

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
Saturday 9.00am (preceded by the Rosary at 8:40 am)

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

At a year-end faculty meeting, an elementary school principal said to his teachers: "Let's all write out some New Year's Resolutions about how we can be better teachers. I'll put them on the staff bulletin board. In that way, we can be mutually supportive in our efforts to keep those resolutions." The teachers agreed. When the resolutions were posted, the teachers all crowded around the bulletin board to read them.

One of the young teachers in the group suddenly went into a temper tantrum. She said, "He didn't put up my resolution. It was one of the first ones in. He doesn't care about me. That just shows what it's like around here." On-and-on she ranted and raved. The principal overheard the commotion and he was terribly embarrassed because he hadn't meant to exclude the young teacher's resolution. He quickly rummaged through the papers on his desk and found it. Then he went immediately to the bulletin board and tacked it up. The resolution read: "I resolve not to let little things upset me anymore." Resolution, but no commitment!

It takes more than a written resolution or an external show of piety to reveal the true presence of the Holy Spirit within us. There is a necessary ingredient called commitment. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to reinforce, strengthen, and enlighten our commitment to His ministry and His way of life.

First Reading: The earliest Christian community was distinguished by its sharing of goods.
What sharing of my goods might I undertake this week?

Second Reading: John knows that love can make obedience much easier.
How has love made keeping God's commandments easier at times for me?

Gospel: Thomas wanted proof rather than relying on the word of the other disciples.
When has it been difficult for me to trust the word of others about Jesus?

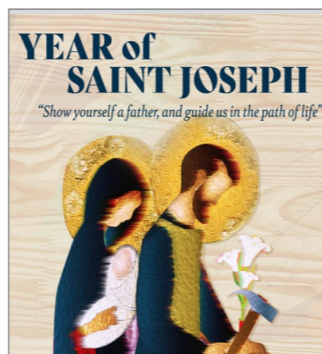
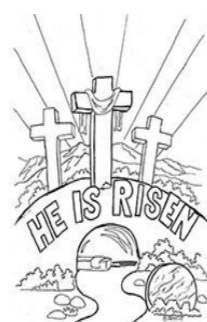
A Special Thank you!

We thank God that as a parish we were able to celebrate our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies with strong attendances! What a difference a year makes.

We acknowledge there was significant demand for some services and appreciate your understanding and patience whilst we temporarily introduced advance bookings.

At this stage bookings are no longer required for any of our Liturgical services.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make our Easter ceremonies a success!



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

Moments of Mercy

O my Jesus, my only hope, thank You for the book which You have opened before my soul's eyes. That book is Your Passion which You underwent for love of me. It is from this book that I have learned how to love God and souls. In this book there are found for us inexhaustible treasures.—
Diary, 304

Catholic Weekly

- Mothers spur the quiet fertility revolution
- A haven of healing and hope for women
- Faith in Auburn
- CDF ruling: All are welcome
- Movie review: **Yes Day**
- Dr Matthew Tan: The new pelagianism

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

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

Important update on Ministries in our Parish

Readers and Commentators: We are in the process of finalising rosters for the coming months and if you have not already contacted the office with your availability please do so as soon as possible so that we can circulate the rosters.

Altar Servers: We will soon commence reintroducing Altar Servers to our weekend Masses. It has indeed been a long wait for our children and we appreciate and acknowledge their patience and that of their families! For existing Altar Servers, their families will be contacted in early April to identify their availability to serve, etc. At this stage we are intending to recruit new Altar Servers around September which allows for the completion of the next round of First Holy Communion. In the meantime if you have any queries about the Altar Server Ministry please contact the parish office.

Baptism—Congratulations and welcome

Congratulations to Caragh Grieve & Reuben Ross who were baptised at St Paul's 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*

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.

New closing times for front gates

Please note that the closing times for the front gates of our Church has been brought forward to **9:00pm**. This has been introduced to address security concerns and ensure safety of our grounds.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Let people know that Jesus has the solution. Cast your net on the other side of life. Listen to God's Son. And tell the world what you hear!

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 1 – 2 May 2021

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 1 – 2 May. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

NSW Youth Week

In 2021, Youth Week will take place from Friday 16 – Saturday 24 April. The theme is 'Together more than ever.' Catholic Youth Parramatta has resources which can be accessed from the Diocese of Parramatta website <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-resources/>

Gospel Study Series

CCD is pleased to offer a Study of the Gospel of St John with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays – 23 and 30 April and 7, 14 and 21 May. These sessions, held from 9.30am to 2pm, will open our eyes to the depth of this Gospel and its application to everyday life, and are open to all. Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3486.

Positions Vacant:

Young Christian Students Worker (full-time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers – Applications close Monday 30 April
More details at: <https://parracatholic.org/employment/>

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, Piper Hastings, Annette Herft, Peter and Julie Herlinger, Colleen Holroyd, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Iruibandra, 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 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, Patricia Minahan, Samuel Samson. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**