

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*) * to change 13th Feb

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 woman was listening to her pastor preach a Sunday morning sermon about Simon Peter's wife's mother, ill with a fever. Not only was it an obscure text but also it was an insignificant sermon. The woman lasted through the experience, but left the Church feeling somewhat unfulfilled.

Consequently, she decided to go to Church again that day, out in the country where she had grown up. When she arrived, she discovered to her dismay that her pastor had been invited to be guest preacher and again he had chosen to preach the sermon about Peter's mother-in-law being ill with a fever. (Obviously, he was getting a lot of mileage out of that sermon.)

Believing that there was still time to redeem the day, the woman decided to go to the hospital chapel in the evening. As you may have guessed, the same preacher, on hospital duty, was preaching the same sermon on Peter's wife's mother, ill with a fever.

Next morning, the woman was on a bus riding downtown and, wonder of wonders, the same clergyman boarded that bus and sat down beside her. An ambulance raced by with sirens roaring. In order to make conversation, the pastor said, "Well, I wonder who it is?" "It must certainly be Peter's mother-in-law," she replied. "She was sick all day yesterday."

First reading: Job recognised the difficulties of life and how they push us to give up hope.
How does Christ's presence in my life offer hope?

Second reading: Paul feels compelled to share the gospel message.
What makes Jesus' good news so good that I want to share it?

Gospel: Despite his busy ministry, Jesus prayed alone in the morning.
When can I find time each day to pray and be alone with God?



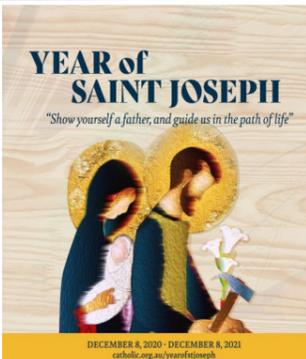
Comfort LENTEN PROGRAM

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

O living Host, my one and only strength, fountain of love and mercy, embrace the whole world, fortify faint souls. Oh, blessed be the instant and the moment when Jesus left us His most merciful Heart! — *Diary, 223*

Catholic Weekly

- Sydney farewells beloved Fr Isidore
- Law aims to protect NSW students
- Forgiveness the fruit of tragedy
- Movie review: *The Dig*
- Awful liturgical music

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

Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard, Gemma Martin

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

Feast Days

8th St Jerome Emilliani
"If then you remain constant in your faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next."

8th St Josephine Bakhita
"Love the Lord and pray for those who do not know him. What a grace it is to know God!"

9th Saint Apollonia
Patronages – against tooth disease and toothache, of dental technicians and dentists.

10th St Scholastica
"I asked you and you would not listen. So I asked my God and He did listen."

11th Our Lady of Lourdes
"I do not promise you happiness in this world, but in the next."

12th St Julian
"Jesus did not say, 'You will never have a rough passage, you will never be over-strained, you will never feel uncomfortable,' but he did say, 'You will never be overcome.'"

12th St Damien of Molokai
"My greatest pleasure is to go to the cemetery to say my beads, and meditate on that unending happiness which so many of them are already enjoying."

13th St. Catherine de Ricci
"Look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, on this Thy family for which Our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked, and suffer the torments of the Cross."

14th St. Valentine
While in prison, he fell in love with a jailer's daughter and when he was being taken to be killed on the 14th of February, he wrote a love letter to her and signed it "From your Valentine" Thus the name 'Valentine' was born.



Holy Hour for Vocations

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION

Until further notice, the following applies:

- ~ Saturday reconciliation is held 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.

Saturday Daily Rosary—new time

Commencing next Saturday 13th February, the Saturday morning Rosary will be now be prayed at 8:40 am (before Mass). This in in response to feedback and is now at the same time as the weekday Rosary.



Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains and Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath – Applications close 12 February 2021.
For more details see parracatholic.org/employment

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 Simpiciano, Lourdes Zaballa, Michelle Makin. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**



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

Little White Box

Is available this weekend. Your financial support no matter how small makes a big impact on the lives of a mother and her little one.

Baptism Welcome

Congratulations to Daniela Nardo, Oscar Jazrawi & Aria Cerreto who were baptised here this weekend.

Father, bless them with your grace and love, surround them with goodness, guide their steps along the way and keep them from harm. Amen