



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

Two farmers, John and James, were good friends until a dispute arose between them over a piece of land. Unable to settle the issue among themselves, they went to court over it. The court decided in favour of John.

James was bitter, and put poison in John's well, not a fatal dose, but enough to give it an obnoxious taste. John was very angry and was about to go by night and poison James' well when a stranger arrived at his house.

On hearing the story the stranger agreed that it was a pretty nasty situation, but he wouldn't agree with retaliation. "Poison is not a thing to play around with", he declared. "I've a better idea. I'll show you in the morning." His idea was to clean out the well. He offered to help. Reluctantly John agreed. It was a messy business and took them two whole days.

Then they ran the fresh water, drank it, and declared that it was clean, John also drank from the well, but insisted that he could still taste the poison. To which the stranger replied, "Take it from me, the water is perfect. But you will continue to taste the poison until you do one more thing." "What's that?" asked John earnestly. "You must forgive your neighbour. You have got rid of the poison from the well, but not the poison that lodges in your mind and heart. Not until you let go of your bitterness, and forgive your brother, will the water taste right."

That evening John went over to his neighbour and made peace with him. When he came back he tasted the water again. This time it tasted good.

First Reading: God tells us that we are to love our neighbour as ourselves.
How shall I show love toward my neighbour this week?

Second Reading: St. Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.
In what ways might I take better care of my body?

Gospel: Jesus challenges us to pray for our enemies and persecutors.
How do I respond to those who hurt or offend me?

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

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

	29 February/ 1 March	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group E	Group J	Group H	Group F	
Acolytes	Tim Hamilton	Ray Modini Exequiel Rana	Jim Martin Paul Dahlberg	Jhun Javier	
Reader	Frances Stephenson	Sanchea Rodrigues	Natalie Simonian	Youth Group	
Commentator	Kate Fitzsimons	Emmy Cox	Michael Reid	Youth Group	
Ministers of Communion	Diana Roberts Evelyn O'Brien	Jan Francis Pat Lord	Dianne Stocks Ken Abrahams	Dex Habito Elijah Habito	
Presentation of Gifts	Bob & Judy Reilly	Volunteer	Brogden Family	Youth Group	
Projector	Bianca Del Rosario	Lourdes Zaballa	Warren D'Costa	Youth Group	
Children's Liturgy	Karlina Waciega & Eleanor Waciega				
Window cleaning	Yvonne & Joe El-Bayeh				
Church cleaning	Elly Benkovich, Anne Gonzalez, Chantelle Moubarak, Jennifer & Daniel Lowe				

Feast Days

Moments of Mercy

For the sake of his sorrowful passion have Mercy on us and on the whole world.

Catholic Weekly

- Meet the Philosopher Chef
- From India with love - and faith
- Love on the Camino
- Rural aged care crisis
- Movie review: *Parasite*
- Monica Doumit

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.

Positions Vacant

Building Maintenance Officer
Diocese of Parramatta

Sacramental Coordinator – St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands

Applications close 28/2/2020

For more details

parracatholic.org/employment

Baptism Welcome

Congratulations to Marcus Lahoud, Alessio Russo & Jacqueline Tudehope who were baptised here last weekend.

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

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Project Compassion Sunday 23rd February



- Please take home a Project Compassion box for donation 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, 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

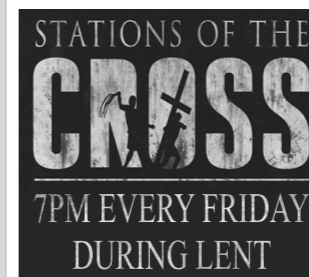
In offering this Lenten Program it is aimed to help us benefit from Lent as a precious time of retreat for the whole Church.

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

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The Parish Pastoral Council invites you the first teaching for 2020, SYMBOLON - Part 1: KNOWING THE FAITH. Starting on Friday 28 February 2020 at the Parish Centre straight after The Stations of the Cross.

Please RSVP by calling or texting to Peter Rood 0438 298 569 OR Jill Cruz 0450 959 391 by Wednesday 26.02.2020. OR by registering on the form at the back of the church