

Weekend Mass times (Limit is 100) - Bookings are essential name and phone number requested on arrival

Saturday 4:30pm and 5.30pm Vigil †
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm

Weekday Mass times

Daily 9.10am
Saturday 9.00am (followed by the Rosary)
No Tuesday evening Mass at this stage

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From Father Raning

Once upon a time there was a kingdom of monkeys. They were ruled by a very large and wise monkey king. The monkeys lived near a stand of mango trees which ran alongside a river and enjoyed a constant supply of these delicious fruits. One day the king noticed a castle being built downstream from the mango trees. He ordered the monkeys to gather all the mangoes from the trees. They dutifully responded, and collected all the mangoes.

One day this mango fell from the tree into the river. The human king who inhabited the recently built castle was taking a swim when the mango floated by. He picked it up, and after learning from his Prime Minister that it was a delicious fruit, he ate it. So impressed was he that the human king determined to gain more mangoes, and set out with his guards in search of the mango trees.

When the human king found the mangoes he also found the monkeys. Though the monkeys were willing to share the mangoes with him, the human king wasn't. Deciding he would have all the mangoes for himself he orders his soldiers to pursue and slay the monkeys.

When news of this reached the wise monkey king he sadly knew that the day he feared had arrived. The soldiers chased the monkeys through the forest until they came to the edge of a tall cliff. The monkey king knew that if he could get his subjects across the other side they would be safe. But how to do it?

The monkey king took his huge body and used it to form a bridge between the cliffs. One by one his subjects climbed over him to safety. The king grew increasingly wearied and bruised, but knew he must hold on. As the monkeys scrambled across their king grew ever weaker, yet still he held on. Finally, when the last monkey had crossed the bridge, the monkey king collapsed.

The human king had witnessed the whole scene from high on the hill. He was so moved by the monkey king's sacrifice that he ordered his guards to find a way down the rocky cliff and rescue the monkey king. The guards found him, barely alive, and brought him back to the king. The human king ordered his best doctors to care for the monkey king and waited for him to regain consciousness. When he did so the human king asked "You are the king, why did you bother to die for them? The monkey king replied, "Because I am their King." And with that, he died.

First reading: God's doorkeeper must not abuse his authority but care for those under his authority.
How might I care more for those under my authority?
Second reading: Paul tells us that God's ways are often not clear to us.
What has made me most aware that God's ways are not necessarily my ways?
Gospel: Jesus demands that his disciples understand who he is.
Today, how do I answer Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Masks are now highly recommended to be worn at all Masses

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern. We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Baptisms

First and Third Sunday of each month
All bookings are via our website

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Holy Hour for Vocations

Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

Moments of Mercy

I want you to become like a knight experienced in battle, who can give orders to others amid the exploding shells. In the same way, My child, you should know how to master yourself amid the greatest difficulties and let nothing drive you away from Me, not even your falls (*Diary 1823*).

Catholic Weekly

- The big kiss – do I or don't I?
- This is a disaster' – experts slam treatment of elderly in pandemic
- Completely unacceptable' – MPs launch petition to enact anti-slavery law
- Dear Aussies, no we're not OK!
- Movie review: **Father, Soldier, Son**
- Too old, too young – and single: the missing Catholics

Due to COVID do not put this bulletin back in the holder. This bulletin must be taken home with you. Thank you

Church cleaning	Couples for Christ, Jhun Javier, Mark & Caroline Penafiel
	Due to COVID all other ministries are suspended until further notice. Thank you for your continued commitment.

Feast Days

24th St Bartholomew
"Once you begin to believe that there is hope "out there" you will know it to be true".

27th St Monica
"Nothing is far from God".

28th St Augustine
"God loves each of us if there were only one of us".

29th The Passion of St John the Baptist
"O Lord, grant that we may make straight your paths, as taught by St John the Baptist, who powerfully sealed his teaching by the shedding of his blood"

Baptism Welcome

Congratulations to Thomas William Ricketts, Liam Phillip Hopfe, Anna Maria Kacir, Elyse Anne Dempster and Hazel May Oraham, who were baptised here last weekend.

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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS - FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020

Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at www.parracatholic.org/csf or electronic funds transfer to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name. If you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to tsf@parracatholic.org with your name and address details.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 4th to Saturday 5th September

Starting at 9:10am Mass on Friday, our Lord will be exposed for 24 hours concluding with 9am Mass 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 at the back of the Church else please contact the office to reserve a timeslot



First Holy Communion

We are pleased to announce that First Holy Communion will take place every weekend in September. There will be 6 young candidates along with their Mother, Father and siblings at the following masses:-
5:30pm Vigil Mass, 8:00am Sunday Mass and 5:00pm Sunday Mass

Spaces for these masses are limited

IMPORTANT: If you are a regular attendee at any of these masses, please ensure that you secure your booking by contacting the Parish Office. For those who do not book and we have reached the 100 capacity you will not be allowed entry.

Parish Update and changes to restrictions

New restrictions are now in place and please note the following information.

- Restriction is now 100 people at each Mass. **Bookings are essential for all weekend masses.**
- When attending any mass you will need to record your name and phone number as you enter
- Social distancing restrictions are in place and are to be respected
- Where there is a "do not sit here" sign, that applies to the entire pew
- Members of the same family and/or household are permitted to sit together

- Holy Communion can only be distributed and received on the hand (Ordinary Form of Latin Rite). **Please lower your masks under your chin, prior to receiving Communion; the Host must be consumed immediately after you have received, whilst still at the Altar**
- When going to Communion please distance yourself from the person in front of you
- No singing at masses, this includes the "Alleluia"
- There is no procession of gifts or passing of collection plates

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, John Cassar, Richard Cassin, Ron Cini, Christine Coorey, Sorayda Corpuz, Camarillo Cossid, Fevoura Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Selene Daroy, Frederick de Silva, Gus DelVillar, Camille Diesta, Rebecca Duncum, David Edwards, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Karen Le Huray, Josephine Mamari, James Matos, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Lesleu Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Emely Reyes, Honor Rosario, 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 & Ratnam 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***