



# 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

One of the strangest seeds in the world is the seed of the Chinese bamboo tree. It lies buried in the soil for five years before any seedling or sprout appears above ground. Think of it! Five years! All during these five years the seed must be cultivated, that is, watered and fertilised regularly. Now comes the big surprise.

When the bamboo seedling finally emerges from the ground, to grow to a height of nine feet in just six weeks. Why does the seedling take so long to emerge? Why does it grow so fast once it emerges? Plant experts say that during its first five years in the soil the bamboo seed is busy building an elaborate root system. It's this root system that enables it to grow nine feet in six weeks.

•Does our faith have any deep roots? How can we know? What is our root system that nourishes us spiritually every day?

On many occasions in his preaching ministry, Jesus uses parables.

??? The word parable comes from the Greek work "parabole," which means to "throw together" things for comparison or illustration. It is a short realistic story intended to encourage reflection by connecting the parable to our own life. Since one can connect the parable to various aspects of one's life or that of one's family or community, parables are open-ended in their application.

Parables were a common teaching device of the Jewish rabbis (teachers) and important to Jesus in his teaching, because the only way we have to talk about what is unfamiliar to us (God's ruling presence or "Kingdom") is in terms that are familiar to us (our everyday life and world). Thus, parables challenge the audience to think about their meaning and change their lives because of what they discover.

The Leisure Group

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 23rd June 2018

7pm for 7.30pm start  
Fr David Scott Parish Centre

Come and enjoy a great evening of games, entertainment, raffles and great prizes, whilst at the same time you will be assisting the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal.

\$10 per person. Tea/Coffee/Cakes provided.  
BYO Drinks and Nibbles.

To make your booking please phone  
Elly Bejma 9686 9028  
Diane Samson 9639 6516

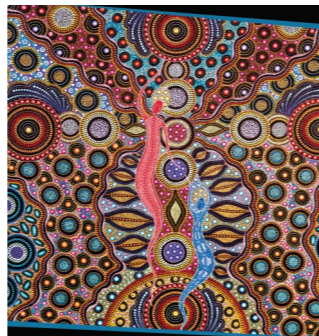
## CATECHISTS WANTED

Can you help? We are looking for assistance teaching at our local State Schools. Please contact Melissa Ellis on 0409 744 565 or email mel.ellis@me.com Please consider joining this wonderful ministry.

## Speaking in Tongues

As part of our special parish feast day Mass (July 1st 9:30am) we invite anyone wishing to read a prayer of the faithful in their native tongue to contact the office. Merci!

"Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction"  
Saint Romuald



year of youth  
OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY

## FEAST DAYS

19th St Romuald  
21st St Aloysius Gonzaga  
22nd Ss John Fisher and Thomas More  
23rd St Paulinus of Nola  
24th The Nativity of St John the Baptist

## 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

Leisure Group	20/06	10.00am
SVDP	20/06	7.00pm
MOSJ - W/Hills	21/06	7.00pm
Parish Council	02/07	7.30pm
Finance	26/07	7.00pm
Liturgy	26/09	6.30pm

23/24 June	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Peter Samson	Ray Modini & Ciaron Fitzsimons	Jim Martin & Andrew Fernando	Tim Hamilton & Tony Anthony
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	Chris Leonard Diane Samson	Jan Francis Veronica Brown	Dianne Stocks Ken Abrahams	Kerry Bailey Dilani Dhammapala
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	E	G	J	K
<b>READERS COMMENTATORS</b>	Frances Stephenson Diane Samson	Keenan Fitzsimons Kate Fitzsimons	Dilani Dhammapala Tony D'Souza	Gabrielle Badaoui Michael Hruby
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS</b>	Haddad Family	Volunteers	Mifsud Family	Couples for Christ
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Belinda & Annabelle Hamilton			
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Couples for Christ, Jhun Javier, Mark & Caroline Penafiel			
<b>WINDOW CLEANING</b>	Nereo and Rosa Fabrello			

## HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5.00-6.00pm  
That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation.

## NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

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

## MOMENTS OF MERCY

Know, My daughter, that the ardour of your heart is pleasing to Me. And just as you desire ardently to become united with Me in Holy Communion, so too do I desire to give Myself wholly to you; and as a reward for your zeal, rest on My heart. (*Diary, 826*)

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- ACT attacks Confession
- Australia Day honours
- Exclusion zone reaction
- Lewisham makeover
- Book Review: Made for this
- The Domremy stargazers

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## PARISH CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST DAY OF ST PAUL Sunday 1st July 2018

Commencing with 9.30am Mass

Followed by a barbeque to be held in and around the Parish Centre

This is be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the life of St Paul, eat good food, catch up with friends and maybe make new ones too! We are hoping to incorporate as many cultures as possible on the day.

Please bring a plate of your favourite cultural dish and any dish will be welcomed.

We look forward to seeing everyone on this special day!

## THE NOTE BOOK

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

## PLANNED GIVING, CARITAS & CATHOLIC FOUNDATION RECEIPTS

Thank you to everyone who contributes. If you require a receipt for the 2017/2018 Financial Year please place your name on the sheet provided at the back of the church. Receipts will not be issued unless requested.

If you are not yet taking part in planned giving or the Catholic Foundation, and would like to, please contact the Parish Office on 9639 6516 during the week.

## 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.

## CATHOLICISM SERIES

Last session is 7pm Friday 29th June in the Conference Room. DVD by Bishop Robert Barron is "The Indispensable Men, Peter & Paul and the Missionary Adventure" which befits our parish feast that same weekend.

To wrap-up the series, there will be Q&A where Fr. Raning will be available to answer any questions and provide insights related to the series. A great opportunity to learn from our parish priest! RSVP for this free event to Lourdes Zaballa 0434 252 601 or parish office 9639 6516 or on the form in the Church foyer or email council@stpaultheapostleparish.org

## HOLY RELIC OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

Solemn Reception of the Holy Relic of St Anthony of Padua to take place on Thursday 21 June Masses and public veneration of the Relics on Friday 22 June St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie

For full details of the celebrations: visit: www.stanthonyschurch.org.au phone 9631 3316 Everyone is warmly invited!

## BAPTISM WELCOME

To Zavier Michael Vila who was baptised here last weekend.

Lord Jesus, bless this child whom you have made your own with fullness of faith in the family of God. Amen.