

# 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

In a "Kudzu" comic strip, a preacher is greeting his congregation at the door after services. Kudzu (the young man for whom the comic strip is named) is struggling to suppress a yawn as he says, "See you next Sunday, preacher." Then a determined-looking woman steps up. Obviously displeased, she says, "Preacher, as a member of the Worship Committee, I must tell you I was hoping you could excite the congregation with your preaching." To which the preacher replies, "Yes, I said I could excite them—not raise them from the dead!" A young playwright was extremely gratified when an important New York critic attended the opening of his "Off-Broadway" play, however the critic quickly fell asleep and remained in that condition throughout the play. The playwright was heartsick. As soon as the play ended, he dashed down the aisle and said to the critic, "I'm sorry you couldn't stay awake longer. You know how much I wanted your opinion!" The veteran play-goer rubbed his eyes and said, "Young man, sleep is an opinion."

In today's Gospel episode, Jesus is preaching in the synagogue. He soon discovers that there is no need to resurrect this congregation. Sleep is not their opinion. They're excited! So excited, in fact, that they're expressing their opinions out loud. At first they are "amazed" by His words. But as they murmur back and forth, their amazement turns into scepticism.

First Reading: Ezekiel is commanded to prophesy even though his audience will be unreceptive.

*What gives me the courage to go on when others are unreceptive to my witness?*

Second Reading: Paul learns the hard way that his weakness is a showcase for God's strength.

*When have my weakness been an unexpected source of blessing for me and others around me?*

Gospel: Jesus' neighbours were unreceptive because they could not see beyond their rigid stereotypes.

*How might I be missing what Jesus is calling me to discover?*

## COVID update (current at Friday 2nd July 11am)

If the current restrictions **end** as scheduled on Friday July 9th:

- our Church will reopen for all regularly scheduled Mass and Liturgical services
- bookings will be required (for just the weekend masses) from July 17th/18th onwards
- bookings can be made by calling (from Monday 12th) the Parish Office between 10am and 1pm weekdays except Tuesday.

If the current restrictions **do not end** as scheduled on Friday July 9th

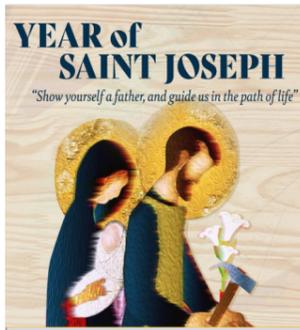
- existing arrangements apply where the Church will remain closed and Masses will be broadcast via our Facebook page.

Any further changes or updates will be announced via our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish/>

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

10th/11th July	5.00pm Vigil	8:00 am	9:30 am	5:00 pm
Projector	Aldrich D	Sylvia M	Monique F	Joshua O
Communion	Chris L	Silvestre G	Frank R	Kerry B
Reader	Sharon D	Tahlia M	Dilani D	Phil O
Commentator	Bianca D	Emmy C	Aurea J	Stephanie O
Cleaners	Eileen & Dennis, Judy, Chris & Gemma			
Acolytes	As per circulated roster			



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

8/12/2020—8/12/2021

## Moments of Mercy

Now I understand Your mercy, which protects me, and like a brilliant star, leads me into the home of my Father, protecting me from the horrors of hell that I have deserved, not once, but a thousand times. O Lord, eternity will hardly suffice for me to give due praise to Your unfathomable mercy and Your compassion for me. Jesus, I trust in you - *Diary, 1486*

## Catholic Weekly

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

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

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## IMPORTANT—changes to Vigil Mass & Reconciliation times

When COVID restrictions are lifted and liturgical services recommence, please note that there is only one evening vigil Mass at 5:00pm. Mass times on Sunday remain unchanged. Reconciliation will be also be held 4:00pm to 4:45pm

## Holy Hour for Vocations

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

## St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

At all Masses on the weekend of 17th and 18th July a third collection will be taken for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. When you donate to Vinnies you are helping our volunteers rebuild lives, and especially during winter. Your contributions can provide warm blankets for men and women experiencing homelessness or prevent a family from being evicted from their home. Vinnies can also help pay a family's utility bills and provide essential groceries to maintain health and strength during these cold months. As always we appreciate the wonderful generosity of the parishioners of St Paul the Apostle Parish.

## Planned Giving Envelopes now available

Envelopes for the 2021/22 financial year are available for collection from the church foyer. Please note that the envelope numbers allocated may have changed, and as earlier advised, please do not use any remaining 2020/21 envelopes as this will cause problems. Thank you again for your continued and generous support to our parish !

## Peter's Pence Appeal

The Peter's Pence Appeal is the Holy Father's annual appeal raising funds for the neediest parts of the Catholic Church around the world. The Peter's Pence Office tells us that donations to assist the needy "Is an offering that each member of the faithful decides to give to the Pope so that he can provide for the needs of the entire Church, especially in those places where the Church experiences greater difficulties." A third collection will be taken up when Masses resume in support of this appeal. Thank you for your continued support.

## Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 2021

The Office for Worship will be running Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses again in August. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Communion to the Sick and Dying. If you are interested or would like more information please contact our Parish Office in the first instance.

## National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31 July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The gathering aims to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. Register for free at [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

## COVID-19: Diocesan resources and information

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](http://www.massforyou.com.au)

The Diocese of Parramatta encourages you to continue your life of prayer and participate in the life of the church, and the following link contains a wide range of information and resources: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19/>

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Junelle Ausuncion, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Elly 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 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, Charlie Micallef, Maggie Simpliciano, Lourdes Zaballa, Patricia Minahan, Matthew Essey, Joseph Borg, Louis Saliba **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**