



# 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

Sherlock Holmes and his smart assistant Dr. Watson go on a camping trip, enjoy a heavy barbeque dinner with a bottle of whisky, set up their tent, and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replies, "I see millions of stars." "What does that tell you?"

Watson ponders for a minute. "Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes is silent for a moment, then speaks. "Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent."

Watson had missed the most obvious. He was clever enough to notice the complexities of the stars, but he missed what was plain and simple. Today's Gospel reading is about a whole lot of people who miss the point. In Jesus' healing of a blind man, the Pharisees missed the most evident point that it was a real miracle by Divine intervention.

- First Reading: God looks into the heart of each person.  
*How can I get beyond appearances when dealing with others?*
- Second Reading: St. Paul encourages us to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.  
*What can I do today that would be most pleasing to God?*
- Gospel: The blind man learns to recognise Jesus through faith.  
*What most help me to "see" Jesus in a new way today*

### Corona Virus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. Free us from fear, which prevents nations from working together Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassin, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DeVillar, 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, Shaista Quraishi, 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. 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

If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

## Upcoming Meetings

Baptism Talk	03/04	7.30pm
Finance	23/04	7.30pm
SVDP	TBA	
Liturgy	TBA	
Parish Council	TBA	
Leisure Group	TBA	
Sacramental	TBA	

	28/29 March	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	Group C	Group I	Group K	Group H	
Acolytes	Maynard Palomares	Peter Samson Fidel Zaballa	Mike Ryan Jim Martin	Eugene De Souza	
Reader	Frances Stephenson	Sanchea Rodrigues	Natalie Simonian	Phil Ogle	
Commentator	Leanda Standring	Emmy Cox	Michael Reid	Stephanie Ogle	
Ministers of Communion	Chris Leonard Lesley Neylan	Diana Roberts Elizabeth Farrar	Ken Abrahams Sean Trainor	Elly Benkovich David Warren	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy				
Window cleaning	Jhun Javier (JMJ Group)				
Church cleaning	Couples for Christ, JMJ (Jhun Javier), Mark & Caroline Penafiel				

## Feast Days

23rd St Turibius of Mogrovejo  
25th Annunciation of the Lord

## Moments of Mercy

My daughter, during the weeks when you neither saw Me nor felt My presence, I was more profoundly united to you than at times [when you experienced] ecstasy. And the faithfulness and fragrance of your prayer have reached Me. (Diary 1246)

## Catholic Weekly

- Out of dark, faith shines
- State-ordered death
- Francis walks Rome's deserted streets to pray
- Dad deacon assists son's consecration
- Movie: *Hunters (Amazon)*
- The Catholics who don't believe in God

## Stand now located outside the Church.

## GRACE

LENTEN PROGRAM 2020  
This program will continue every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Marian Chapel. Please feel free to attend.

## April - June Rosters

Rosters for all ministries and helpers available outside Sacristy, and on our website. Many thanks to everyone for your ongoing commitment. As always if you cannot do your allotted task please arrange a substitute. Thank you.

## Baptism Welcome

Congratulations to Holly, Max & Angus Magnay, Allessandra La-Verga, & Aiden Gonzalez who were baptised here last weekend.

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

## IMPORTANT - CoronaVirus COVID-19 Update

As you are aware, one of the latest requirements necessitates cancelling organised non-essential indoor gatherings of 100 or more. This of course directly impacts on a number of our liturgical celebrations and events.

This is a good measured decision, and be understood as a responsible and precautionary step to protect the most vulnerable amongst us, especially our elderly, the infirm and the very young.

Please take the time to read the following and the changes currently in place:

- Saturday Vigil, Sunday masses to be held in the school playground weather permitting (until further notice)
- Presentation of the Gifts and the Sign of Peace will no longer be part of our liturgy (until further notice)
- The Body of Christ will only be administered in the hand because of high risk from saliva.
- Confessions Saturday afternoon remain unchanged
- Holy Water stoups in the Church have been emptied however Holy Water will continue to be available for people to take home from the large glass dispenser at the back of the Church.
- Do not leave this bulletin behind after Mass and should be taken with you when you leave.
- The faithful who are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass – whether due to coronavirus or some other condition – or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus you are dispensed from your Sunday obligation, however, you can participate by either:
  - ~ having a time of prayer within the home
  - ~ reading the Scriptures
  - ~ watching Mass on television channel 10 at 6am Sunday, or
  - ~ viewing Mass online on the internet <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration.
- We will no longer be asking you to pass the collection plates amongst ourselves as collectors will be at each end of the pew so that you can place any offering in the basket nearest to your side.

### Other changes you need to be aware of:

- Symbolon - postponed until further notice
- Second Rite of Reconciliation (Mon 6th April) - cancelled
- Stations of the Cross (Fridays 7pm) - moved to school playground (weather permitting)
- Easter Ceremonies – still undecided at this early stage and stay tuned.

### Want to know more and stay updated?

- The best place to find out what has changed or for the latest updates please visit our St Paul the Apostle Parish Facebook page: [facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish](https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish)
- As appropriate we will also place notices on the church door and in weekly bulletins.
- If you are part of a ministry and you are unsure of any impact or changes, please approach your Ministry co-ordinator in the first instance.
- As you may appreciate the pastoral and office team are constantly being challenged with ongoing developments and managing communication. We kindly request therefore that any contact be made by email and please limit phone calls to urgent or time critical matters.
- Many thanks for your understanding in these circumstances.

## 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*