

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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All masses limited to 100. Bookings required in advance.
It is a mandatory requirement of entry that masks are worn.

Weekend Mass times

Saturday 4.30pm & 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 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month
All Baptism bookings are to be made via our website

From Father Raining

A little boy was behaving perfectly at the Baptism of his infant sister - until the pastor started sprinkling water on the little one's bald head. Seeing this, the lad leaned forward and said, in a loud voice, "Behind her ears too. Don't forget behind her ears."

In terms of all that Baptism symbolises, it's even more than over the head and behind the ears. It's everything, from top to bottom -- "from the top of your head to the tip of your toes."

And, more than that, it's the dedication of body and soul to life in Christ. Moreover, such dedication comes at a high price.

A man who was attracted for many years to the Gospel of Jesus Christ was asked why he had not been baptised. He replied: "My experience with the Church had been like getting on a train and asking the conductor, 'How much?' Then, upon hearing the conductor's answer, 'Your life,' the thought of bearing that kind of responsibility frightened me." So I went and hid in the caboose, where I've been hiding ever since."

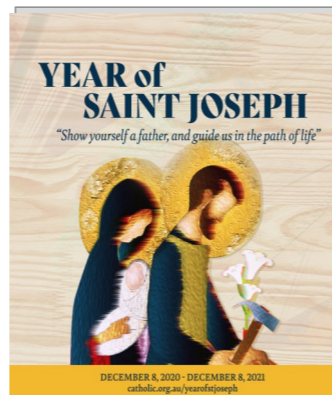
Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

At this baptism Jesus heard the voice of the Spirit proclaiming him God's beloved Son. As a baptised Christian do you think of yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God?

IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE

Until further notice, the following applies:

- Please note changes to Mass and reconciliation times
 - ~ Saturday reconciliation is now 3:45pm to 4:15pm
 - ~ Saturday vigil Mass times are now 4:30pm and 5:30pm
 - ~ Sunday Masses remain unchanged 8:00am, 9:30am & 5:00pm
- Masks are compulsory for all Masses and all Church based events including the Rosary
- No entry will be permitted unless you are wearing a mask
- Exemptions will only be allowed with certified medical documentation
- You will also need to self sanitise and have your name ticked off upon entry.
- Masses are now strictly limited to 100 people
- All weekend Masses will now require booking in advance
- Please do not simply expect to enter on the day unless you have booked in advance
- Mass bookings are made by phoning the parish office 10:00am to 1:00pm any weekday
- Follow any signage for seating and please use common sense, remembering to apply social distancing restrictions
- Members of the same family and/or household are permitted to sit together.



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

Moments of Mercy

I asked him, "Do you have among our students any who are a comfort to your heart?" The Lord answered (that) he has, but their life is weak, and so I put them in your special care - Pray for them. (Diary #288).

Catholic Weekly

- The missing \$2.3 billion
- What the numbers tell us. Mass attendance in Australia.
- Thoughts on a pro-life picket line
- The tragedy of Lisa Montgomery
- Movie review: **The Surgeon's Cut**
- Brothers who built an industry

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.

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Church cleaning

Joe Budwee, Marie Hiscock, Anne Canty, Linda Pereira, Liz Gold

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

Feast Days

12th St Marguerite Bourgeys
"I offered myself with all my heart to do God's will".

13th St Hilary Poitiers
"The Church is the Ship outside which it is impossible to understand the Divine Word, for Jesus spoke from the boat to the people gathered on the shore".

14th St Felix of Nola
"The man without Christ is dust and shadow".

15th St Paul the Hermit
"When nothing diverts my thoughts from God, my heart swims in an excess of overflowing joy, in so much that I often forget my food and all earthly things; but it is an affliction to live amid the distraction of worldly conversation."

16th St Berard & Companions
St. Berard and his five companions (Peter, Adjute, Accurs, Odo, and Vitalis) were sent off with the blessing of St. Francis of Assisi to preach in Morocco. They were beheaded by the sultan in 1220. The friars' relics were brought to Portugal, and when the young St. Anthony of Padua, who was then an Augustinian canon, saw them he decided to join the Franciscans.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christian.

Baptism Welcome

Congratulations to Bonnie Markham who was baptised here last weekend.

We pray that Christ will always be an important and integral part of your life.

Piety Stall

Available in the Piety Store:

Requisites for all occasions. Open after all weekend Masses so please come and browse!

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 5th to Saturday 6th February

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



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.



Come join our Green Army

One of the endearing and inspiring features of our parish are the beautiful gardens. This has been the labour of love of our parishioners who have been generous with their time, efforts and talents. The colourful blooms and array of plants, as you may appreciate, requires some attention and care. As we head into a new year and as you make your resolutions, please consider how you are able to lend a hand and ensure that our gardens continue to thrive. Whether you're happy to do some maintenance on the existing plants or perhaps see an opportunity to be creative and plant something new or different. There are many ways to assist, and an experience you can also enjoy on your own or as part of a team. For more information and to find out more please contact the Parish Office.



Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Fatherr Domingo Barrawib, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, John Cassar, Richard Cassin, Ron Cini, Christine Coorey, Sorayda Corpuz, Camarillo Cossid, Kainaz Cowasjee, Fevoura 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 Filfil, 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.

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, Tony Draybi, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito, Charlie Micallef, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Maggie Simpliciano, Lourdes Zaballa.
May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace