



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 Raining

According to an old fable, a man made an unusual agreement with Death. He told the Grim Reaper that he would willingly accompany him when it came time to die, but only on one condition – that Death would send a messenger well in advance to warn him. Weeks turned into months, and months into years. Then one bitter winter evening, as the man sat thinking about all his possessions, Death suddenly entered the room and tapped him on the shoulder. Startled, the man cried out, "You're here so soon and without warning! I thought we had an agreement." Death replied, "I've more than kept my part. I've sent you many messengers. Look in the mirror and you'll see some of them." As the man complied, Death whispered, "Notice your hair! Once it was full and golden, now it is thin and white. Look at the way you tilt your head to listen to me because you can't hear very well. Observe how close to the mirror you must stand to see yourself clearly. Yes, I've sent many messengers through the years. I'm sorry you're not ready, but the time has come for you to leave."

First Reading: The Jewish Passover was a time of hope for God's rescue from their difficult situation.
How have I tried to rescue someone from a situation that they thought was hopeless?

Second Reading: By faith, we trust that God will give us new life just as God has promised.
How have I encouraged others to trust God more fully?

Gospel: Jesus warns us to be vigilant because we never know when he will surprise us with his presence.
When has Jesus surprised me by his coming?

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Brian Baker, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Tim Coakley, Gus DelVillar, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Dex Habito, Piper Hastings, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Sonia Merhi, Tess & 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

St. Elisabeth Convent - Belarus

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus). To take place on **Tuesday, the 13th of August, 2019**. Before and after the evening mass.

Feast of the Assumption Walk

The Annual Pilgrim Walk from Kellyville to St Patrick's Parramatta will be held on Thursday 15th August. The Bishop will celebrate Mass at 12 Noon. For more information, contact the parish office on 9629 2595.

Abortion Legislation

All human beings are made in the image of God and that all human beings matter. The Church maintains the vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. This includes the protection of life from conception to natural death. You are encouraged to contact your local NSW State Member of Parliament about this critical issue. Simply phone the electorate office during business hours and let them know that you are from the local area, and would like to ask the Member to vote against the abortion bill.



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

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

Upcoming Meetings

Leisure Group	14/08	10.00am
SVDP	14/08	7.00pm
Parish Council	02/09	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	05/09	7.30pm
Liturgy	11/09	7.00pm
Finance	10/10	7.00pm
Sacramental	13/11	7.30pm

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	17/18 August	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group F	Group H	Group B	Group D	
Acolytes	Larry Mapanao	Ray Modini Fidel Zaballa	Paul Dahlberg Ciaron Fitzsimons	Tony Anthony	
Reader	Nicole Christoy	Sanchea Rodrigues	Elly Benkovich	Richard Houwing	
Commentator	Jill Cruz	Emmy Cox	Veronica Reitano	Bianca Del Rosario	
Ministers of Communion	Peter Cruz Silvestre Ganchingco	Kate Fitzsimons Elizabeth Farrar	Joyce Lord Diana Roberts	Elijah Habito Joshua Ortiguerra	
Presentation of Gifts	TBA	Volunteer	Domingo Family	Volunteer	
Projector	JMJ (Jhun Javier)	Lourdes Zaballa	Robbie Goldin	Youth Group	
Children's Liturgy	Tracy Turini, Vanessa Turini				
Window cleaning	Dennis Dunacchie, Greg D'Souza				
Church cleaning	Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock, Linda Pereira				

Feast Days

- 13th Ss Pontian and Hippolytus
- 14th St Maximilian Kolbe
- 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16th Stephen of Hungary

Moments of Mercy

Every movement of your heart is known to Me. Know that one glance of yours directed at someone else would wound Me more than many sins committed by another person (Diary 588)

Catholic Weekly

- Seven new priests
- Thousands stand up for Life
- Meet Teresa - a confessor for the faith
- Fighting slavery in Sydney
- Grief to Grace
- Art that's Divine
- Movie review: **Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw**

Faith in Marriage Seminar

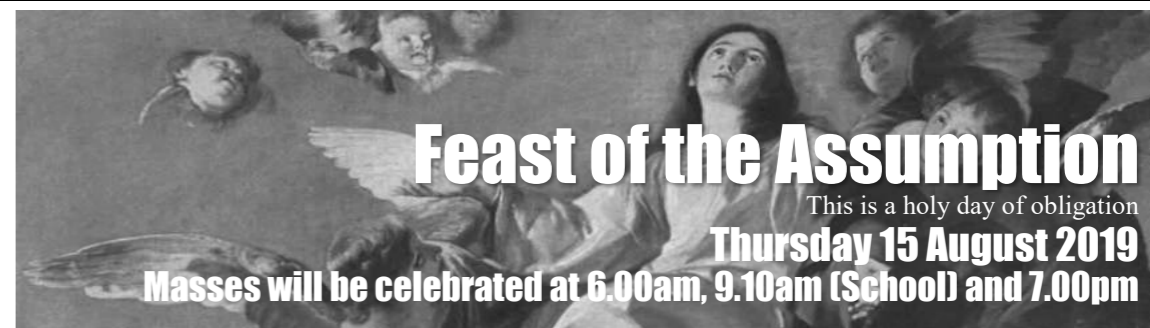
To be held on 30 August at St Paul's Catholic College Hall, Greystanes from 7.30pm. Free entry and a light supper will be served afterwards. Donations are welcome. Please register your attendance to 8838 3460.

Note Book

Please submit all articles for the August issue of the Note Book by Wednesday 14 August.

Campion Book Sale

Saturday 31 August from 10am to 3pm
8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Old Toongabbie



Discover the Riches of The Mass

You are invited to attend a 5 part Bible study featuring Ed Sri. This Biblical Walk Through the Mass, will enable you to know and understand the Mass like never before.

First Session: Friday 16 August
Fr David Scott Parish Centre at 7:30pm
Cost: Donation at the door

Register at: council@stpaultheapostleparish.org or call the office on 9639 6516
Light supper and refreshments supplied
All Welcome

Vinnies Sleepout

Can you help us make an impact for those in need?



The winter sleepout on 30th August is fast approaching.. There is still time to join Anne and Nikki, however, if you don't want to sleep out but want to help out. No problem you can donate to Anne or Nikki on anne.stanfield@vinnies.org.au, or Nikki.cummins@vinnies.org.au or simply place an envelope donation at any collection. Thank you

Orphanage Collection

Many thanks to those parishioners who have shown great interest in supporting Fr Bernard after reading his article in the note book last month. We are proud to announce that on the weekend of **17th and 18th of August at all masses**, a third collection will be taken up for the Orphan children of Uganda for Fr Bernard's Orphanage.

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

Plenary Council 2020

National Theme for Discernment #4

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia.

For more information: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/humble/>

Listening Circles

The Northern Deanery Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to join our first Listening Circle at 2:00pm on Saturday 24 August 2019, at Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish Centre, 1 Canyon Rd Baulkham Hills. Discussions will be confidential. To RSVP please send an SMS to Jill Cruz on 0450 959 391.

The topic on which people will be encouraged to share and listen is the personal impact on them of the clergy sexual abuse crisis facing the Church. The session is carefully scripted to allow groups of no more than six to spend about an hour together, each participant speaking for around ten minutes in total in response to questions posed by the facilitator. Once again, when each participant is speaking, other participants are encouraged to listen.