

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm and 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)

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

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

There is a story of a raw army recruit standing at attention on the drill field. The Drill Instructor yells, "Forward, march!" And the entire ranks begin to move, all except this one raw recruit. He's still standing there at attention. So the Drill Instructor strolls over to him and yells in his right ear, "Is this thing working?" "Sir, yes, sir!" The recruit yells. Then the drill instructor walks around to the other ear and yells, "Is this thing working?" "Sir, yes, sir!" The soldier says. "The why didn't you march when I gave the order?" "Sir, I didn't hear you call my name."

Some of us are like that soldier, standing around waiting for God to call our names. But the great commission given by Jesus on the day of Ascension is a blanket order. It has everyone's name on it. And you can be sure that the Man in charge says, "Go! Make disciples! Teach!" It is your mission and my mission.

First Reading: Jesus' ascension ends his time on earth but not his presence for salvation.
How might I witness to the good news of Jesus' abiding presence with us still?

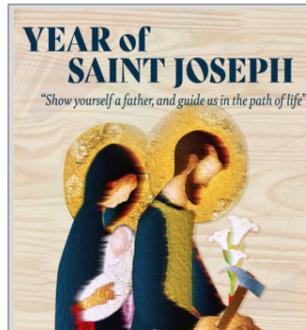
Second Reading: Paul asks that we grow in the knowledge of Christ and the new relationship he made possible with God.
What new insight about Christ has been most meaningful for me this Easter season?

Gospel: After his ascension, Jesus continued to work through the disciples.
When have I most felt that God was working through me?

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter (following the accounts in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:2); however the feast is commuted to the following Sunday. The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. At the beginning of the 5th century, Saint Augustine wrote that the feast of the ascension is of apostolic origin, speaking of it in a way that shows it was the universal observance of the Church long before his time. In the liturgy, we celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ, and his entry into heaven with our human nature glorified.

22nd/23rd May	4.30pm Vigil	5.30pm Vigil	8:00 am	9:30 am	5:00 pm
Projector	Corey F	Aldrich D	Minda C	Monique F	Gabrielle C
Communion	Gerard F	Chris L	Veronica F	Dianne S	Peter C
Reader	Keenan F	Bianca D	Lesley N	Michael M	Kristine M
Commentator	Kate F	Sharon D	Peter G	Natalie M	Jill C
Cleaners	Couples for Christ, JMJ (Jhun J), Mark & Caroline P				
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

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

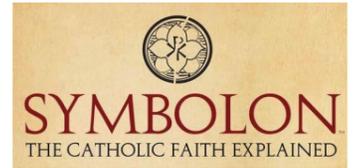
- Where Christianity is booming
- Paul Catalanotto: If I were the devil
- Leila Abdallah: Mother of the Year
- Study Canon Law - Catholic Institute of Sydney
- Book review: A Life of Rare Wisdom, Compassion and Inspiration
- Mafia victim beatified

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Everyone is invited to Symbolon!

Episode Four will be held on Saturday 22nd May at 2:30pm at the Parish Centre. 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>



Bishop Vincent's pastoral letter on the proposed Parental Rights Bill

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill. The letter can be read here: <https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>

Holy Hour for Vocations

The more your sins are forgiven, the more love you must show - what greater love than to lay down your life for others in a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?

Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood

At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes, this appeal will take place on the 29th and 30th of May. Thank you for your kind accompaniment.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This is held by congregations and parishes all over the world, and in the Southern Hemisphere between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost. The theme for 2021 is *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit* and is based on John 15.1-17. Each year the material for this Week of Prayer is prepared by peoples of a different country and this year has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. To access resources produced by the World Council of Churches please visit: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/worship-and-background-material-for-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021>

May: Month of Mary

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death and her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In 1965, Pope Paul VI wrote a short encyclical on the month of May being a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pray to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance."

Stamps for Charity

For a long time now, our parish has proudly supported the Mary MacKillop International Mission through the collection of used stamps. At any time, if you have any unused stamps, please place them in the box in the Church foyer else drop off to the Parish office. These stamps are forwarded to the Mission which are sold to support their charitable works. It doesn't matter if you have a small amount of stamps and they are all gratefully welcomed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

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, Sophie Lawrence, 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, Pelenatete Tuaimau, 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 Busuttil, 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, Charlie Micallef, Maggie Simpliciano, Lourdes Zaballa, Patricia Minahan, Matthew Essey, Joseph Borg **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**