fr David Scott Parish Centre

Light supper and refreshments to be served.

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



Would like to invite all the parishioners of St Paul's to attend a *Family Night* on 17 May at 7pm in the Fr David Scott Parish Centre.

Please come along to show your support, and if you can please bring a plate.

For all enquiries please contact Bob McMillan - 0487 074 488

"Every grace granted to man has three degrees in order, for by God it is communicated to Christ, from Christ it passes to the Virgin, and from the Virgin it descends to us."

(St. Bernardine of Siena)