



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

The Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8. An important date in salvation history. However, if December 8 falls on a Sunday (as in, for instance, 2019), the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. This is because Sundays in Advent take precedence over any other feast.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This conception is called "immaculate" because Mary was conceived without Original Sin.

The Marian dogma of the Immaculate Conception, is a solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Mary's prophecy given in her Magnificat, "Behold all generations will call me blessed" was fulfilled when the Catholic Church declared four dogmas of faith about her: 1. The Immaculate Conception, 2. The Perpetual Virginity, 3. The Divine Maternity, 4. The Assumption.

- 1) **From tradition:** The Immaculate Conception is a dogma originating from sound Christian tradition. Monks in Palestinian monasteries started celebrating the feast of Conception of Our Lady by the end of 7th century. The feast spread as the Feast of Immaculate Conception in Italy (9th century), England (11th century), and France (12th century). Pope Leo VI propagated the celebration and Pope Sixtus IV approved it as a feast. Finally in 1854 Pope Pius IX declared the Immaculate Conception to be a dogma of faith. Mary approved it by declaring to Bernadette at Lourdes, "I am the Immaculate Conception".
- 2) **From Holy Scripture:** God purified the prophet Jeremiah in the womb of his mother and anointed John the Baptist with His Holy Spirit before John's birth. Hence it is reasonable that God kept the mother of His Son free from all sins from the first moment of her origin.
- 3) The angel saluted Mary "full of grace." The greeting means that she was never, even for a moment, a slave of sin and the devil.
- 4) Gen 3:15: "I will put enmity between you and the woman and her seed shall crush your head". The woman stands for Mary and the promise would not be true if Mary had original sin.

First Reading: The spirit-filled messiah will bring about greater justice and peace.
How is the Holy Spirit drawing me to create better relationships in my life?

Second Reading: The Scriptures offer us encouragement.
Which Scripture readings have given me greater hope this Advent?

Gospel: John encourages us to change our lives to prepare for Jesus' coming.
What changes do I need to make this Advent?



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

"For your example, brothers, in patiently putting up with persecution, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name" (James 5:10). A vocation is responding to the call of God.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council	09/12	7.30pm
SVDP	10/12	7.00pm
Leisure Group	11/12	10.00am
Liturgy	12/12	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	02/01	7.30pm
Finance	16/01	7.30pm
Sacramental	05/02	7.30pm

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14/15 December	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group F	Group K	Group A	Group B
Acolytes	Jim Martin	Fidel Zaballa Paul Dahlberg	Eugene De Souza Bob McMillan	Jhun Javier
Reader	Esmerelda El-Bayeh	Christie Bawden	Peter Gold	Stephanie Ogle
Commentator	Kate Fitzsimons	Lourdes Zaballa	Michael Reid	Phil Ogle
Ministers of Communion	Chris Leonard Silvestre Ganchingco	Elizabeth Farrar Emmy Cox	Dianne Stocks Ken Abrahams	Peter Cruz Lesley Neylan
Presentation of Gifts	Maria Bisazza, Margaret Thomas	Volunteer	Domingo Family	Mifsud Family
Projector	Sylvia McGee	Minda Chumroonridhi	Robbie Goldin	Youth Group
Children's Liturgy	Kata Collimore, Michelle Thompson			
Window cleaning	Joe Lenehan, Gabrielle Shaw			
Church cleaning	Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard & Gemma Martin			

Feast Days

- 9th St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
- 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13th St Lucy
- 14th St John of the Cross

Moments of Mercy

"No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away unconsolated."
Diary of St. Faustina, 1777

Catholic Weekly

- Cathedral lights up
- Australia targets Seal of Confession
- Environmental sin?
- Faithful in divorce
- Make it a family Advent
- Movie review: *Green Eggs and Ham*

The Note Book

Please submit all articles for the December issue of the Note Book by Wednesday 11 December.

Piety Store

Available in the Piety Store: ★ Gifts for Christmas and all occasions ★ Come in and have a browse

Lights of Christmas

St Mary's Cathedral 5-25 December

Celebrate the joy of Christmas every night at St Mary's Cathedral until Christmas night. Starting each day at 7.30pm with a choir performance. Then the lights from 8:30pm to 11:00pm.

Christmas Cards

A wide selection of Religious cards are available in the piety stall. **Please keep Christ in Christmas**

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal

This is the last weekend for donations, many thanks to those who have donated so generously. Our packing date is 10 December, we would love your help, so if any parishioners could spare some time on that afternoon to assist that would be most appreciated. For more information please contact Bryan on 0408 224 5001.

Baptism Welcome

Congratulations to Leia Nocum, Ailish Donovan, Cooper Brown & Evie & Remi Games who were baptised here last weekend.

We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Weekday Mass Attendees

On the evening of Tuesday 17 December our Parish School will be celebrating the Year 6 Graduation Mass. Our regular evening Mass therefore, will be moved to Tuesday 9:10am. The evening mass will be cancelled for that evening only.

Roster for Christmas Masses

If you are involved in any Ministry here at St Paul's and wish to participate in any of the Christmas liturgies, please place your name on the roster located in the foyer.

Catholic Outlook

Please pick up your copy of the Catholic Outlook, for you and a friend located at the rear of the church.

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 Irulbandra, 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

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*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

Tuesday, 24 December ~ 7.00pm

MIDNIGHT MASS

12.00am (Carol singing from 11.40pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, 25 December ~ 8am and 9.30am
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday 1 January 2020 ~ 9.10am

Christmas Eve Nativity & Mass

COME CELEBRATE!

Rehearsal
20 December 2019
10:00am ~ 1.00pm

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