



# ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

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## WEEKEND 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 one village, a young mother was bitten by a snake and died, leaving behind only her husband and their little boy. The man travelled far and wide, looking for work while his little son stayed with friends. After a long absence, the father came home only to find his village destroyed and all his friends gone.

He searched the rubble and found some small bones, surely the remains of his little son. So he wrapped them carefully in a cloth and carried them with him everywhere he went.

Years passed, and one night the old man heard a knock' at his door. "Who's there?" he called out. "It's me, your son!" came the reply. "I was kidnapped and escaped, and I've spent years searching for you."

"You vicious imposter!" yelled the old man. "My son is dead. Leave me alone!" And he refused to open the door. The pounding continued for a long time, but finally it stopped and the son - for that is who it was - went away.

The old man wept - as he did every night - hugging his bag of dry old bones. All he had to do was to put down the bag and open the door!

Jesus is talking to us about this very thing in Sunday's Gospel. As he sends out his disciples to share the Good News, he gives them crucial advice: Travel light. Let go of whatever can steal life away from you.

So what can steal life from us? Our stuff can be a thief that seizes power over us and cuts us off from real life.

First Reading: God promises to comfort us as a mother comforts a child.

*What comfort would I seek from God today?*

Second Reading: Old status markers mean nothing to St. Paul because of his relation to Christ.

*How has my faith made me rethink worldly honours?*

Gospel: Jesus offers several guidelines for his disciples to follow as they embark on their ministry.

*Which of these is most challenging for me right now?*

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Brian Baker, Elly Bejma, Margaret Brennan, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Tim Coakley, Gus DelVillar, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Patricia Gleeson, Dex Habito, Piper Hastings, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Sonia Merhi, Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Catharine Plisich, Nancy Radocchia, Marty Stockford and Patrick Wheeler.

*As You are the One, and we, Your servants, we pray Oh God above  
to heal and support all members of our parish family who are sick. Amen*

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## Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays 7pm preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm

## Rosary

Intention is for world peace. Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Church.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays 3.30pm in the Marian Chapel. All welcome

## Holy Hour for Vocations Saturday 5.00 - 6.00pm

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

## Light Up St Pat's

St Patrick's Cathedral hosting Light Up St Pat's projections and centre on theme of Hope. Starting 7.15pm July 6 until 21 July. All welcome.

## Upcoming Meetings

Leisure Group	10/07	10.00am
SVDP	10/07	7.00pm
Finance	18/07	7.00pm
Baptism Talk	01/08	7.30pm
Parish Council	05/08	7.30pm
Liturgy	11/09	7.00pm
Sacramental	13/11	7.30pm

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13/14 July	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group H	Group B	Group E	Group I
Acolytes	Tony Anthony	Peter Samson Jim Martin	Bob McMillan Tim Hamilton	Maynard Palomares
Reader	Keenan Fitzsimons	Tahlia Moses	Annabelle Hamilton	Phil Ogle
Commentator	Kate Fitzsimons	Emmy Cox	Maddie Hamilton	Stephanie Ogle
Ministers of Communion	David Warren Evelyn O'Brien	Elizabeth Farrar Veronica Fry	Ken Abrahams Dianne Stocks	Peter Cruz Kerry Bailey
Presentation of Gifts	Patrick & Louise Artup	Volunteer	Brogden Family	Couples for Christ
Projector	Volunteer	Minda Chumroonridhi	Helene/Julianne Barker	Jill Cruz
Children's Liturgy	No Liturgy			
Window cleaning	Dennis Dunacchie, Greg D'Souza			
Church cleaning	Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard, Gemma Martin			

## Feast Days

9th St Augustine Zhao Rong  
11th St Benedict  
13th St Henry

## Moments of Mercy

See I have left My heavenly throne to become united with you. What you see is just a tiny part and already your soul swoons with love. How amazed will your heart be when you see Me in all My glory. (*Diary 1810*)

## Catholic Weekly

- Banned bus advert
- Letter from Rome
- Pray & Play: Mid-winter family activities
- Picking on the Folaus
- Grieving mother's letter
- Movie review: **Toy Story 4**

## Young Women Day Retreat

A retreat day for young women aged 18 and over is being held at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa on Saturday 10 August from 10am to 3.30pm.

The theme is "Discerning Where God is Leading Me in the Here and Now." Discover how to deepen your relationship to Jesus in your everyday life.

RSVP by Monday 5 August to Sr M Luka Junemann on 0439 537 843 or [srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au)

## Planned Giving Envelopes

There are still Planned Giving Envelopes awaiting collection. If you haven't done so already, please pick yours up when next at Mass. If you are not yet taking part in planned giving, please consider joining as this programme supports the Parish in it's general running and maintenance. As always your financial support to our Parish is very much appreciated.

## Mass Offerings

These envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Simply write the name/s of your loved ones and highlighting your specific mass intention. These envelopes can be placed in either of the weekend collections, or as an alternative placed in the brown mail box outside the Parish Office. They must be received by Tuesday to ensure they are included in that following weekend masses.

## Bingo Night

**When** Saturday 10 August  
**Time** 7pm right after the vigil mass  
**Where:** Fr David Scott Parish Centre  
**Cost:** Pay on the night at the door  
Cakes, soft drink will be available to purchase. To RSVP email [stpaulsnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsnetballclub@gmail.com). Limited space available so please get in early. Hope to see as many of you as possible and please feel free to invite your friends and family.

## Cadis Disaster Service

Saturday 13 July starting with 11:30am Holy Mass and Veneration of St Camillus Relic, followed by Lunch, entertainment and Raffle at St Paul the Apostle.

Tickets are \$20.00 per booklet and will be sold after each mass this weekend.

To RSVP or for more details please call Bob on 0469 898 620. Win a prize as well as helping disaster survivors.

## Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio Marotta, Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe and Kerry Cini - May they rest in peace

## Liturgical Ministry Courses

Office for Worship is taking enrolments for it's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission **Enrolments close on 5 August 2019.**

**NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory.**

Please contact the Parish Office for a form or more information, contact 02 8838 3456 or [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org)

## Positions Vacant

Casual Workers/Volunteers

*at Catholic Care Mamre Creche*

Video/Media Creative (3 days/week)

*at Institute for Mission, Blacktown*

Parish Office/Business Manager

*at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith*

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Diocesan Forum Sat 13th July

This Inaugural Diocesan Forum will consider Plenary Council National Themes for Discernment and significant challenges as identified by the People of God. Please pray for fruitful conversation to bring to life ways to grow and share our faith in the Diocese of Parramatta.

## Call out for Note Book articles

Our parish magazine is due for publication next week. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should have it emailed else dropped off to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday 10th July.

## Little White Box

Will be available this weekend.

All proceeds go to the Pregnancy Help Foundation. A small contribution could make a big difference in the life of a mother and her little one.