

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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## From Father Raining

Some years ago in a small village, Terri, a little 12 year old girl was babysitting her little brother. Terri walked outside to check the mail and as she turned towards the house she couldn't believe her eyes—the house was on fire. So very quickly the little house was enveloped in flames. Terri ran as fast as she could into the flaming house only to find her baby brother trapped by a burning rafter which had fallen and pinned him to the floor. Hurriedly, Terri worked to free him. She had trouble getting him loose as the flames were dancing around their heads and finally, she freed him. She picked him up, quickly took him out and revived him just as the roof caved in.

By this time, firemen were on the scene and neighbours had gathered outside the smouldering remains of the house. The neighbours had been too frightened to go inside or to do anything to help, and they were tremendously impressed with the courage of the 12 year old girl. They congratulated her for her heroic efforts and said, "Terri, you are so very brave. Weren't you scared? What were you thinking about when you ran into the burning house?" She said, "I wasn't thinking about anything. I just heard my little brother crying."

How long has it been since you heard your brother or sister crying?  
How long has it been since you stopped and did something about it?

First Reading: God promises to gather the people and end their suffering.  
*What signs of God's activity do I detect in the Church today?*

Second Reading: Jesus is our representative before God.  
*What problem do I want Jesus to take before God today?*

Gospel: Jesus helps a blind man to see.  
*For what do I need Jesus' help to "see" more clearly about my life today?*

## Attention: All Parish volunteers and committee members

In that the Church is now reopen for daily and weekend Masses, we again turn our attention to the generosity of our parishioners in their assistance in various ministries and roles. An email was sent out during the week to all volunteers on our rosters seeking an update of everyone's availability over the next few months. Thank you to those that have responded and if you didn't receive this email please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. If your circumstances have changed and you are unable to continue with any or all of your roles assisting in our Parish, it is also important to inform the office so we can remove you from the appropriate roster(s). Thank you again for your untiring assistance and support!

## Month Of The Holy Souls—The November Scroll

The November Scroll for the Holy Souls will be placed on the Altar as has been our custom. All Masses offered during November will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in the second collection.

## Planned giving envelopes

If you haven't already done so, your planned giving envelopes are available to be picked up on the table in the Church foyer. Thank you again for your ongoing and continued generosity in supporting our parish.

*All masses limited to 160. Bookings required for Weekend Masses.*

### Weekend Mass times

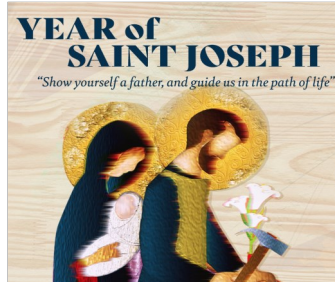
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm

### 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*



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

### Moments of Mercy

It is when you submit yourself to my will that you give me the greatest glory and draw upon yourself a sea of blessings. I would not take such special delight in you if you were not living My will. (*Diary 954*)

### Holy Hour for Vocations

We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.

### Catholic Weekly

The Catholic Weekly is now available for purchase from the Piety Stall.

- NSW on the brink: Archbishop warns euthanasia will create two classes of people.
- The Book of Dying: Everyone should read this beautiful and amazing new work.
- A stunning conversion: Leading Anglican becomes a Catholic.
- The asset of Faith: Premier's faith adds value tough vocation of politics.
- Alas, Mr Bond: 007 shaken and stirred by life.
- Ryde rocks! High-energy parish is firing on all six cylinders.

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## Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday afternoon

Commencing this Friday, we are resuming our Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in solemn and intimate prayer. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is held every Friday 3:30pm in the Marian Chapel and no booking is required.

## The Church is now open—some important points and reminders

- Bookings are required ONLY for Weekend Masses - to make a booking, please phone the office between 9:00am and 1:00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- The Church is open every day for personal prayer.
- Upon arrival at the Church you will always need to sign in, sanitise and sit according to social distancing requirements.
- Masks are required inside the Church at all times, whether it be for Mass or personal visit.
- Our Masses will also continue to be livestreamed on Facebook.
- Reconciliation is available held Saturday and be available 4:00pm to 4:45pm
- There are no entry requirements based upon your vaccination status – the Church is open to everyone.
- Thank you again for your patience, prayers and support especially during the last few months.

## Supporting those in need and the impact of COVID

The closure of Churches has impacted not only on the ability to celebrate Mass as a physical congregation, but also restricted and limited the opportunities and programs for supporting those in need. Between now and the end of the year, we will be reaching out to our parishioners in respect of a number of collections that are scheduled to take place, some of which would have been held in recent months. For your awareness, we bring to your attention the following:

### Clergy Support Foundation - Bishop's Father's Day Appeal (30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> October)

Please support our priests' dignified retirement and those clergy who are in ill-health. Your donations will enable our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team to provide our ageing clergy with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement. When their time comes to retire, many are without family to support them and assist with the everyday essentials for a comfortable retirement. Ongoing assistance includes independent retirement living, aged care, or nursing home accommodation for frail priests; meals, transport and medical care as required. Please give generously via the Clergy Support Foundation website [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)

### Catholic Mission - World Mission Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> November)

The Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Their mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with your support. Please come with an open and generous heart.

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

### Bishops Christmas Appeal (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> November)

The Annual Bishop's Christmas Appeal raises funds for our Diocese's works of faith, hope and charity. This year's appeal is about CatholicCare's Houses to Homes program.

### St Vincent de Paul Society - Christmas Appeal (11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December)

Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to take donations of food, and so for this year our conference will purchase hampers from Foodbank NSW. To enable this, we are seeking your financial support. Last year almost 80 hampers bought through your donations are distributed to needy families in the Mount Druitt area. Any donation no matter how big or small is very much appreciated.

## 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, Annie Newton, 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**