



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

There was a mother mouse who decided to teach her children about the world. So she gathered all of her little mice and set out for a walk. They walked down the hall and turned to the right. Then they went down the hall and took another right. And suddenly they found themselves in front of the family cat dozing in the sunlight. The mother mouse was scared. But she didn't want to give in to her fright. So she signalled to the children to be very quiet and to follow as she began to tip toe quietly and slowly past the sleeping cat. Just as she was about to get past the cat, the cat's eyes popped open and raised its paw.

The little mice were petrified. What would their mother do? Well, just as the cat's paw started to come down, the mother mouse looked the cat right in the eye and started barking like a dog. The cat was so startled and frightened that it jumped up and ran away! The mother mouse, wiped her brow, shook a little and then turned to her little mice and said, "Children, I hope you learned a valuable lesson. Sometimes it's good to know a second language!"

In our gospel today, Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfil ... I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." The Pharisees' righteousness is based on legalism. Jesus is telling us that our righteousness must be based on love. This is the language of Jesus and this should be our first. And when this language is translated into action it becomes the most beautiful action ever spoken.

First Reading: Keeping God's commandments is a choice that we must make.
What helps me to keep the commandments of God?

Second Reading: St. Paul cautions us about distinguishing worldly wisdom from God's wisdom.
How has following God's wisdom helped me in my life?

Gospel: Jesus invites us to go beyond the letter of the law.
To what might Jesus be inviting me today?

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassin, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DeVillar, Frederick de Silva, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Dex Habito, Piper Hastings, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Josephine Mamari, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, 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



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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

Holy Hour for Vocations Saturday 5.00 - 6.00pm

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

Upcoming Meetings

Leisure Group	19/02	10.00am
SVDP	25/02	7.00pm
Parish Council	02/03	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	05/03	7.30pm
Liturgy	19/03	7.30pm
Finance	23/04	7.30pm
Sacramental	17/06	7.30pm

	22 /23 February	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group F	Group B	Group A	Group G	
Acolytes	Paul Dahlberg	Peter Samson Fidel Zaballa	Eric Wood Bob McMillan	Tony Anthony	
Reader	Natalie Mifsud	Lesley Neylan	Peter Gold	Lizzie Keller	
Commentator	Michael Mifsud	Emmy Cox	Lourdes Zaballa	Stephanie Ogle	
Ministers of Communion	Chris Leonard Carmel Kevill	Sylvia McGee Lilia Ferrero	June Wood Joyce Lord	Elly Benkovich Kerry Bailey	
Presentation of Gifts	John & Anita Buggy	Volunteer	Reid Family	Couples for Christ	
Projector	Sharon Del Rosario	Lourdes Zaballa	Helene/Julianne Barker	Larry & Persy Mapanao & Connie	
Children's Liturgy	Kata Collimore & Michelle Thompson				
Window cleaning	Jhun Javier (JMJ Group)				
Church cleaning	Couples for Christ, JMJ (Jhun Javier), Mark & Caroline Penafiel				

Feast Days

17th Seven Holy founders of the Sevite Order
21st St Peter Damian
22nd The Chair of St Peter
23rd St Polycarp

Moments of Mercy

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. (Diary 965)

Catholic Weekly

- Faith amid darkness: Thousands grieve and pray
- New VC commences
- Islam made me Christian
- Mary Higgins Clark dies: Relics welcomed
- Movie review: *Gretel & Hansel*
- Celibacy: "A decisive grace" says Francis

Note Book

The February issue of The Note Book is available this weekend. Please be sure to take home a copy for you and a friend.

Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

St Paul the Apostle School will be accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 and open 17th Feb and close 31st March. Enrolment packages can be collected from the school office between 8.30am and 3.00pm.

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Project Compassion Sunday 23rd February

- Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia.
- Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty.
- You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
- When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.



GRACE

LENTEN PROGRAM 2020

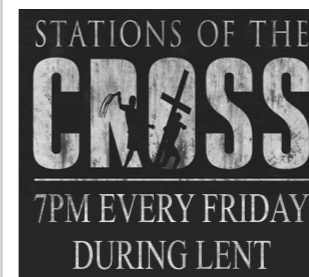
In offering this Lenten Program it is aimed to help us benefit from Lent as a precious time of retreat for the whole Church.

This program will begin 4th March at 7pm. If you are interested in attending please include your name and number to the list located at the back of the church.

Ash Wednesday

Masses will be on 26th February as follows:

7:00 am
9:10 am (School Mass and open to all)
7:00 pm



Stations of the Cross will commence Friday 28th February.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father 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, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Brian Baker.

May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace

SAVE THE DATE/S !!!

The Parish Pastoral Council is excited to invite you the first teaching for 2020. On Father Raining's recommendation, we are presenting the first topic **SYMBOLON - Part 1: KNOWING THE FAITH.**

Starting Friday 28th February (until Easter) at the Parish Centre straight after Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP by phone or SMS by Wed 26/2 to: Peter Rood 0438 298 569 or Jill Cruz 0450 959 391

Symbolon is a beautiful and systematic presentation of the Catholic faith using an exciting video curriculum filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta, and elsewhere.

