

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

The noted Howard University Scholar, Charles T. Copeland, was once approached by a student who asked, "Why are there no courses in conversation? Is there anything I can do to learn the art of conversation?" "Of course there is," Copeland replied, "and if you'll just listen I'll tell you what it is." Then, there was a long and awkward silence. Finally, the student said, "Well, I'm listening." To which Copeland replied, "You see, you're learning already."

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus moves from the banks of the Jordan River (the scene of His baptism) into the dry, barren, lonely desert wilderness. His public ministry of proclaiming the Good News of the Coming Kingdom is about to begin. His spirit is consumed with desire to know the Father's Will and to carry it out faithfully.

For forty days He fasts and He prays, which is to say, for forty days, He fasts and He listens, for listening is the better part of prayer. We believers talk a lot about prayer. We talk a lot about prayer as our means of talking to God and asking of God and thanking God and praising God. But do we realise how futile it is to try to seek communion with God in prayer without listening to Him? God is forever trying to communicate with us. We don't have to ask Him for His attention. We already have it. And we have His promise never to withhold it -- not even for one split second. Our problem is not one of trying to get God to listen. Our problem is disciplining ourselves to listen.

First Reading: The rainbow was Noah's reminder of God's covenant with all creation.
What. Is the rainbow, reminds me of God's loving care for creation?

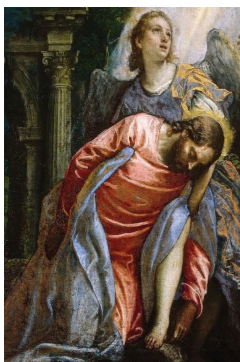
Second Reading: Peter reminds us it is not outer dirt but the inner spirit that needs cleansing.
What inner renewal do I most desire this Lent?

Gospel: Jesus' desert experience led to a new ministry for others.
How might Lenten changes make me a better announcer for God's good news?

Comfort

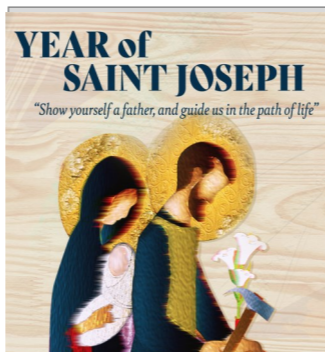
LENTEN PROGRAM

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.
- These commence at 7:00pm SHARP so please arrive early to allow time to sign in and sanitise. Thank you**



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

Moments of Mercy

Accept, most merciful Jesus, this, my inadequate sacrifice, which I offer to You today before heaven and earth. May Your Most Sacred Heart, so full of mercy, complete what is lacking in my offering, and offer it to Your Father for the conversion of sinners. I thirst after souls, O Christ. — *Diary*, 1680

Catholic Weekly

- Nobel nominee: Priest of the rubbish dumps up for prestigious award
- Happier than ever: Couple celebrates 70 years of love
- Maronite seminary opens
- Let's go into the desert: Lenten series begins
- The Church & politics
- Movie review: **The Little Things**

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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 Damian
"The best penance is to have patience with the sorrows God permits. A very good penance is to dedicate oneself to fulfill the duties of everyday with exactitude and to study and work with all our strength."

22nd Chair of St Peter
"And so I tell you, "You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

23rd St Polycarp
"Let us, therefore, foresake the vanity of the crowd and their false teachings, and turn back to the word delivered to us from the beginning."

24th St Sergius
"If you want to serve God, prepare your heart not for food, not for drink, not for rest, not for ease, but for suffering, so that you may endure all temptations, trouble and sorrow. Prepare for severities, fasts, spiritual struggles and many afflictions"

25th St Luigi Versiglia
"Willingly suffer a bit for God Who suffered so much for you."

26th St Alexander
"Christ suffered that we should live forever."

27th St Bernard
"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly"

28th St Oswald
"The test of the life of a saint is not success, but faithfulness in human life as it actually is"

Holy Hour for Vocations

Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

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

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.



First Sunday of Lent 21st 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**
- 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 times will remain the same at this stage.
- As you will need to sanitise and sign in please arrive early

URGENT CALL FOR CATECHISTS

As a Parish Catechist you are contributing to the effort of the People of God to bring the light of Christ into this world. You have the opportunity to work with and learn from other committed and generous people and to discover and develop your own talents. Your faith will grow as you take up the many opportunities this ministry offers to explore and share.

Please consider joining this worthwhile and rewarding ministry by contacting Melissa on 0409 744 565 or email mel.ellis@me.com

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, 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, 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**