

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 man who was bishop of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris during the early part of the last century was a great evangeliser. He tried to reach out to unbelievers, scoffers, and cynics. He liked to tell the story of a young man who would stand outside the cathedral and shout derogatory slogans at the people entering to worship. He would call them fools and other insulting names. The people tried to ignore him but it was difficult. One day the parish priest went outside to confront the young man, much to the distress of the parishioners. The young man ranted and raved against everything the priest told him. Finally, he addressed the young scoffer by saying, "Look, let's get this over with once and for all. I'm going to dare you to do something and I bet you can't do it." Of course the young man shot back, "I can do anything you propose, you white-robed wimp!"

"Fine," said the priest. "All I ask you to do is to come into the sanctuary with me. I want you to stare at the figure of Christ, and I want you to scream at the very top of your lungs, as loudly as you can. 'Christ died on the cross for me and I don't care one bit.'" So the young man went into the sanctuary, and looking at the figure, screamed as loud as he could, "Christ died on the cross for me and I don't care one bit." The priest said, "Very good.

Now do it again" and again the young man screamed, with a little more hesitancy, "Christ died on the cross for me and I don't care one bit." "You're almost done now," said the priest. "One more time." The young man raised his fist, kept looking at the statue, but the words wouldn't come. He just could not look at the face of Christ and say it anymore. The real punch line came when, after he told the story, the bishop said, "I was that young man. That young man, that defiant young man was me. I thought I didn't need God but found out that I did."

As we enter this Holy Week on this Passion Sunday, we will look at the Cross repeatedly. Through the liturgies of this week we emphasize this central fact of our salvation. Let it overshadow all we do and all we are. May this Holy Week bring us to a realisation that Christ truly died on the cross for each one of us – and continues suffering for each of us. May this realisation bring us to Easter resurrection.

First Reading: Isaiah describes God's faithful servant, who suffers but is later rewarded.
What has been the hardest aspect of my Lenten time?

Second Reading: Paul's hymn characterises Jesus' earthly career as self-emptying service.
What self-emptying service have I experienced this Lent?

Gospel: In Mark's gospel, Jesus is abandoned by everybody to die alone.
How have I felt abandoned and alone when I had to suffer?

Good Friday Collection

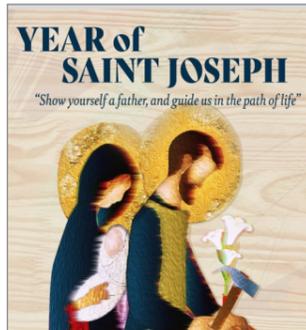
This promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to lack of pilgrims and closure of churches around the world. This year, the Holy Land continues to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. **Envelopes will be available this weekend and will be collected at the Good Friday Passion**

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight Saving ends next Sunday 4 April.



Please remember to set your clock back by one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



"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

- We salute you, Fr Kene Onwukwe
- Armidale marks 150 years young
- Students celebrate St Patrick's Day Mass
- Farewell to Anglican Archbishop Davies
- Movie review: *Raya and the Last Dragon*
- A rich history of Plenary Councils

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES

In addition to our normal morning broadcasts, Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be live streamed via our Facebook page. Please note **bookings must be made in advance** where marked (booking).

Bookings made by contacting the parish office **only between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm weekdays.**

Good Friday Passion is now at capacity and completely booked out.

There is no Good Friday 10:00am Stations of the Cross—only at 7:00pm

Thursday April 1	7:00 pm (booking) 8:30 pm Until 9:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Note: there is no morning Mass) Reconciliation Church will remain open for silent vigil
Friday April 2	3:00 pm (FULL) 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Reconciliation Stations of the Cross (Note: there is no morning Stations of the Cross)
Saturday April 3	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 5:00 pm (booking)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation Easter Vigil Mass and will include RCIA (Note: there is no morning Mass)
Sunday April 4	8:00 am (booking) 9:30 am (booking) 5:00 pm (booking)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Sunday Mass
Daily April 2 - 10	Divine Mercy devotion will take place immediately after the Lord's Passion in the Marian Chapel, and will then be held daily at 3:30pm until Saturday April 10, in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11.	

COVID-19 Update

Commencing Monday 29th March singing will be again allowed during all Church services.

Caritas Australia—Project Compassion

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and these boxes can be returned in the large giving box in the Church foyer.



Baptism Welcome to Billie Tanasic, Franklyn Todd, Noah O'Grady & Norman Saad, were baptised here last 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

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.

Young Adult Faith Formation

Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 11th April at The Hustle (4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. Christian Stephens will speak and lead discussion on the topic of Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord? We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation, food and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477004678 for more information. \$5 donation.

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 Filfilii, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Piper Hastings, Annette Herft, Peter and Julie Herlinger, Colleen Holroyd, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Karen Le Huray, Josephine Mamari, Carolyn Martin, James Matos, Leanne Maree McInerney, 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, Karl Wagner, 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 Busutil, 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, Patricia Minahan, Samuel Samson. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**