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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

The story is told of two climbers, Jim and Tom, who had just reached the top of a steep cliff when Jim fell and landed fifty feet below on a narrow ledge. Horrified, Tom yelled down, "Jim, are you okay?" To which Jim yelled back, "I'm alive, but both my arms are broken." "Don't worry, I'll get a rope down to you and pull you up." Tom said. Tom then tossed the rope down to Jim and began pulling him up to safety. Suddenly, Tom remembered Jim had broken both his arms. "If your arms are broken, how are you hanging on to the rope?" he hollered down. Jim yelled back, "With my t-e-e-e-t-h." And down he went!

Living as we do, in this hustle-bustle, complex world of ours, we sometimes feel that, in terms of mere survival, we're holding on by our teeth. Or, in the words of an old Pennsylvania Dutch saying, "The hurrier we go, the behinder we get." And we feel the need to slow down, to back off for a while, to get away from the crowd, to retreat. We feel the need for some quiet time in which to think, maybe even to pray.

In today's Gospel, having been sent out by Jesus in pairs, the Apostles return and report to Him "all that they had done and taught." And Jesus says to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest awhile." They had been so busy, Mark tells us, that "they had no leisure, even to eat" (Mk. 6:31). In Jesus' opinion they needed a little time to rest and to reflect. And so, "they went away" by boat, "to a lonely place by themselves" (Mk. 6:32).

When our lives tend to become too full and too fast, we have the same need to back off and relax. We need a little solitude in which to think things over. We need a little time to reflect on the meaning of whatever it is we're doing and the direction in which we're going.

First Reading: God's example instructs us that we must have both justice and compassion.
What might I do today to be more just and compassionate toward others?

Second Reading: The Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we don't know how.
For what help with my prayer do I ask the Holy Spirit today?

Gospel: Jesus tells us that God's presence often starts out very small but can grow very large.
How has my awareness of God grown recently?

COVID update

Lockdown restrictions are still in place (at this stage) until Friday 30th 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

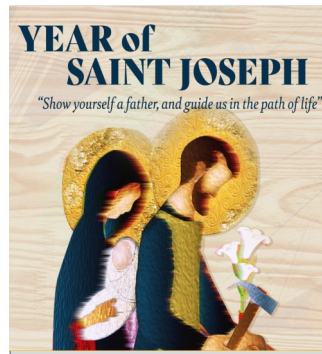
COVID-19: Diocesan resources and information

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

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/>



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

8/12/2020—8/12/2021

Moments of Mercy

Know that if your soul is filled with the fire of My pure love, then all difficulties dissipate like fog before the sun's rays and dare not touch the soul. All adversaries are afraid to start a quarrel with such a soul, because they sense that it is stronger than the whole world ... (Diary 1643)

My Jesus I Trust in You

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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24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration [Fri 6 to Sat 7 August]

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,

Adoration will only take place if lockdown restrictions are lifted



Farewell to Seminarian Adam

In sad news for our Parish, Seminarian Adam Carlow will be leaving us at the end of the month. We welcomed Adam in February last year and he has been leading and actively engaged with many Liturgical programs in our Parish. Having Adam in our presence was a blessing especially during the fluid and challenging period of COVID and grateful for his support and contributions, together with him also being able to share a much needed laugh and smile. Please continue to pray and keep Adam in your thoughts and we also wish him the very best as he continues his journey in the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes. If you wish to share with Adam your appreciation or to pass on any farewell messages, please feel free to email the Parish Office and these will be forwarded to him. God Bless you Adam!

Holy Hour for Vocations

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.

St Vincent de Paul Society 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.

First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated midway through the Year Dedicated to Family by the Holy Father. This stems from awareness of how all the elderly, including those who are not grandparents, need a family environment in which to live, and also how it is necessary for families to become aware of the role being played by their older members. In a globalised world, the relationship between the elderly and families is no longer taken for granted, but is, on the contrary, constantly being called into question. The theme chosen by the Holy Father, "I am with you always", expresses clearly during the pandemic and in better times that will hopefully follow, every ecclesial community wishes to be with the elderly always. Following is the Prayer for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

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**