

# 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 Raning

An ancient king summoned the wise men and the philosophers of his kingdom and instructed them to write down all the "Wisdom of the Ages." After labouring for twenty years on this awesome assignment, the learned men presented the king with a massive work consisting of fifty volumes. The king examined the books carefully. Then he said, "This work is much too long. Condense it."

Five years later, the wise men and the philosophers presented the king with their condensed version of the "Wisdom of the Ages" in the form of a single volume of several thousand pages. Again the king examined the work, and again he said, "This work is much too long. Condense it."

One year later, the scholars presented the king with a single sheet of paper containing only one short sentence. As the king examined it, He seemed greatly pleased. "Magnificent!" He said. "I congratulate you on a job well done!" The paper read: "There are no free lunches."

What pleased the king, of course, was the profound implication in those few words that anything worthwhile has its price, whether it be in terms of money or time or effort or discipline. Moreover, in terms of our ultimate human destiny, that implication is most profound. In terms of our growth and development into the kind of human person God made us to be, there is no free lunch.

In terms of our joyful acceptance of God's offer of New Life in Christ, in terms of our deep, innate longing for wholeness of life, there is no free lunch. There is no "cheap grace." There is no Christian discipleship without cost.

First Reading: Elisha is not worried that sharing will exhaust his resources.

*When have I experienced someone else's gift of generosity after I have been generous with others?*

Second Reading: Paul notes many ways in which we are united.

*Which sign of unity is most important to me? Why?*

Gospel: Jesus' wondrous sharing of bread leaves everyone satisfied.

*When has my sharing of the Eucharist left me feeling especially nourished?*

## COVID update

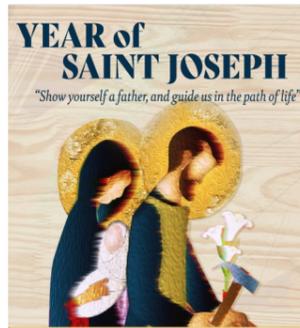
Lockdown restrictions are still in place (at this stage) until Friday 30th July.

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



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

**8/12/2020—8/12/2021**

### Moments of Mercy

This firm resolution to become a saint is extremely pleasing to Me. I bless your efforts and will give you opportunities to sanctify yourself. Be watchful that you lose no opportunity that My providence offers you for sanctification. (Diary 1361)

### 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://](https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/)

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### Holy Hour for Vocations

Today we are reminded by St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.' That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes.

## 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 from Seminarian Adam Carlow

As you are aware, Adam is expecting to leave our parish at the end of the month. Following is a personal farewell letter from Adam:

To Fr Raning, Fr Marcus, and the parishioners of St Paul the Apostle,

When I arrived here in February of last year, I was welcomed so warmly by the community. The love shown to me, and witnessed between others, has continued right throughout my time here, and it is a sign of a parish deeply rooted in Jesus Christ. The support has been astounding. Every time I think about my next step, which is only a week away now, I can't help but feel sad at the thought of not being here any longer. It's like a family to me.

That said, it's a good time for me to surrender to God and trust in His providence. Wherever God sends me, there will be new experiences and blessings along the way, and look forward to joyfully being a part of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes.

I was only here for a couple of weeks when I first arrived before we went into lockdown. Now too, at the end of my time here, we once again find ourselves facing more restrictions. I wish I could say goodbye to each and every one of the parishioners in person, and hope this will be made possible in the future when I come and visit. Not being able to see anyone before I go has made the move a little more difficult. I guess we've all been affected by this virus, in one way or the other. Whatever we're going through during these crazy times, we can take solace in being a part of God's family. Each and every one of us is loved by God and his Church. While we might not be able to see each other, let us pray for each other now more than ever, and in this way be united.

To Fr Raning and Fr Marcus, I extend a big thank you for being fatherly figures to me and setting such a good example. You have welcomed me into your home, encouraged me in my journey, and shown me what it truly means to be a shepherd for the people of God. For this I am incredibly grateful. I also thank the parish staff, Diane, Lorraine, Sandra, Melissa and Sebastian. It has been a blessing walking alongside you all during this time, and each in your own way have been a witness to Christ for me. Finally, I thank the parishioners of St Paul the Apostle Parish. Again, I come back to this image of a family, for this is what this place feels like to me. Your generosity and love towards me will stay with me as I move towards, God willing, ordination.

Please keep me in your prayers, as I do for you too. When these restrictions are lifted, hopefully we will meet again. For now, goodbye and God bless.

Jesus loves you.

Adam.

## 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 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**