

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 story about a man who was on a bus tour of Nashville, Tennessee. The bus driver was pointing out the sights of the Civil War Battle of Nashville. "Right over there," the driver said, "a small group of Confederate soldiers held off a whole Yankee brigade." A little further along he said, "Over there a young Confederate boy, all by himself, fought off a Yankee platoon." This went on and on until finally, the man taking the tour said, "Didn't the Yankees win anything in the battle of Nashville." The bus-driver replied, "Not while I'm the driver of this bus they didn't."

It is so easy for us to get a Battle of Nashville attitude toward life. We see it only in terms of our narrow prejudice and interests and our family and our personal problems. But when we begin to take seriously the reality that God loves everyone, everywhere in the whole world, that he acted in Jesus Christ to show this love to the whole world, then God can move in our lives and we can get our lives moving.

First Reading: Joshua and the people renewed their commitment to God.
What can I do today to renew my commitment to God?

Second Reading: Paul encourages us to live in love, creating the kind of community that God wants.
What loving thing can I do to help build God's community?

Gospel: Many people left Jesus because his message and life-style were too hard.
What parts of Jesus' message are hard for me to follow?

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle (August 24th)

St. Bartholomew, a doctor in the Jewish law, was a dear friend of St. Philip the Apostle. Because Bartholomew was a man "in whom there was no guile," his mind was open to the truth. He went willingly with Philip to see Christ, and recognised the Saviour immediately as the Son of God. After having received the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost, Bartholomew evangelized Asia Minor, northwestern India, and Greater Armenia. In the latter country, while preaching to idolaters, he was arrested and condemned to death.

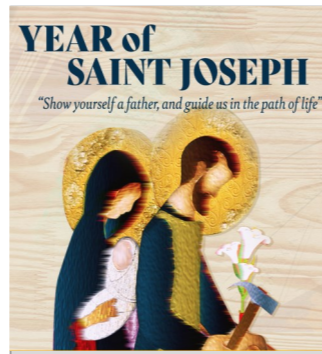
COVID update

Lockdown restrictions are still in place (at this stage) until at least 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 want you to become like a knight experienced in battle, who can give orders to others amid the exploding shells. In the same way, My child, you should know how to master yourself amid the greatest difficulties and let nothing drive you away from me, not even your falls (*Diary 1823*)

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

Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.



Bishop's Fathers Day Appeal

Due to COVID lockdown, the Clergy Support Foundation is postponing the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal in-Parish collection to a later date, when Churches are open once again. Parramatta Catholic Foundation is assisting us with a mail and online appeal around early September. Your thoughtful gift to the Appeal will mean so much to our retired priests who have put the care of others before themselves. For more information on the Clergy Support Foundation's work or to make a kind donation today, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you, Clergy Support Foundation Committee.

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 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

Contributions to Collections at Mass and Planned Giving

Sadly the physical closure of our Church is probably expected to continue for quite some time. In saying that, your continued support of the parish, and especially during the various lockdown restrictions, has not gone unnoticed and for which we are deeply grateful. There have been some enquiries as to how people can still contribute during lockdown and these are shown below.

First Collection:

Parishioners may wish to make a contribution to support the Diocesan Clergy, i.e. what you would normally place on the first collection.

Please use the following details and via EFT:

BSB	067950
Account No	00004265
Account Name	Diocesan Clergy
Reference	6041 (followed by) your name [eg 6041 Bob Down].

This will enable the Diocesan Office to identify from which parish the contributions originated (ie 6041 indicates it's from Winston Hills).

Second Collection:

If however you wish to contribute directly to our Parish, you can do so via our website (only VISA or Mastercard) as follows:

- via this weblink: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/stpaulwinstonhills> or
- visiting our website <https://stpaultheapostleparish.org/> and clicking on the Donate Now button in the top right corner.

You will be provided with an automatic electronic receipt to your nominated email address.

Please be advised that when monies are received it is actually anonymous so, if you wish, feel free to include your name (and also your envelope number if you have one) in the reference field.

Planned Giving:

The parish is always indebted to everyone who gives through our planned giving. The monthly option of direct debit is becoming increasingly popular and this is being encouraged for both existing and new givers. If you would like to know more about planned giving please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office by phone or email.

Again, thank you for your contributions and generosity — it is deeply and sincerely appreciated.

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 Saiba. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**