

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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All masses limited to 320. No Bookings Required in advance.

Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 4.30pm & 5.30pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm

Weekday Mass times

Monday to Friday 9.10am | Saturday 9.00am

(all 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

"What is success?" asked Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Success," he said "was to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded."

In poetic language we hear the same definition:

An old man walking a lonesome road, came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and wide and steep, with waters running cold and deep.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim, the rolling stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side, and built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow traveller near, "you are wasting your strength with building here.
Your journey will end with the passing day, you never again will pass this way.
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide, why build you this bridge at eventide?
The builder lifted his old gray head, "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today a youth whose feet must pass this way.
The chasm that was nought to me to that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He too must cross in the twilight dim—Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

Both definitions of success ring true because both are in close harmony with the definition we have from Jesus in today's Gospel Lesson:

"He who abides in Me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit ... by this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples" (Jn. 15:5,8).

Then, in the next few verses, Jesus gives us the formula for bearing much fruit -- His success formula: "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15:12-13).

First Reading: The disciples were afraid of Saul the persecutor and did not trust his "conversion."

What evidence do I trust to accept someone's religious sincerity?

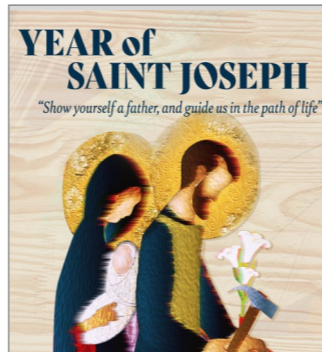
Second Reading: John tells us that genuine love is shown not just in words but in everyday deeds.

When have my Christian words not been matched by my Christian deeds?

Gospel: Jesus tells us that we can only survive if we join ourselves to his life.

What can I do this week to invite Jesus to "remain in me.?"

8th/9th May	4.30pm Vigil	5.30pm Vigil	8:00 am	9:30 am	5:00 pm
Projector	Corey F	Aldrich D	Slyvia M	Monique F	Thomas H
Communion	Veronica B	Chris L	David W	Adam C	Kerry B
Reader	Keenan F	Bianca D	Tahlia M	Dilani D	Annabelle H
Commentator	Kate F	Sharon D	Emmy C	Veronica R	Maddie H
Cleaners	Eileen & Dennis, Judy, Chris & Gemma				
Acolytes	As per circulated roster				
Altar Servers	tba (commencing 6th/7th June)				



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

Moments of Mercy

I am beginning the retreat today, Jesus, my Master, guide me. Govern me according to Your will, purify my love that it may be worthy of You, do with me as Your most merciful Heart desires. - *Diary*, 218

Catholic Weekly

- Latham Law: Don't weaponise activists against our children
- Monica Doumit: Beware push for Federal funds to screen, end lives of ill children
- Call yourself pro-life? Really?
- Jimmy Lai pays the price
- Movie review: **Love and Monsters**
- Priesthood - golden opportunity

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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.

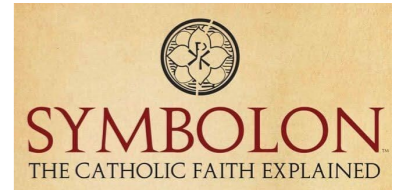
Everyone is invited to Symbolon!

The popular formation program SYMBOLON was put on hold last year due to the COVID-19 lock down. We are now happy and pleased to announce that this program has just re-commenced.

Episode Two will be held on Saturday 8th May at 2:30pm at the Parish Centre. If you were unable to attend the first session that's okay and by all means please feel free to attend this second session. Handouts are available for each episode and hoping to see you and look forward to your attendance.

To indicate your attendance, please send an SMS to or call Jill on 0450 959 391.

"Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith." For more on this program please visit: <https://watch.formed.org/symbolon-the-catholic-faith-explained>



Little White Box

Is available this weekend. Your financial support no matter how small makes a big impact on the lives of a mother and her little one(s).

Holy Hour for Vocations

"The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest."

Positions Vacant:

- Diocese of Parramatta: (Head) Formation for Mission; (Head) Mission Engagement. **Applications for both close Monday 10 May**
- More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Mother's Day gift

Denis McKeon, one of our wonderful volunteer gardening gurus, has generously prepared gifts of potted plants for Mother's Day. We invite all Mothers next weekend to drop in after Mass to the garage next to the Parish Office and pick up a free plant. The only thing we ask is if you can please bring a plastic bag with you for when you pick it up as we will not be supplying any. Please also note there are a wide variety of plants available ranging in size from small pots to extra large tubs. Again we extend thanks to Denis and to all the wonderful volunteers who make our Church grounds a blooming bounty of colour and life!



Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Junelle Ausuncion, 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, Mark Deady, Stephen Deady, 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 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, Brian Baker, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Michelle Makin, Tony Draybi, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Samuel Samson, Charlie Micallef, Maggie Simpliciano, Lourdes Zaballa, Patricia Minahan, Matthew Essey. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**