

# 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 Raning

The word "Transfiguration," means "a change in form or appearance". Biologists call it metamorphosis, the same Greek word used by the evangelist. There is a beautiful story told by Fr. Anthony de Mello in his book 'Song of the Bird,' about the prayer of an old man who experienced such a metamorphosis. "I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: "Lord, give me the grace to change the world." As I approached middle age and realised that half of my life was gone without my changing a single soul, I modified my prayer to: "Lord, give me the grace to change my family and friends and I shall be satisfied". Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: "Lord, give me the grace to change myself." If I had prayed for this right from the start I should not have wasted my life."

### Transfiguration in children

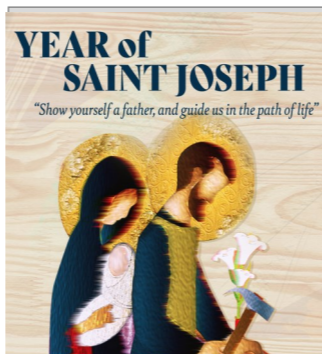
- If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.
- If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.



- First reading: Abraham was asked to sacrifice what was most dear to him- his beloved son.  
*What might I need to give up to live more closely with God?*
- Second reading: Paul feels that God is for us, bringing new life through Christ.  
*What signs gives me confidence that God is for me?*
- Gospel: Jesus' baptism affirms that he is God's beloved son.  
*What evidence from my life shows that I am God's beloved child?*

## Stations of the Cross

- Held every Friday evening during Lent in the Church at 7:00 pm
- 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

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. (Diary 965)

### Catholic Weekly

- Called by Him: Aussies ask to enter the Church in Sydney
- Don't bother with the disabled': Fury at COVID protocols
- The Year of Revolution: Looking back at 1968
- 200th Birthday: Catholic Education celebrates
- Lent with Mark Shea
- Movie review: *Minari*

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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

**1st St David of Wales**  
"Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us."

**2nd St Agnes of Bohemia**  
"I found Him whom my soul loveth I held Him and I will not let Him go"

**3rd St Katharine Drexel**  
"It is a lesson we all need - to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path."

**4th St Casimir**  
"As a result nothing was more pleasant, nothing more desirable for him, than to share his belongings, and even to dedicate and give his entire self to Christ's poor, to strangers, to the sick, to those in captivity and all who suffer."—from an early life of Saint Casimir

**5th St John of the Cross**  
"Strive to preserve your heart in peace; let no event of this world disturb it."

**6th St Perpetua & Felicity**  
"We were in the hands of our persecutors, when my father, out of the affection he bore me, made new efforts to shake my resolution. I said to him: 'Can that vessel, which you see, change its name?' He said: 'No.' I replied: 'Nor can I call myself any other than I am, that is to say, a Christian.'"

**7th St Thomas Aquinas**  
"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen"

### 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.



## IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE

Until further notice, the following applies:

- Masks are no longer compulsory and Masses are strictly limited to 320 people
- Please self sanitise and write your name and phone number on sheets provided outside the church
- Bookings are no longer required; any existing bookings will not be considered and ignored
- Remembering social distancing restrictions, and please use common sense
- As you will need to sanitise and sign in please arrive early
- We are yet to make a decision on singing and an update will be provided next weekend.

## Stations of the Cross

We have begun our Lenten Stations of the Cross and blessed with a strong attendance. Due to COVID:

- instead of processing around the Church, we now face the Sanctuary where Father remains
  - all prayers and each Station is shown on the powerpoint as Church books cannot be shared around.
- It is interesting to note that the images of the Stations used on the screen are actually those in our church and were originally made for our original Church which is now the parish centre. Sometimes we take for granted the beauty in front of us. We hope to see you on Friday evening.

## Baptism Welcome

To Giovanna Turqui & Levi Nath who were baptised here last weekend.

*Angel of God, our guardian dear to whom His love commits us here, ever this day be at our side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen*

## Catholic Outlook Magazine

Available this weekend. Features include a Catholic school family from the Diocese who share their tips for staying 'calm' and 'close' in today's frantic world, plus a rundown of events for Holy Week. Please be sure to pick up a copy.

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, 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, Patti Minahan, 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 McInernwy-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*