

# 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

Did you ever feel like a frog? Frogs feel slow, low, ugly, puffy and drooped. The frog-feeling comes when you want to be bright but you feel dull. You want to share but you are selfish. You want to be thankful but you feel resentment. You want to be big but you're small. You want to care but you're indifferent. Yes, at one time or another each one of us has found himself or herself on the lily-pad floating down the great river of life, frightened and disgusted but too froggish to budge.

A fairy tale: Once upon a time there was a prince who looked like a frog. A wicked witch had cast a spell on him. Only the kiss of a beautiful maiden could save him. But since when do beautiful maidens kiss frogs? So there he sat: un-kissed-prince in frog form. But miracles do happen. One day a beautiful maiden grabbed him up and gave him a big kiss. Crash! Boom! Zip! There he was, a handsome prince. And you know the rest: they lived happily ever after.

So what is the task of the Christian Community? To kiss frogs, of course!

The point is that most of us enter into a froggish situation, we stand around and we say, "Oh my goodness, the poor frog. Why doesn't somebody do something about that poor frog?" The real question is, "Why don't you do something about that poor frog?" You have received the power to kiss Him into life.

To which we might add, our task also is allowing ourselves to be kissed out of our froggishness.

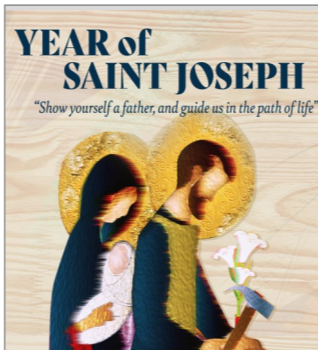
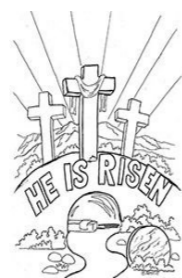
First Reading: Peter encourages repentance – changing our lives to relate in a new way to God.  
*How can I continue the changes I began during Lent and grow in my relationships to God and others?*

Second Reading: John joins together knowing Jesus and keeping his commandments.  
*How has my attempt to keep Jesus' commands helped me understand him better?*

Gospel: Jesus invites us to be witnesses of what we have experienced with him.  
*How might I share my love for Jesus and with others today?*

## A Special Thank you!

Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through your donations you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contributed to the Holy Land, you became an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Your generous donations this year will have a great impact on those in need.



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

## Moments of Mercy

Transform me into Yourself, O Jesus, that I may be a living sacrifice and pleasing to You. I desire to atone at each moment for poor sinners. O my Creator of great mercy, I trust in You, for You are Goodness Itself. - Diary, 908

## Catholic Weekly

- Archibald biography is 'Portrait of a Legend'
- Parents: The next 'I am trans' email could be for you
- Aussie cardinal shaped history
- John Brennan: The godfather of radio
- Movie review: **Godzilla Vs Kong**
- Way of the Man: Men's ministry dates

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Church cleaning

Couples for Christ, JMJ (Jhun Javier), Mark & Caroline Penafiel

## 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 7th to Saturday 8th May

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 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.

## 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. Could you please ensure to have your boxes returned by the close off date of 28th April.

## 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

Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life!

## Anzac Day Scroll & Mass

As Anzac Day falls on a Sunday there will be no separate or dedicated dawn service. A scroll will be placed on the Altar for all Masses that weekend and all those masses will be offered up especially for those listed on the scroll, and indeed for all servicemen and women. The scroll is located in the church foyer and you are invited to include the names of your loved ones who have served in past or serving at present.

## 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**