

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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All masses limited to 160. Bookings required in advance.
It is a mandatory requirement of entry that masks are worn.

Weekend Mass times

Saturday 4.30pm & 5.30pm 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

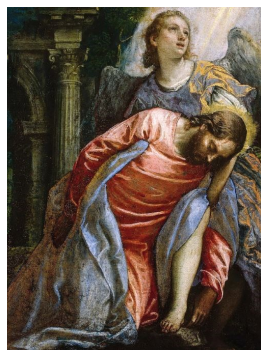
Once upon a time a government surveyor brought his equipment to a farm, called on the farmer, and asked permission to go into one of the fields and take readings. The farmer objected, fearing that the survey was the first step toward construction of a highway through his land. "I will not give you permission to go into my fields," said the farmer. Whereupon, the surveyor produced an official government document which authorised him to do the survey. "I have the authority," he said, "to enter any field in the entire country to take necessary readings." Faced with such authority, the farmer opened the gate and allowed the surveyor to enter the field. The farmer then went to the far end of the field and opened another gate, through which one of his fiercest bulls came charging. Seeing the bull, the surveyor dropped his equipment and began to run for his life. And he could hear the farmer triumphantly shouting after him, "Show him the paper, show him your authority."

The Greek word for "authority" is "exousia." The word for "power" is "dunamis." Authority and power have different meanings, as the unfortunate surveyor discovered at the sight of the raging bull. In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus reminds us that, in terms of our salvation -- where are we going with our lives and what ought we do about it -- He speaks to us with authority and He empowers us, both.

First Reading: God promises to send prophets who will reveal God's presence among us.
Who has shown me where God is hidden in our midst?

Second Reading: Paul encourages us to be free of anxieties in our relationship.
How has my anxiety about a relationship influenced my behaviour toward God and others?

Gospel: Jesus' mastery of unclean spirits shows he is reordering the world for God.
How has my life been reordered because of my faith in Christ?



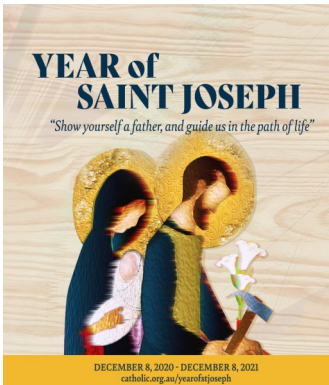
Comfort LENTEN PROGRAM

Comfort is a series of short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading.

Traditionally these would also form part of Lenten group gatherings. If you are interested in taking part there's a sheet located in the foyer to register your interest. Please include your day and time of preference. Everyone is invited to attend.

Stations of the Cross

- Will be held every Friday evening in the Church at 7:00 pm during Lent.
- Commences Friday 19th February.
- Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no need to book in advance.



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

Moments of Mercy

I am glad you behaved like My true daughter. Be always merciful as I am merciful. Love everyone out of love for Me, even your greatest enemies, so that My mercy may be fully reflected in your heart (Diary, 1695).

Catholic Weekly

- Faith abounds in Eddie's salon
- Rare honour for Sydney priest
- Triplets begin school
- U.S bishops split over Biden
- Movie review: The Marksman
- Condensed milk liturgical music

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Church cleaning

Minda Chumroonridhi, Warren D'Costa, Jun Balagtas, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Vlako Valjak

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

Feast Days

31st St John Bosco

"Do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today, you may not have a tomorrow"

1st St Brigid

Founded a monastery in 471 and was the first convent in Ireland. Many of the saint's earliest miracles seem to have rescued her from punishment.

2nd Presentation of the Lord

Occurs 40 days after Jesus' birth and also referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas.

3rd St Blaise

Patron saint of throat maladies and wild animals and known for his gift of healing.

3rd St Ansgar

"If I were worthy of such a favour from my God, I would ask that he grant me this one miracle: that by His grace He would make of me a good man."

4th St Joan of Valois

Patron Saint of those in difficult circumstances.
"I am ugly in body but I want a beautiful soul."

5th St Agatha

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, You know my desires. Possess all that I am -- You alone. I am Your sheep. Make me worthy to overcome the devil."

6th St Paul Miki

"Like my Master I shall die upon the cross. Like Him, a lance will pierce my heart, so that my blood and my love, can flow out upon the land and sanctify it to His name."

Holy Hour for Vocations

The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be another Christ.

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.



IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE

Until further notice, please note the following updates:

- Current Mass and reconciliation times
~ Saturday reconciliation is 3:30pm to 4:15pm
~ Saturday vigil Mass times 4:30pm and 5:30pm
~ Sunday Mass times 8:00am, 9:30am & 5:00pm
- Masks remain compulsory for all Masses and all Church based events including the Rosary
- No entry permitted unless wearing a mask
- Exemptions only with certified medical documentation
- Self sanitise and have your name ticked off upon entry
- Masses are strictly limited to 160 people
- All weekend Masses 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 all signage for seating, remembering social distancing restrictions and using common sense.
- Please remember to be polite and patient. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Will be held 17th February.

Mass times are as follows:

6:30 am
9:10 am
7:00 pm

Bookings in advance are essential



Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Father 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 Filfilii, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Peter and Julie Herlinger, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Karen Le Huray, 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, Michelle Makin. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**