

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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All masses limited to 320. No Bookings Required in advance.

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 (preceded by the Rosary at 8:40am)

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 man walked into a crowded Bible-study classroom. He looked around and saw that there was one empty seat. He said to the woman sitting next to it, "Is this chair saved?" The woman looked up from her Bible and said, with a gleam in her eye, "Not yet, but we're all praying for it."

In Scripture, the word "salvation" often conveys a meaning of relationships which have been healed, set right. "Behold, now is the day of salvation" (1 Cor. 6:2).

A leper came to Jesus beseeching Him, and kneeling said, "If you will, you can make me clean" (Mk. 1:40). In Jesus' time, lepers were social outcasts, considered to be not only physically unclean but unclean in spirit. Lepers were ostracized from the community, dispossessed. The lowly lepers were required to keep their distance. When the leper approaches Jesus, the Saviour does not tell him to keep his distance. Nor does he ask questions about his miserable condition. Rather, Jesus touched him and draws him closer to him.

First reading: In Moses' time, sick people were separated from the community.
How can I help someone who is sick to feel more a part of the community?

Second reading: Paul knows that Christian behaviour imitates Christ's example.
Who has been an important model of the Christian life for me?

Gospel: The leper trusts that Christ can make him well.
From what might I ask Jesus to heal me today?



Comfort

LENTEN PROGRAM

Comfort is a series of short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday). This year we have has a great response to the program which will begin Wednesday 24th February at 7:00pm in the Marion Chapel.

Stations of the Cross

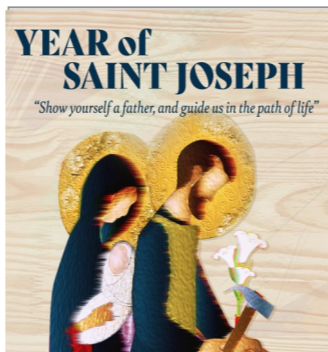
- Will be held every Friday evening in the Church at 7:00 pm during Lent.
- Commences Friday 19th February.
- Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no need to book in advance.



Positions Vacant

- Natural Family Planning Educator (Casual) – Diocese of Parramatta – closes 5pm 19 Feb
- Social Justice Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta – closes 5pm 22 Feb

For more details see parracatholic.org/employment



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

Moments of Mercy

In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent Heart of Jesus, stretched upon the Cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting. — *Diary*, 906

Catholic Weekly

- Chilling Victorian Law
- First woman to vote in Synod
- Tyburn sisters ensure serenity for all
- The Art of Spiritual War
- Movie review: **Greenland**
- Getting to know Catholic Social Teaching

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Church cleaning

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

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

Feast Days

15th St Jordan

"There are two ways of keeping God's word, namely, one whereby we store in our memory what we can hear and the other, whereby we put into practice what we have heard (and none will deny that the latter is more commendable, in as much as it is better to sow grain that to store it in the barn)."

16th St Daniel Comboni

"God can kiss us with a healing because God is wounded by our pain."

17th Ash Wednesday

A solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.

18th St Gertrude

"I understand that, each time we contemplate with desire and devotion the Host in which is hidden Christ's Eucharistic Body, we increase our merits in heaven and secure special joys to be ours later in the beatific vision of God."

19th St Valerius of Sorrento

For many years a hermit near Sorrento in Italy. Reluctant bishop of Sorrento, chosen by the inhabitants of this city for his wisdom and piety. He died in 453 of natural causes.

20th St Basil

"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

20th St Leo

"Remember Your Dignity Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness"

Holy Hour for Vocations

If faith can move mountains, it can remove hardness of heart.



Project Compassion Sunday 14th February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and support Caritas Australia this Lent; themed "Be More". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, families and communities.

IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE

Until further notice, the following applies:

- **Masks are no longer compulsory** for all Masses
- Self sanitise and print your name and phone number on the sheets provided outside the church
- **Masses are strictly limited to 320 people**
- Bookings are no longer required. Any existing bookings will not be considered and ignored.
- Remembering social distancing restrictions, please use common sense.
- All reconciliation and mass and times will remain the same at this stage.
- As you will need to sign in please arrive earlier

Lent 2021

Lent is a penitential season set aside by the Church in order for us to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. It calls us to a change of heart and teach us about traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during Lent, we renew our commitments to them.

It begins with Ash Wednesday wherein a cross is traced on our foreheads with ashes. The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, ashes remind us of our origin and death. The words of one of the options said as we receive ashes articulates this well: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we "Turn away from sin and are faithful to the gospel," words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes.

Due to COVID-19, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a change affecting the distribution of ashes:

After blessing the ashes, the priest recites one of the formulae found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." He then SPRINKLES the ashes on each person's head without saying anything.

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Father Domingo Barrowib, 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 Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Peter and Julie Herlinger, Colleen Holroyd, 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, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, 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**

If you have already booked, the booking will no longer stand and simply sign yourself in at the time.