

# 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's a story of two men who met on the street. One of them was the kind of person who dominates every conversation. "Hey Max," he said, "you've grown taller." He then went right on talking without giving the other person a chance to say anything. They parted, only to meet again the very next day. "Hey Max, you've put on a lot of weight," the man said and then went right talking as he had the day before. Next day they met for the third time. "Hey Max, you've grown more hair."

This, at last, was more than the other fellow could take. He immediately broke in and said, "But I'm not Max." Again, the other man went right on talking. "Oh, you've changed your name, too," he said.

All of which reminds one of St. Paul. When Paul changed from being a power-hungry Pharisee to a servant of Christ, he changed his name, too!

We are not being asked to change our names. But we are being asked to recast our own self-image. For many of us, it begins with listening. Listening is a beautiful act of servanthood, but it is something that few of us do well.

Even when we're not talking, we're not listening to the other person. We're thinking about what we are going to say next. In the servant ministry we become really present to the other person, really attentive to what he or she is saying and feeling and needing.

First Reading: Elijah was nourished by God when he thought his troubles were too great.  
*How has God strengthened me in times of trouble?*

Second Reading: Paul urges us to eliminate bitterness and grow in compassion.  
*What bitterness keeps me from being more compassionate toward someone?*

Gospel: Jesus promises to nourish us with his life.  
*When has my participation in the Eucharist been especially life-giving?*

## COVID update

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

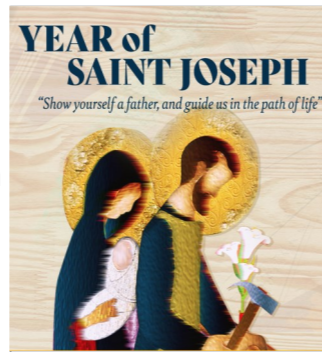
Existing arrangements continue to apply where the Church will remain closed and Masses will be broadcast via our Facebook page.

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 soul, and especially the soul of every religious, should reflect My mercy. My Heart overflows with compassion and mercy for all. The heart of My beloved must resemble Mine; from her heart must spring the fountain of My mercy for souls; otherwise I will not acknowledge her as Mine. - *Diary*, 1148

## 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

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://parracatholic.org/homeground). The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

## Saint Mary McKillop

Today the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, we celebrate the feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint.

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.*



## The Assumption of Our Lady

Sunday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son. For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

The feast day of this holy and momentous event stems from the middle of the 5th Century when the Commemoration of the Mother of God was celebrated each year on 15 August in a shrine located near Jerusalem. More than 100 years later, the feast also commemorated the end of Mary's sojourn on earth and was known as the "Dormition of Our Lady."

"Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory," Pope Pius told the masses. For many, the most telling verification of the Assumption can be found not only in learned theological studies or definitive doctrinal statements, but in the medium of Mary's many apparitions which the Church has declared worthy of belief. Where these apparitions have appeared have become beloved Holy shrines visited by millions each year and include the Shrines of Our Lady at Guadalupe, Lourdes and Fatima.

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Junelle Ausuncion, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Elly Bejma, Eveyln Brien, 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 McNeilage, 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 Saiiba **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**