



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

Once upon a time, a man took his new hunting dog on a trial hunt. After a while, he managed to shoot a duck and it fell into the lake. The dog walked on the water, picked up the duck and brought it to his master. The man was stunned. He didn't know what to think. He shot another duck and again it fell into the lake and, again, the dog walked on the water and brought it back to him. What a fantastic dog – he can walk on water and get nothing but his paws wet.

The next day he asked his neighbour to go hunting with him so that he could show off his hunting dog, but he didn't tell his neighbour anything about the dog's ability to walk on water. As on the previous day, he shot a duck and it fell into the lake. The dog walked on the water and got it. His neighbour didn't say a word. Several more ducks were shot that day and each time the dog walked over the water to retrieve them and each time the neighbour said nothing and neither did the owner of the dog. Finally, unable to contain himself any longer, the owner asked his neighbour, "Have you noticed anything strange, anything different about my dog?" "Yes," replied the neighbour, "Your dog doesn't know how to swim."

The neighbour missed the point completely. He couldn't see the wonder of a dog that could walk on water; he could only see that the dog didn't do what other hunting dogs had to do to retrieve ducks – that is to swim. The disciple, Peter, was good at missing the point at the theophany of Transfiguration as is clear from his declaration: "I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

First Reading: Abraham gave up much in order to do as the Lord commanded.
What must I give up this Lent to let God take up more space in my life?

Second Reading: St. Paul reminds us that we are called to a holy life.
How can I respond more generously to this call now?

Gospel: At the transfiguration, God approved Jesus and his mission.
With what about me and my ministry would God be most pleased?

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 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

Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

Upcoming Meetings

SVDP	10/03	7.00pm
Leisure Group	18/03	10.00am
Liturgy	19/03	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	03/04	7.30pm
Parish Council	06/04	7.30pm
Finance	23/04	7.30pm
Sacramental	17/06	7.30pm

	14/15 March	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group J	Group K	Group C	Group H	
Acolytes	Jim Martin	Mike Ryan Exequiel Rana	Ray Modini Norm Badaoui	Larry Mapanao	
Reader	Frances Stephenson	Tahlia Moses	Keenan Fitzsimons	Phil Ogle	
Commentator	Dilani Dhammapala	Emmy Cox	Jill Cruz	Stephanie Ogle	
Ministers of Communion	Chris Leonard Silvestre Ganchingco	Elizabeth Farrar David Warren	Peter Cruz Dianne Stocks	Lesley Neylan Sean Trainor	
Presentation of Gifts	Maria Bisazza, Margaret Thomas	Volunteer	Domingo Family	Mifsud Family	
Projector	Sylvia McGee	Minda Chumroonridhi	Robbie Goldin	St Pedro Choir	
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

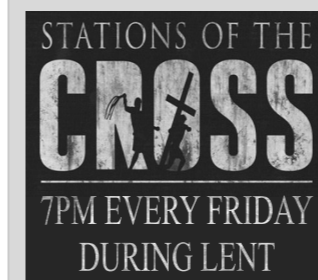
9th St Francis of Rome

Moments of Mercy

Do not fear anything, I am with you. These matters are in My hands and I will bring them to fruition according to My mercy, for nothing can oppose My will (Diary 573).

Catholic Weekly

- They're people, not property
- Disability Royal Commission horrors
- 7 steps to a fabulous Lent
- Journalist to give religious freedom talk
- Movie review: **Sonic the Hedgehog**
- Mexico's femicide shame



Catholic Outlook

The Catholic Outlook Magazine is available from this weekend features include:-

- The IFM: Enriching & enthusing life and faith
- A reflection on Ash Wednesday
- The Samaritan Women
- Bishop's Column
- The coming Plenary Council: the vision still has time.
- A new decade for SRE

Please be sure to pick up a copy for you and a friend.

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 continue every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Marion Chapel. Please feel free to attend.

Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

St Paul the Apostle School will be accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2021. Applications 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 continue to welcome to Adam Carlow who has recently joined us here at St Paul's. A seventh year seminarian from our Diocesan Holy Spirit Seminary, Adam will be here for the year. Please say hi to Adam who will be at most masses this weekend and please make Adam feel most welcome.

The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

21st & 22nd March

We all experience difficult times in our lives that are distressing, especially if they arise from illness or the loss of our loved ones. Finding the strength, hope and faith we need to get through dark times, immense grief and suffering, can be challenging.

Pope Francis has called us to be an oasis for the weary and troubled, a refuge for the burdened, the field hospital which heals the wounded and strengthens the weak. Just as the Good Samaritan came to the aid of the man left half-dead by the side of the road and gave him comfort and a place to recover, CatholicCare chaplains help people in their time of need.

We can all be Good Samaritans by supporting our chaplains as disciples of Jesus Christ, providing spiritual, emotional and sacramental support to the sick and the dying, the elderly and those in need. Your compassionate gift and prayers today will support CatholicCare chaplains to carry on the work of Jesus in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan.

Thank you for accompanying them on their journey. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

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

SYMBOLON

"I finally understand the Catholic faith!"

That's what many around the world say after watching the acclaimed Symbolon series: The Explanation of the Catholic Faith.

Our Symbolon program was very well attended last Friday, if you would like to take part please join us in the Parish Centre straight after The Stations of the Cross.

Baptism Welcome

Congratulations to Eve Comans & Nelson Kabangu who were baptised here last weekend.

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

Call out for Note Book articles

Our parish magazine is due for publication next week. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should have it emailed else dropped off to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday 11th March.