

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

The story is told about a pig and a chicken who were walking past a Church one Sunday morning. Said the chicken to the pig, "You know over the years those people in there have been pretty nice to us. I think we ought to do something nice for them." "Good idea," said the pig, "What do you have in mind?" "I think we ought to have a big banquet," said the chicken. "I'm all for that," said the pig, "but what shall we serve them to eat?" "Bacon and eggs," said the chicken. "Not on your life!" said the pig. "For you that's just a contribution. For me, it's a total commitment."

Only in losing ourselves do we find ourselves. Only through total commitment do we discover life. The banquet of life to which Jesus invites us is not a "pot luck" dinner to which each invited guest makes a contribution. Jesus has the menu well in hand. The table of the Lord is set. The food is prepared and ready. What Jesus requires of us is the total commitment.

In calling us to total commitment, Jesus has long since totally committed Himself to us. Today's Gospel Lesson reveals the profound mystery and depth of that commitment:

The man who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in Him... The man who feeds on this bread shall live forever (Jn.6:56,58).



First Reading: Wisdom invites us to share in her banquet.
What steps might I take to learn more about God?

Second Reading: Paul encourages us to live with a spirit of thankfulness.
What thanks might I give God today for the blessing I have been given recently?

Gospel: Jesus gives himself so that we might live more fully with God.
What might I do to prepare myself to receive the Eucharist more reverently this week?

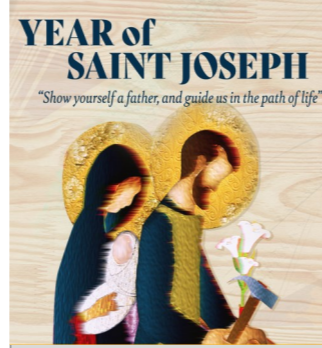
COVID update

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 be 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

I desire that even in the smallest things, you rely on your confessor. Your greatest sacrifices do not please me if you practice them without the confessor's permission. (Diary 639)

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

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. The Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.



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

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

Join us on 'Home Ground'

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight until 20 August, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. See the free line-up at parracatholic.org/homeground. The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

Census 2021

The following is from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Over coming days, millions of Australians will fill in their census forms. Some in the media have making an ideological push for Australians to tick the "no religion" box. This sells many people short. We all know people of faith who practise irregularly or who connect to God and the Church in ways other than Mass attendance. They are all part of our family.

Knowing where people of faith are, whatever their level of practice, allows us to plan for essential infrastructure such as churches, schools, hospitals and aged care services. It allows us to do what the Church has always done: to care for the local community. For very practical reasons, then, you might urge all your people to mark "Catholic" on the census form and to encourage their family and friends to mark their religion on the form as well.

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".

Prayer of the Assumption

O Blessed Virgin Mary, united to the victorious Christ in heaven, you are the image and first-flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. You shine forth as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim People of God. In your Assumption, you manifest the fullness of redemption and appear as the spotless image of the Church responding in joy to the invitation of the Bridegroom, your Son, who is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Grant that we may follow your example on earth thereby imitating your Son as well and being enabled to share your glory, with Him for all eternity.

AMEN



Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Junelle Ausuncion, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Ely 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 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 Saiba **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**