



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

A wise old gentleman retired and purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young boys, full of youthful, after-school enthusiasm, came down his street, beating merrily on every trash can they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the wise old man decided it was time to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists as they banged their way down the street. Stopping them, he said, "You kids are a lot of fun. I like to see you express your exuberance like that. In fact, I used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favor? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing." The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the trash cans. After a few days, the old-timer greeted the kids again, but this time he had a sad smile on his face. "This recession's really putting a big dent in my income," he told them. "From now on, I'll only be able to pay you 50 cents to beat on the cans." The noisemakers were obviously displeased, but they did accept his offer and continued their afternoon ruckus. A few days later, the wily retiree approached them again as they drummed their way down the street. "Look," he said, "I haven't received my Social Security check yet, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?" "A lousy quarter?" the drum leader exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time, beating these cans around for a quarter, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!" And the old man enjoyed peace by casting fire on the rogue kids.

First Reading: The princes of Judah would not accept Jeremiah's message.
What is Jesus saying to me today that I am having trouble accepting?

Second Reading: "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."
Who in my life right now is witnessing to the power and goodness of God?

Gospel: Jesus tells us his life and message will bring divisions.
What side of the divide am I choosing? How do I know?

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Brian Baker, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Tim Coakley, Camarillo Cossid, 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 Radochia, 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

Parish 50th Anniversary

Our Parish will be turning 50 in February 2020. To mark this occasion we need your help. If you are interested in getting involved to plan and organise this important celebration, a meeting will be held Sat 7th Sept 2:30pm. Please confirm attendance by SMS 0401 564 566 (Norm) or email council@stpaultheapostleparish.org

Note Book

The August issue of The Note Book is available this weekend. Please be sure to take home a copy.

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. Ask the Member to vote against the abortion bill. You are also invited to sign the petition at the back of the church, we would like as many names as possible. Thank you for your support.



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

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

Upcoming Meetings

Leisure Group	21/08	10.00am
SVDP	28/08	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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	24/25 August	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group G	
Acolytes	TBA	Warren D'Costa Norm Badaoui	Mike Ryan Eric Wood	Eugene De Souza	
Reader	Natalie Mifsud	Gabrielle Badaoui	Frances Stephenson	Lizzie Keller	
Commentator	Michael Mifsud	Emmy Cox	Tony D'Souza	Michael Hruby	
Ministers of Communion	Dilani Dhammapala Gerard Fabien	Evelyn O'Brien Veronica Brown	June Wood Frank Roach	Kerry Bailey David Warren	
Presentation of Gifts	John & Anita Buggy	Volunteer	Reid Family	Couples for Christ	
Projector	Sylvia McGee	Lourdes Zaballa	Robbie Goldin	Larry & Persy Mapanao & Connie	
Children's Liturgy	Monique Fenech, Sophie Fenech				
Window cleaning	Jhun Javier (JMJ Group)				
Church cleaning	Couples for Christ, JMJ (Jhun Javier), Mark & Caroline Penafiel				

Feast Days

- 19th St John Eudes
- 20th St Bernard
- 21st St Pius X
- 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23rd St Rose of Lima
- 24th St Bartholomew
- 25th St Louis
St Joseph Calasanz

Moments of Mercy

I desire that even in the smallest things, you rely on your confessor. Your greatest sacrifices do not please me if you practice them without the confessor's permission. (*Diary 639*)

Catholic Weekly

- THANK YOU to all the NSW politicians who voted for life
- How millennials are connecting with the Church
- Berala celebrates
- Francis's letter to priests
- Spring Reading Guide
- Movie review: **Unplanned**

Faith in Marriage Seminar

Our International Catholic guest speaker, Deacon Harold Burke Sivers, will speak on the topic of "Building Strong Marriages". This free event, including a light supper, is being held on Friday 30 August at 7:30m, St Paul's College, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes, for all enquires call 8838 3460

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.

Second Session: Friday 23 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 and 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 on anne.stanfield@vinnies.org.au, or Nikki on nikki.cummins@vinnies.org.au or simply place an envelope donation at any collection. Thank you.

Bishop's Collection for Retired & Sick Clergy

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

The Foundation thanks you for last year's contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of August 31- September 1. A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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 #5

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is a joyful, hope-filled and servant community?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus.

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

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.

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. Fr Bernard has written a follow up article for an update. This weekend at all masses a third collection will be taken up for the Orphan children of Uganda for Fr Bernard's Orphanage.