

# 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

There is a fable of a skylark who came from a noble skylark family. He loved to fly high above the earth and sing beautiful melodies. One thing he didn't like was the daily work of digging worms in order to receive nourishment and stay alive. One day, soaring high above the earth, he saw a little man dressed in a scarlet coat walking down the road hollering "Earth worms for sale. Earth worms traded for skylark feathers." The skylark zoomed down and said to him "What's the deal?" "Two worms for one feather," he answered. "Try it, you'll like it! It's a good deal!" So the skylark tried it and he liked it. He had so many feathers, after all. Who's going to miss one feather? He plucked a feather out, got his worms, and had a lot more time to just coast around that day. Day-after-day the skylark plucked another feather and traded it for worms. Then the awful day came when he tried to fly but was barely able to get himself off the ground and came crashing down again. He realised what had happened. He was a bedraggled skylark, unable to fly.

A contradiction in terms: a skylark that can't fly, so he spent the whole day digging feverishly for worms. When evening came, the little man in the scarlet coat came by. The skylark said to him anxiously, "I've got to trade back." The little man just kept on walking, laughing as he went and shouting over his shoulder, "No deal, friend. Worms for feathers is my business, not feathers for worms." So we go on, day-after day, trading off the bright-coloured feathers of the spirit, avoiding the daily work of our Christian mission, until we reach a point of no return.

We become a contradiction in terms: a Christian without a mission.

First Reading: Amos recounts how God came to him amidst his regular job, commissioning him to witness. *When has God's presence in my regular tasks prompted me to do something new?*

Second Reading: Paul reminds us that God has chosen us, adopted us and lavished many gifts on us. *For which gifts am I especially thankful today?*

Gospel: Jesus commissions the disciples to begin sharing in Christ's work. *To whom is Christ sending me now to bring his healing power?*

## COVID update (current at Friday 9th July 9 am)

Lockdown restrictions are still in place (at this stage) until Friday 16th July.

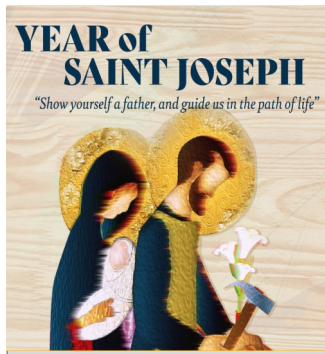
Existing arrangements continue to apply where the Church will remain closed and Masses will be broadcast via our Facebook page.

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

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

17th/18th July	5.00pm Vigil	8:00 am	9:30 am	5:00 pm
Projector	Corey F	Minda C	Monique F	Elijah H
Communion	Kate F	Veronica F	Dilani D	Frank B
Reader	Leanda S	Lesley N	Veronica R	Joshua O
Commentator	Pauline K	Aurea J	Peter G	Kristine M
Cleaners	Joe B, Marie H, Anne C, Linda P, Liz G, Melanie L			
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

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. The sacrifice of my spirit is hidden under the veil of the body; the human eye does not perceive it, and for that reason it is pure and pleasing to You. O my Creator and Father of great mercy, I trust in You, for You are Goodness Itself. - *Diary*, 908

## 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

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings, sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth, however, other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

## St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

At all Masses on the weekend of 14th and 15th August 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.

## Thank you for supporting our seminarians – our future priests

Your kind-hearted gifts through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal provide for the education, formation, spiritual guidance and practical experience our seminarians need to deepen their faith and prepare for a life of service to our community. Thanks to the generosity of our faith community, almost \$300,000 has been raised. If you haven't had a chance to donate, you can still do so by visiting [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for your kind prayers, faithful accompaniment and caring support.

## 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!

## 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

This will be launched online 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 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/>

## Peter's Pence Appeal

This is the Holy Father's annual appeal raising funds for the neediest parts of the Catholic Church around the world. 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 24th & 25th July in support of this appeal. Thank you for your continued support.

## 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 Filfil, 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**