



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

A Catholic priest working in the inner city was walking down an alley one evening on his way home when a young man came down the alley behind him and poked a knife against his back. "Give me your money," the young man said. The priest opened his jacket and reached into an inner pocket to remove his wallet, exposing his clerical collar. "Oh, I'm sorry, Father," said the young man, "I didn't see your collar. I don't want your money." Trembling from the scare, the priest removed a cigar from his shirt pocket and offered it to the young man. "Here," he said. "Have a cigar." "Oh, no, I can't do that," the young man replied, "I gave them up for Lent."

The word *Lent* itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, meaning "Spring." Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of Vatican Council II states, "The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent -- the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance..."

The number "40" has always had special spiritual significance regarding preparation. On Mount Sinai, preparing to receive the Ten Commandments, "Moses stayed there with the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights, without eating any food or drinking any water" (Ex 34:28). Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights" to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai) (1 Kgs 19:8). Most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for "40 days and 40 nights" in the desert before He began His public ministry (Mt 4:2). We model our 40 day season of Lent today on this holy tradition, established throughout Salvation History, the story of God's relationship with humanity. Most importantly, we observe these 40 days of Lent in imitation of Our Lord -- the example for us all.

We observe 40 days of penitential practices, typically of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving because we take Jesus as our model, to prepare ourselves for the Paschal feast, that is, Easter. The Catechism tells us "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (Catholic Catechism #540).

Gospel: Jesus uses Scripture to give him confidence in temptation.
What can I do this Lent to make Scripture more important in my daily life?

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassin, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Frederick de Silva, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Fiffili, 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

"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. They are active, if we utilise them for building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.

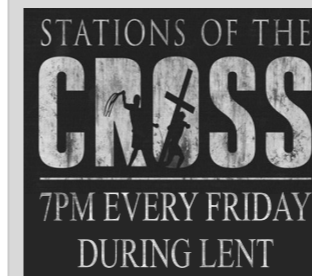
Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council	02/03	7.30pm
Leisure Group	04/03	10.00am
Baptism Talk	05/03	7.30pm
SVDP	10/03	7.00pm
Liturgy	19/03	7.30pm
Finance	23/04	7.30pm
Sacramental	17/06	7.30pm

	7/8 March	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group I	Group D	Group A	Group B	
Acolytes	Larry Mapanao	Eugene De Souza Winston Fonseca	Eric Wood Bob McMillan	Maynard Palomares	
Reader	Carmel Kevill	Bianca Del Rosario	Peter Gold	Richard Houwing	
Commentator	Veronica Reitano	Sharon Del Rosario	Tony D'Souza	Michael Hruby	
Ministers of Communion	Gerard Fabien Veronica Brown	Lilia Ferrero Veronica Fry	June Wood Joyce Lord	Frank Bailey Kerry Bailey	
Presentation of Gifts	Nereo & Rosa Fabrello	Volunteer	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Couples for Christ	
Projector	Norm Badaoui	Minda Chumroonridhi	Helene/Julianne Barker	Jill Cruz	
Children's Liturgy	Monique & Sophia Fenech				
Window cleaning	Rosa & Nereo Fabrello				
Church cleaning	Minda Chumroonridhi, Warren D'Costa, Jun Balagtas, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa				

Feast Days

4th St Casimir
7th St Perpetua
7th St Felicity
8th St John of God



Moments of Mercy

I desire that you would all have more faith at the present time. How great is my joy at the faithfulness of my spouse in the smallest things. *Jesus (Diary 352)*

Catholic Weekly

- Eileen's cause opens
- Western civilisation scholarships commence
- New VC sworn in
- The doctor of miracles
- Movie review: **The Call of the Wild**
- Almsgiving: Not optional

Baptism Welcome

Congratulations to Marius Cyrulla who was baptised here last weekend.

We pray that his faith will be an important and integral part of his life.

Little White Box

Is available this weekend. Your financial support no matter how small makes a big impact on the lives of a mother and her little one.

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24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday 6 March to Saturday 7 March

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



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.

Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

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

Seminarian Appointed for Pastoral Experience at St Pauls

We extend a warm welcome to Adam Carlow who has just joined us here at St Pauls. A seventh year seminarian from our Diocesan Holy Spirit Seminary. Adam will be here for the year. The placement is for pastoral experience which Adam is keenly anticipating. Please say hi to Adam who will be at most masses this weekend, please make Adam feel most welcome.

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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"I finally understand the Catholic faith!"

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Now, the series host and renowned author Edward Sri takes us through the key aspects of the Catholic faith with the same clarity and beauty that he did in the video documentary, answering common questions, such as: -Why do I need the Church? Is it enough to be only spiritual? - Don't impose your morals on me! Who are you to judge me? - Do we really have the responsibility to help the poor? - Why do Catholics worship Mary? - Why should I confess my sins to a priest? - How can I believe that the Bible is really inspired by God?

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