

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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All masses limited to 320.

No bookings required and everyone to sign in upon entry.

Weekend Mass times

Saturday 5.00pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm

Weekday Mass times

Daily 8.40am (Daily Rosary)

Daily 9.10am (No Tuesday evening Mass at this stage)

Saturday 9.00am (followed by the Rosary)

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month

All Baptism bookings are to be made via our website

From Father Raining

Gerry was walking down a sidewalk in Washington D.C., with a Native American friend who worked in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It was lunchtime in Washington. People were husslin' and busslin' along the sidewalks, and car honks and hurried engine noises filled the streets. In the middle of all this traffic, Gerry's friend stopped and said, "hey, a cricket!"

"What?" said Gerry.

"Yeah, a cricket," said his friend. "Look here," and he pulled aside some of the bushes that separated the sidewalk from the government buildings. There in the shade was a cricket chirping away.

"Wow," said Gerry, "How did you hear that with all this noise and traffic?"

"Oh," said the Native man. "It was the way I was raised ... what I was taught to listen for. Here, I'll show you something."

The Native man reached into his pocket and pulled out a handful of coins ... nickels, quarters, dimes ... and dropped them on the sidewalk. Everyone who was rushing by stopped to ... listen.

- We with our busy lives, rushing down highways and byways, preoccupied with our own inner thoughts and expectations, what do we hear?
- Where is your focus? What are you paying attention to? What are you listening to?

Mary listened...

She showed us that her whole being was so profoundly open to the Spirit that God filled her entirely with his own life and Jesus our Savior was conceived in her womb.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

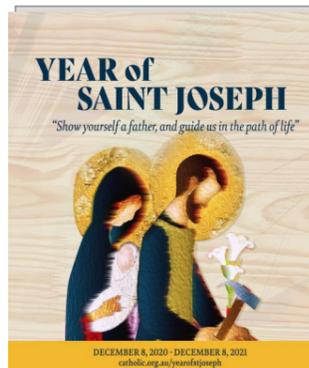
This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

This appeal will take place this weekend. Envelopes are available and can be placed in any of the collection baskets.

Thank you once again for your faithful support and commitment to our ministries of faith, hope and charity through your support of fundraising appeals.

Our faith community's support provides practical and emotional help for parents, children and families in need so that they have every chance to live their potential and lead positive and fulfilling lives.



"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"
8/12/2020—8/12/2021

Moments of Mercy

In an appearance to St Faustina, the Christ Child told her, "I keep company with you as a child to teach you humility and simplicity" (Diary, 184)

Catholic Weekly

- Winning hearts & minds. Hugely successful new religious education curriculum
- It could happen to anyone. New book outlines Pell justice travesty
- The priest our spies framed
- Transgender reality check
- Movie review: **The Hardy Boys**
- Vaticans worrying China silence

Piety Stall

Available in the Piety Store:

★ Christmas Cards—\$6.00

★ requisites for all occasions.

Open after all weekend Masses so please come and browse!

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Church cleaning

Couples for Christ, JMJ (Jhun Javier), Mark & Caroline Penafiel

Due to COVID all other ministries are suspended until further notice. Thank you for your continued commitment.

Feast Days

21st St Peter Canisius

"If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all."

23rd St John of Kanty

"Fight all error but do it with good humour, patience, kindness and love.

Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause."

26th St Stephen

"Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Holy Hour for Vocations

Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal

A very big THANK YOU to all those parishioners who donated so generously to our recent Christmas Hamper appeal. As a result, our Conference was able to pack and deliver 70 hampers, which is a fantastic effort considering COVID restrictions.

A special thanks to those non-conference parishioners who volunteered their time in both the packing of the hampers and their eventual distribution.

We would like to take this opportunity of behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with joy and happiness.

May God continue to Bless our wonderful parish.

Due to COVID-19 do not put this bulletin back in the holder, as it cannot be reused. This bulletin must be taken home with you.

Christmas Mass Times

No bookings required for Christmas masses

Thursday 24th (vigil):

4.30pm, 7:00pm and Midnight
(A new 7:00pm Mass replaces 6.00pm & 8:00pm)

Friday 25th:

8:00am, 9.30am and 11:00am
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)



New Year's Day Masses

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday 1st Jan: 9.00am

Bookings no longer required for masses

Reconciliation

Every Saturday in December 4.00pm-4:45pm with two priests in attendance.

Baptism Welcome

Congratulations to Rafael De Aquino, Mila Lawler and Leo D'cruz, who were baptised here this weekend.

Lord Jesus Christ hear our prayers, and with Your unfailing protection, watch over and cherish these children whom You have blessed with the grace of baptism.



Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Marija Barclay, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, John Cassar, Richard Cassin, Ron Cini, Christine Coorey, Sorayda Corpuz, Camarillo Cossid, Kainaz Cowasjee, Favoura Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Selene Daroy, Emma Davies, Norman De Luca, Frederick de Silva, Gus DelVillar, Camille Diesta, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, David Edwards, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Peter and Julie Herlinger, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Karen Le Huray, Michelle Makin, Josephine Mamari, Carolyn Martin, James Matos, Judy McNeilage, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Dennis Murray, Lesley Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Emely Reyes, Honor Rosario, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford, John Trost, Patrick Wheeler, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Tony Draybi, Fr Domingo Barrawib, Lourdes Zaballa.

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, Charlie Micallef, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Maggie Simpliciano.

May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Easing of COVID-19 restrictions take effect Mon 7/12:

- **Bookings are no longer required for any Mass—please DO NOT contact the parish office**
- New limit of 320 people for any and all Masses
- **You will need to record your name and phone number yourself upon entry and self sanitise.**
- Allow for extra time before Mass to sign in
- Sign on sheets will be at each door
- Those with existing bookings still need to sign in
- When signing in every person is to be listed separately and not as a group entry.
- Do not write on the back of the sheets if full
- All pre-existing bookings for Christmas and weekend masses are no longer applicable
- Although there are no designated seating arrangements please use common sense and remember to apply social distancing restrictions
- Members of the same family and/or household are permitted to sit together
- Please note reconciliation times have changed to Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm
- There is now one Saturday Vigil mass at 5.00pm

Resumption of some Ministries

For most of this year we were unable to fully engage our wonderful parishioners in many of the roles in Mass. With COVID restrictions easing, and as we transition towards Christmas and Masses with larger attendances, we are in a position where we kindly seek the assistance and support of:

- **Ministers of the Eucharist**, (will be required to wear a mask when distributing the Blessed host)
 - **Readers and Commentators.**
- Rosters for these are about to be prepared and if you are available to assist, please contact the Parish Office as soon as practical. Thank you!