



# 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

Vice President, George Bush represented the U.S. at the funeral of former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev who was the president of the U.S.S.R. for 18 years. Bush was deeply moved by a silent protest carried out by Brezhnev's widow Mrs. Natalia. She stood motionless by the coffin until seconds before it was closed.

Then, just as the soldiers touched the lid, Brezhnev's wife performed an act of great courage and hope, a gesture that must surely rank as one of the most profound acts of civil disobedience ever committed: she reached down and made the sign of the cross on her husband's chest.

There in the citadel of secular, atheistic power, the wife of the man who had run it all hoped that her husband was wrong. She hoped that there was another life, that that life was best represented by Jesus who died on the cross, and that the same Jesus might yet have mercy on her husband.

First Reading: The martyrs die hoping they will be raised to new life.  
*What most encourages my hope for new life after death?*

Second Reading: St. Paul knows that God gives us strength in times of temptation.  
*What strength has God given me recently to resist my temptations?*

Gospel: Jesus affirms that God takes special care of us even beyond our death.  
*How have I experienced "the God of the living" taking special care of me?*

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Brian Baker, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassins, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Naomi Diel, 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, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford and Patrick Wheeler.

*Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen*

## St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal

Our local conference is once again seeking food donations to provide hampers to needy people in the Mt Druitt area. Donations are required commencing next weekend and for the following two weekends to enable packing on 5 December. Bins will be available in the Church foyer. For perishable goods please be aware of best before or use by dates. As hampers are delivered in green shopping bags, donations of these bags would also be appreciated.



## 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

You know that at the end of earth-time, every thing will be stubble. Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven. Listen to Jesus.

## Upcoming Meetings

SVDP	12/11	7.00pm
Leisure Group	13/11	10.00am
Sacramental	13/11	7.30pm
Parish Council	02/12	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	05/12	7.30pm
Liturgy	11/12	7.00pm
Finance	16/01	7.30pm

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16/17 November	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group J	Group J	Group C	Group H
Acolytes	Larry Mapanao	Winston Fonseka Mike Ryan	Bob McMillan Eric Wood	Jhun Javier
Reader	Kate Fitzsimons	Elly Benkovich	Natalie Mifsud	Aurea Javier
Commentator	Keenan Fitzsimons	Bianca Del Rosario	Michael Mifsud	Dilani Dhammapala
Ministers of Communion	Diana Roberts Evelyn O'Brien	Elizabeth Farrar David Warren	June Wood Joyce Lord	Dex Habito Elijah Habito
Presentation of Gifts	Dani Minahan & Volunteer	Volunteer	Domingo Family	Volunteer
Projector	JMJ (Jhun Javier)	Minda Chumroonridhi	Robbie Goldin	Youth Group
Children's Liturgy	Monique Fenech, Sophie Fenech			
Window cleaning	Dennis Dunacchie, Greg D'Souza			
Church cleaning	Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock, Linda Pereira			

## Feast Days

- 11th St Martin of Tours
- 12th St Josaphat
- 15th St Albert the Great
- 16th St Margaret of Scotland
- 16th St Gertrude
- 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary

## Moments of Mercy

Entrust everything to Me and do nothing on your own and you will always have great freedom of spirit. No circumstances or events will ever be able to upset you. (Diary, 1685)

## Catholic Weekly

- A new bishop for Broken Bay
- Environmentalism: The new faith?
- Monica Doumit: Christmas shopping for the bush
- Why Australia should go nuclear
- Disappearing Christians
- Movie review: *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil*

## Columban Art Calendar

Are available for purchase from the Piety stall. They are still great value at only \$8.00. Please consider buying one for yourself or perhaps a family friend or relative as a Christmas gift. Many thanks for your continued support.

## Christmas Cards

A wide selection of Religious Christmas cards is now available in the piety stall.

**Please keep Christ in Christmas.**

## You are invited to become a St Paul the Apostle Catechist

Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; They keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.  
Pope Francis

**Who are Catechists?.....** They are volunteers who...

Give their time freely to teach and share their faith with children of the parish who attend State schools once a week for 30 minutes. They are sowers of seeds who respond to the call of Jesus to build his Church. This ministry is opened to all men, women, young, older, tertiary students, workers, retirees. You will be provided with a Teacher's Manual with complete lesson plans and activity books for students to work in, also training in teaching and classroom skills, you will also have the friendly and encouraging support from the parish Catechists team. Most importantly, the strength of the Holy Spirit to do this great work!

As a Parish Catechist you are contributing to the effort of the people of God to bring the light of Christ into this world. You have the opportunity to work with and learn from other committed and generous people and to discover and develop your own talents. Your faith will grow as you take up the many opportunities this ministry offers to explore and share.

**Please call Melissa Ellis on 0409 744 565 or email mel.ellis@me.com, if you would like more information on this wonderful ministry.**

## Greystanes Parish Craft

OLQP Parish is holding its popular Craft Market on Saturday 16 November 8am-2pm at Camilleri Hall 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. A great day out for the whole family with a raffle, Devonshire tea, face painting and a BBQ serving breakfast and lunch. Proceeds go to Diabetes NSW & ACT.

## Month Of The Holy Souls

The November Scroll for the Holy Souls will be placed on the altar as has been our custom. All Masses offered during November will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in the second collection.

## The Note Book

Please submit all articles for the November issue of the Note Book by Wednesday 13th November.

## Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & 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, Kerry Cini, Mary & John Ford & John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Andrew Busuttill & Jim Rowan. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace*

## Baptism Welcome

To Paige Lebnan, Alyssa Warth, & Hudson Menzies who were baptised here last weekend.  
*Father, bless them with your grace and love, surround them with goodness, guide their steps along the way and keep them from harm.*  
Amen.



## Advent Wreath

We are looking for families, couples or individuals who would like to participate in the lighting of the Advent candles at our Sunday Masses during Advent and on Christmas Day. The candles are lit at the beginning of each Mass. If you would like to take part in this very special event, then please insert your name and phone number alongside the Mass you wish to attend. The roster can be located at the back of the church. Many thanks for taking part.