

# 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 was a tribe of Indians who lived a long time ago in the state of Mississippi. They lived next to a very swift and dangerous river. The current was so strong that if somebody happened to fall in or stumbled into it they could be swept away downstream.

One day the tribe was attacked by a hostile group of settlers. They found themselves with their backs against the river. They were greatly outnumbered and their only chance for escape was to cross the rushing river. They huddled together and those who were strong picked up the weak and put them on their shoulders; the little children, the sick, the old and the infirm, those who were ill or wounded were carried on the backs of those who were strongest. They waded out into the river, and to their surprise they discovered that the weight on their shoulders carrying the least and the lowest helped them to keep their footing and to make it safely across the river.

Jesus is trying to teach the disciples an object lesson about greatness, about servanthood, about leadership. He is saying to them and to us, "Have you lost the childlike joy and love and faith that once were yours?" He is also saying to them and to us, "If you want to walk on secure ground in this world it helps to carry someone with you."

First Reading: The innocent person often suffers at the hands of the wicked.  
*When did my innocence not protect me from suffering?*

Second Reading: James reminds us that our desires can often lead us away from God.  
*What desires are prominent in me now, and where are they leading me?*

Gospel: Jesus tells the disciples that their greatness will come only from service.  
*What service am I doing that would make Jesus happy?*

## COVID update

Lockdown restrictions are still in place (at this stage) until at least the middle of October.

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

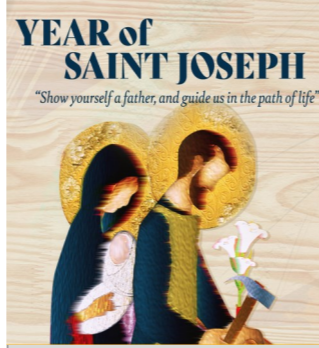
Thank you for your understanding and patience whilst these restrictions are in effect.

## A Prayer—for the fifth Plenary Council of Australia

Come holy spirit, who moved the people of this land in ages past,  
open our hearts to hear you and our minds to the message you send.

Breathe your vigour into us, and launch us into the deep.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and companion on the road, Amen



**'Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life'**  
8/12/2020—8/12/2021

## Moments of Mercy

There are souls with whom I can do nothing. They are souls that are continuously observing others, but know nothing of what is going on within their own selves. They talk about others continually. Poor souls, they do not hear My words; their interior remains empty. They do not look for Me within their own hearts, but in idle talk, where I am never to be found. 1717)

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

"We can never be called 'generous'. All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.

## Aid to the Church in Need Australia— One Million Children Praying the Rosary

ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)

## Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

"I am with you always" – Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website [parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou) contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

## Season of Creation 2021

Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying and taking action for our common home during Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct). For more information, resources, and activities in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit [parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation](http://parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation)

## Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2021

On 26 September, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (also known as Migrant and Refugee Sunday). Pope Francis invites us to work *Towards an ever wider "we"* and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society. The "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" team invites you to a *Virtual Diocesan Conversation with Refugees* on 26 September from 3pm to 4.15pm. RSVP via [www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee](http://www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee). Find more information and resources at [migrants-refugees.va](http://migrants-refugees.va) and [acmro.catholic.org.au](http://acmro.catholic.org.au).

## Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

## Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

## 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)

## Thank you for Contributions to Collections at Mass and Planned Giving

The parish is always indebted to those who give through our planned giving. The monthly option of direct debit is becoming increasingly popular and being encouraged for both existing and new givers. If you would like to know more about planned giving please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office by phone or email. 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, John Buggy, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Christine Casey, 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 Filili, 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, Kenneth Del 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, Wasley Adolphe, George Khodeir, Richard Cassin. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**