



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 popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" 200 hands went up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He crumpled the bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" All 200 hands were still raised.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.

He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?" All the hands still went up.

"My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special – Don't ever forget it!

First Reading: David is God's choice for leading God's people.
How can I help to lead others to God?

Second Reading: God has brought us into Christ's kingdom community.
How can I thank God for this wonderful gift?

Gospel: Jesus' kingly role is not for himself but to help others.
How can I imitate Jesus by thinking and acting for others instead of for myself?

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

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.



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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

Moments of Mercy

"Transform me into Yourself, O Jesus, that I may be a living sacrifice and pleasing to You. I desire to atone at each moment for poor sinners." — *Diary, 908*

Upcoming Meetings

Leisure Group	27/11	10.00am
Parish Council	02/12	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	05/12	7.30pm
SVDP	10/12	7.00pm
Liturgy	11/12	7.00pm
Finance	16/01	7.30pm
Sacramental	05/02	7.30pm

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	30 November/1 December	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group I	Group G	Group E	Group F	
Acolytes	Jhun Javier	Exequiel Rana	Tim Hamilton	Eugene De Souza	
Reader	Bianca Del Rosario	Tahlia Moses	Annabelle Hamilton	Youth Group	
Commentator	Sharon Del Rosario	Emmy Cox	Maddie Hamilton	Youth Group	
Ministers of Communion	Diana Roberts Evelyn O'Brien	Lilia Ferrero Pat Lord	Dianne Stocks Ken Abrahams	Elijah Habito Dex Habito	
Presentation of Gifts	Bob & Judy Reilly	Volunteer	Brogden Family	Youth Group	
Projector	Bianca Del Rosario	Lourdes Zaballa	Volunteer	Youth Group	
Children's Liturgy	Eleanor Waciega, Karlina Waciega				
Window cleaning	Yvonne & Joe El-Bayeh				
Church cleaning	Elly Benkovich, Anne Gonzalez, Chantelle Moubarak, Jennifer & Daniel Lowe				

Feast Days

25th St Catherine of Alexandria

30th St Andrew, Apostle

Holy Hour for Vocations Saturday 5.00 - 6.00pm

Christ is King ... The faithful Witness. He loved us ... and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father. Who are we to call forth as the priests of tomorrow - prayerful men - leaders, ready to preach the Word of God?

Catholic Weekly

- Religious freedom: Catholics challenge Government
- Honouring Dignity: Feast for World Day of the Poor
- The quiet heroes of life
- NSW honours Professor Rose
- Hoxton Park turns 25
- Movie review: *Midway*

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.

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday 6 December to Saturday 7 December

Starting at 9:10am with Mass on Friday, our Lord will be exposed for 24 hours and concluding with Mass at 9am on Saturday

Come ... spend some time with Him

At all times our Lord Jesus must have someone with Him, so please signify your interest on the timetable posted at the back of the Church



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. Many thanks to those who have already donated. The red bins will be available in the Church foyer for donations for next two weekends to enable packing on 10 December. 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.



Bishop's Christmas Appeal

The Bishop's Christmas Appeal which will take place on the weekend of November 30th & 1st December: Please help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your Christmas gift will help women and children in difficult family situations, providing a safe haven and vital support. Gifts over \$2 to the Catholic Foundation are tax deductible. More information: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Baptism Welcome

To Ethan Little, Elise Beggs, Audrey De Silva & Luna Fedele, who were baptised here last weekend. *May their faith be an important and integral part of their lives.*

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*

Car parking access changes

From 27 to 29 November the carpark and driveway behind the church will be closed from 6am until 2pm, being a designated exclusion work zone while the Church cross is repainted.

Parking is limited and is strictly prohibited within the work zone.

School kiss and drop will still be functioning, however, as you can't exit using the driveway behind the Church you will need to make a u-turn once you exit the kiss and drop corridor.

Remember to be vigilant and responsible during this period.