

# 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)

**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

A prosperous, young investment banker was driving a new BMW sedan on a mountain road during a snow storm. As he veered around one sharp turn, he lost control and began sliding off the road toward a steep cliff. At the last moment he unbuckled his seat belt, flung open his door, and leaped from the car, which then plummeted to the bottom of the ravine and burst into a ball of flames. Although he had escaped with his life, the man suffered a ghastly injury. Somehow his arm had been caught near the hinge of the door as he jumped and had been torn off at the shoulder.

A passing trucker saw the accident in his rear view mirror, pulled his rig to a halt and ran back to see if he could help. When he arrived at the scene, he found the banker standing at the roadside, looking down at the BMW burning in the ravine below. Incredibly the banker was oblivious to his injury and moaned, "My BMW! My new BMW!" The trucker pointed at the banker's shoulder and said, "You've got bigger problems than that car. We've got to find your arm. Maybe the surgeons can sew it back on!" The banker looked where his arm had been, paused a moment, and groaned, "Oh no! My Rolex! My new Rolex!"

First Reading: True wisdom can be more valuable to us than many material things.  
*What wisdom have I found most valuable for my daily guidance?*

Second Reading: God's word can penetrate deep into our inner self and reveal things we might not want to see.  
*When has God's word in Scripture revealed surprising depths about myself and about God?*

Gospel: Jesus challenges the rich man to give up his riches and follow him.  
*What riches of mine is Jesus asking me to give up in order to follow him more closely today?*

## COVID update

Existing arrangements continue to apply where the Church will remain closed and Masses will be broadcast via our Facebook page. This is expected to remain until 80% of NSW is fully vaccinated. Once restrictions are eventually lifted (projected for the end of October), we will provide updates in terms of Mass capacity, if bookings are required, etc and we will provide these updates to our parishioners:

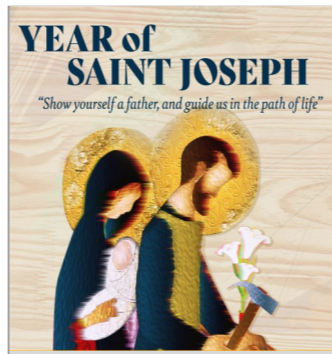
- via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish/>
- as announcements during our daily livestreamed Masses

## 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



For more information about the Plenary Council please visit [paracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://paracatholic.org/plenary-2021/)



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

8/12/2020—8/12/2021

## Moments of Mercy

I desire that you would all have more faith at the present time. How great is my joy at the faithfulness of my spouse in the smallest things. (Diary 352)

## Holy Hour for Vocations

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

## Thank you

The family of the late Lena Pereira would like to thank Fr Raining, Fr Marcus and the parishioners of St Paul's for their prayers and support.

## Wedding Announcement

Congratulations to Julianne Barker and Peter Walshe who were married last weekend at St Bernadette's Castle Hill. We wish them both every happiness and may God Bless them always.

## Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people. Enthusiastic volunteers for January 2022 departure are being sought with placements of 6-12 months, centered around working with young people in educational settings.

We are currently recruiting for volunteers in our Australian communities however when it is possible and safe to do so we will recommence sending volunteers to Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands. We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community.

The experience as a Cagliari volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliari volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do! For more information, or to send us an inquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliari.org.au/> and applications close October 30th.

## Vinnies Support Centres are still available to those in need

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If anyone is in need of assistance, please call the Support Centres in Blacktown (8861 9777), Harris Park (8861 9757) or Penrith (8861 9770). To find out more about what support is available visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

## Catholic Outlook book giveaway

'Opening Doors' has been described 'an easy read that asks hard questions', designed to help us create a better life and a better world. For a chance to win one of three copies of "Opening Doors: A Seeker's Reflections on the Rooms of Christian Living" by Kevin Treston, please enter via [catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org) and fill out the form under 'Book Giveaway'. Entries are open until Monday 11 October.

## October is World Mission Month

Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the Pontifical Mission Societies, contributes funding and provides project support to critical church-run initiatives in Africa, Asia, Oceania and South America as well as remote dioceses within Australia. Grassroots needs are identified by local Catholics, to give people the opportunity for a full, enriched life—physically and spiritually—regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender.

October is designated as World Mission Month, and this year the invitation is extended for parishioners to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

Their mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you. Please come with an open and generous heart.

For more information about World Mission Month please visit: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/thailand>

For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**  
ACTS 4:20



## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Junelle Ausuncion, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Elly Bejma, 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 Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Jake Graudins, Piper Hastings, 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, 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**