

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

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 160. No Bookings Required in advance.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month

All Baptism bookings are to be made via our website

From Father Raining

Once there was a lonely man who wanted a pet -- one that would not require a great deal of care. He merely wanted something to come home to in the evening, something to keep him company. He went to a pet store and explained his need to the proprietor. The pet store owner said that he had just the thing the man was looking for: a canary "guaranteed to sing." The man agreed that it seemed like the perfect choice, bought the canary and took it home. The next day the lonely man hurried home from work and, as he entered his house, was overwhelmed by the sound of beautiful music coming from the canary. He was very pleased and proceeded to feed the bird as he listened to its wonderful sound. But when he opened the cage he discovered that the canary had only one leg. One leg! This irritated him. He felt cheated! And so he packed up the cage and returned to the pet store. "You sold me a canary with only one leg," he complained to the proprietor. To which the store owner replied, "Well what did you want, a singer or a dancer?"

We're never satisfied, some of us. It's one of the signs of the times. We're given a singer, but we're not satisfied. We want a dancer.

We're given a good body, but we're not satisfied -- and we proceed to destroy it with overindulgence. We're given a beautiful world, but we're not satisfied -- and we proceed to exploit it and make it ugly. We're given gifts that are uniquely ours, but we're not satisfied -- and we feel cheated and long for the gifts that others possess. The "never satisfied" person is often a destructive influence, a source of needless anxiety, tension and unhappiness, not only in his or her own life but also in the life of others.

First Reading: God feeds the Israelites in the wilderness.
When has God provided for me in the recent weeks?

Second Reading: Paul encourages us to adopt a new way of life modelled on Christ.
What might I do to be more like Christ today?

Gospel: Jesus says he is the bread that gives us life.
How has Jesus nourished my life this week?

COVID update

Lockdown restrictions are still in place (at this stage) until the end of August.

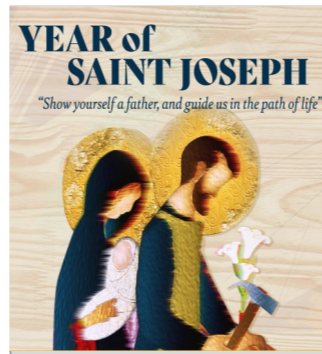
Existing arrangements continue to apply where the Church will remain closed and Masses will be broadcast via our Facebook page.

Once the restrictions are eventually lifted, we will know more in terms of Mass capacity and if bookings are required, etc and we will provide these updates to our parishioners:

- via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish/>
- as announcements during our daily livestreamed Masses

24 Hour adoration will not be held until early September (subject to restrictions at the time)

Thank you for your understanding and patience whilst these restrictions are in effect.



'Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life'

8/12/2020—8/12/2021

Moments of Mercy

Every movement of your heart is known to Me. Know that one glance of yours directed at someone else would wound Me more than many sins committed by another person (*Diary 588*)

My Jesus I Trust in You

Catholic Weekly

While the Catholic Weekly is not available from the Church, please feel free to access their website for a wide range of news and information:

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

Holy Hour for Vocations

"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Support Mass for You at Home

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6am. Find some familiar faces from the Diocese of Parramatta celebrating Mass over the coming weeks. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au

Parish Online Ministry during COVID

There are an extraordinary amount of initiatives taking place online across the Diocese in a number of parishes. These include games nights, trivia competitions, formation, scripture studies and wellbeing check-ins. If your community is willing to share these opportunities beyond your own Parish, the Mission Enhancement Team (MET Parramatta) would love to hear from you and help connect others who are struggling at this time. Email met@parracatholic.org

Join us on 'Home Ground' over the next four weeks

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight for the next four weeks, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all -- fun and connection. See the free line-up at parracatholic.org/homeground. The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

Saint Mary McKillop

On the 8th of August, we celebrate the feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint.

Mary MacKillop was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life. She was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on January 15, 1842 to Scottish immigrants Alexander and Flora MacKillop and died in North Sydney on August 8, 1901.

After living what she described as "a most unhappy" early life, largely due to financial hardship, Mary moved to Penola, South Australia at age 18 to work as a governess for relatives. There she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods and they set up a school for underprivileged children before going on to establish the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart -- the first religious institute established by an Australian. The Order grew and the Sisters travelled the countryside setting up schools, orphanages and other good works for those in need. In 1871 Mary was excommunicated following a dispute with the Bishop of Adelaide, but the following year, the Bishop lifted the excommunication order and exonerated Mary of any wrongdoing. She travelled to Rome by sea in 1873/74 to have the rule of her Order approved by the Pope himself. Today, there are about 800 Sisters of St Joseph, still working with the poor and marginalised in Australia, New Zealand, Timor Leste, Scotland, Ireland and Peru.

Even at the time of her death, those who knew her, or knew of her extraordinary work, spoke openly of her holiness -- her heroic goodness. The official Cause for the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop was begun in 1925. In January 1995, Pope John Paul II beatified Mary during a Mass at Randwick Racecourse, Sydney. This followed official recognition of a woman being miraculously cured of cancer after praying for Mary's intercession. The recognition in December 2009 of a second miracle, also a woman being cured of cancer, ensured Mary's path to Canonisation. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI in St Peter's Square, Rome on Sunday, October 17, 2010.

Pope John Paul II in January 1995 wrote: Think of Mother Mary MacKillop and learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion to one another, for all Australians and for the world.

Prayer: *Loving God, we thank you for the example of Mary MacKillop, who, in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced life's challenges with faith and courage. We pray through her intercession for our needs. May her holiness inspire us to be people of hope, love and forgiveness. We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord. Amen.*



Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Junelle Ausuncion, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Ely Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, 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, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Sophie Lawrence, Josephine Mamari, Carolyn Martin, James Matos, Leanne Maree McInerney, Judy McNeillage, 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, Rudy Severino, 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 Busutil, 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, Louis Saliba **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**