



# 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 couple of strangers visiting a dusty little town in the back country of west Texas. It was hard-shell Baptist country: No drinkin' and no dancing! But these two were strangers, so they asked a cowboy where they might get a drink.

"In this town," said the cowboy, "they use whiskey only for snake-bite." Then he added slyly, "There's only one snake in town. So you better get in line before it gets worn out!"

Some thirst – to hug a snake!

The woman at the well had a mighty thirst, a thirst so big it led her through five husbands and who knows what else. And still she was thirsty – though she couldn't quite put her finger on what it was she was longing for.

Jesus could see her sadness, so he helped her see what that dry, parched, empty feeling inside her was really about: She was thirsting for love that would last, love that would fill her full and give purpose to her life. Nothing less would do.

By his kindness to her, as well as by his words, Jesus showed her where that kind of love is to be found. He showed her, and her heart caught fire.

First Reading: The people grumble because they think Moses and God do not care.  
*What causes me to grumble about God's care for me?*

Second Reading: St. Paul reminds us that God's love has been poured into our hearts.  
*When have I most felt the outpouring of God's love?*

Gospel: The Samaritan woman's knowledge of Jesus grows as she talks to him.  
*How can I increase my time in conversation with Jesus this Lent?*

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassin, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Fevoura Daroy, Selene Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Frederick de Silva, Oscar Diel, 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, Lesleu Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Emely Reyes, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford & 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.*



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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

Leisure Group	18/03	10.00am
Liturgy	19/03	7.30pm
SVDP	24/03	7.00pm
Baptism Talk	03/04	7.30pm
Parish Council	06/04	7.30pm
Finance	23/04	7.30pm
Sacramental	17/06	7.30pm

	21/22 March	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group A	Group B	Group D	Group G	
Acolytes	Jhun Javier	Eugene De Souza Winston Fonseka	Paul Dahlberg Bob McMillan	Tony Anthony	
Reader	Aurea Javier	Christie Bawden	Carmel Kevill	Christina Greenlees	
Commentator	Pauline Knowler	Emmy Cox	Tony D'Souza	Michael Hruby	
Ministers of Communion	Silvestre Ganchingco Gerard Fabien	Veronica Fry Sylvia McGee	Frank Roach Wendy Roach	Joshua Ortiguerra Chris Torres	
Presentation of Gifts	Peter & Renata Beck	Volunteer	Brogden Family	Couples for Christ	
Projector	JMJ (Jhun Javier)	Lourdes Zaballa	Helene/Julianne Barker	Larry & Persy Mapanao & Connie	
Children's Liturgy	Shayne, Thomas & Patrick Reid				
Window cleaning	Lou Pulverenti, Phyllis Trovato				
Church cleaning	Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock, Linda Pereira				

## Feast Days

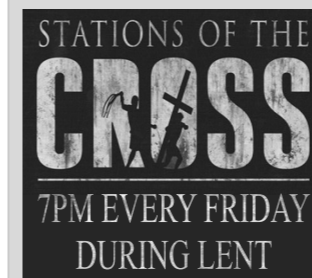
17th St Patrick  
18th St Cyril of Jerusalem  
19th St Joseph

## Moments of Mercy

Look into My Heart and see there the love and mercy which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look, and enter into My Passion. (Diary 1663)

## Catholic Weekly

- Grandmother's inhumane death
- Don't panic: Prudent coronavirus measures
- Suffering for victims: Priest's choice
- Anti-porn petition goes viral
- Movie review: Emma
- Don't wed the faithless



## Catholic Outlook

Please be sure to pick up a copy of the Catholic Outlook Magazine for you and a friend. 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
- Never underestimate the amazing gift of Parish

## 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.

## The Note Book

The March issue of The Note Book is available this weekend please take home a copy for you and a friend.

## Second Rite of Reconciliation

Will take place here at St Paul's the Apostle on Monday 6 April 2020 at 7pm.



## Project Compassion

*Go Further Together*

Boxes are still available at the back of the church. Please feel free to take a box home this Lent.

## The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

### 21st & 22nd March

During the season of Lent, we remember the supreme sacrifice that Jesus made for us all. After living amongst us, He died for our sins and was raised from the dead so that we could live with the promise of life everlasting. While this evidence of God's unlimited love can bring great comfort and joy throughout our lives, we all experience difficult periods that are complicated or distressing. Finding the strength, hope and faith we need to get through these dark times of immense grief and suffering, especially if they arise from illness or loss of our loved ones, can be challenging. 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 are there to 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.

We have had a great response to our Symbolon program, please feel free to take part in joining us every Friday night during Lent, in the Parish Centre straight after The Stations of the Cross. All are welcomed.

## 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 Marian Chapel. Please feel free to attend.