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Due to the CoronaVirus all ministries will now be suspended until further. Thank you for your continued commitment

Masses - only available online:

Please refer to St Paul the Apostle Parish Facebook page: facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish

Reconciliation - by prior appointment only

From Father Raning

Long ago there was an exceedingly clever court jester at the court of the Caliph of Bagdad. For years he'd never failed to amuse the court whenever they called him. But one day, in a split second of carelessness, he offended the caliph, "in consideration of your many years of fine and faithful service, "I'll let you choose how you wish to die."

"Oh mighty Caliph," replied the jester. "I thank you for your great kindness. I choose death by old age."

Wouldn't we all! But that just delays the big question: Then what? What comes after you finally die at the age of 115?

Jesus has the answer: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he die, will live with me forever."

Jesus' death and resurrection are tangible events that tell that what he says is true. He gives us a guarantee that his promise can be trusted.

This is what we are celebrating this morning: that Jesus is risen, and that those of us who believe in him and who reshape our lives in his image will rise with him and be with him for all eternity.

This is the reason for our Easter Joy! And that's why we pray from the bottom of our hearts, "Thank you, Lord! Thank you for the whole eternity we're going to spend with you!"

First Reading: The risen Christ sends us out to be his witnesses.
What witness to Jesus' words and acts can I give today?

Second Reading: St. Paul knows that we will be changed by our experience of Christ.
How has my experience of Christ changed me during the past Lent?

Gospel: The disciples found it hard to believe because they did not understand the Scriptures.
How can I use the Scriptures to strengthen my own belief?

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.



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Please note all of the following have now been postponed indefinitely:

- Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Rosary
- Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Hour for Vocations

It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

Piety Store

Please contact the office. We are only too happy to help you with your needs.

Holy Water

Available to take home. Please contact the office and BYO empty bottle. Thank you



Feast Days

13th St Martin I

Moments of Mercy

The flames of mercy are burning Me—clamouring to be spent; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness (Diary, 177).

Catholic Weekly

Until further notice this will be published online. You can stay up to date and informed of Catholic news by visiting www.catholicweekly.com.au You can also connect via Facebook, by going online to facebook.com and searching at the top of the page for **The Catholic Weekly**.

Live Broadcast

From St Mary's Cathedral Channel 7 will broadcast:

- The Lord's Passion Good Friday at 3pm
- Easter Sunday 10:30am

Holy Week Resources

The Office for Worship has created Holy Week resources that are available for use by you, your families and your communities. All these resources are available to be downloaded from: www.parracatholic.org/covid19

Holy Week Masses with Bishop Vincent

You are invited to watch these livestreamed as follows: www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese or www.facebook.com/parracatholic

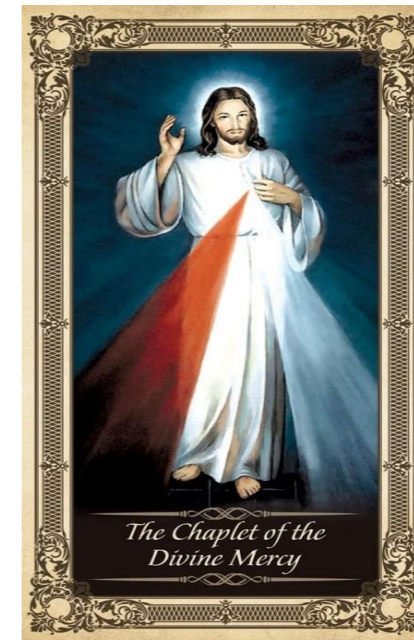
Readings for the Mass, provided by Universalis, can be found here: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

Divine Mercy

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'

Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Sr Faustina in the 1930's and promised that he would bestow his Divine Mercy to any sinner that totally repents his/her sins, no matter how grave, and our Lord would not refuse any soul that seeks his mercy. It is not a mere coincidence that in the private revelations that Sr Faustina received Jesus asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

Therefore, on 30th April 2000, when Pope John Paul II canonized his country-woman, Sr Faustina, he said, "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'." In brief, this Sunday invites us to contemplate the mercy of God. We experience this Divine Mercy very tangibly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and also in Grace - the unmerited favour, the gratuitous gift which God gives to us out of His compassion and merciful love.



The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father..., Hail Mary...,
The Apostles' Creed.
Then, on the "Our Father Beads"
you will say the following words:
Eternal Father, I offer You
the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity
of Your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for
our sins and those of the whole world.
On the "Hail Mary Beads"
you will say the following words:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion
have mercy on us and on the whole
world.
In conclusion Three Times you will recite these words:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy
Immortal One, have mercy on us and
on the whole world.

Parish Updates

- Masses will continue to be live streamed from the Church every day.
- Divine Mercy Sunday: commenced Saturday 11th April at 3:pm the Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed daily for eight days. Please refer to our facebook page for additional details.

It is with deep regret we announce the passing of our dear friend and parishioner Dex Habito; survived by his wife Donna and son Elijah. The Habito family have been active members of our parish, contributing to the success and coordination of our parish Youth Group. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

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, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, 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

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Rathnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Brian Baker, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace*