

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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

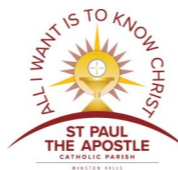
Monday to Friday 9.10am | Saturday 9.00am

(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



## From Father Raining

A story is told of a very wealthy man who had never been known for his generosity to the church. The church was involved in a big financial program and they resolved to pay him a visit. When the committee met with the man one afternoon, they said that in view of his considerable resources they were sure that he would like to make a substantial contribution to this program.

"I see," he said, "so you have it all figured out have you? In the course of your investigation did you discover that I have a widowed mother who has no other means of support but me?"

No, they responded, they did not know that. "Did you know that I have a sister who was left by a drunken husband with five children and no means to provide for them?" No, they said, we did not.

"Well, sir, did you know also that I have a brother who is cripple due to an automobile accident and can never work another day to support his wife and family?"

Embarrassingly, they responded, no sir, we did not know that either.

Triumphantly he thundered "Well, I've never given them a cent so why should I give anything to you?"

In the gospel, the widow put her money where her heart was.

She gave all she had. And Jesus praised her.

First Reading: Small gifts sometimes reap unexpected rewards.

*When has some small service of mine had unexpectedly good results?*

Second Reading: Christ's self-sacrifice helped others come closer to God.

*What sacrifice might I make this week to help someone else discover God's healing love?*

Gospel: The widow's gift was small and Jesus recognised it was actually very generous.

*What might I do this week to give more generously of my time, my treasure, and my talents?*

## Year of Saint Joseph - only one month remaining

We are entering the last few weeks and it's important for us to stop and reflect especially in terms of how we have embraced and engaged ourselves. There are reflections on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and available here: <https://catholicoutlook.org/category/latest/vatican/year-of-st-joseph/>

## Thank you for caring for our retired clergy

Thank you to everyone who generously donated last week to the Clergy Support Foundation collection. Your kind and compassionate support continues to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing are nurtured, and, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well.

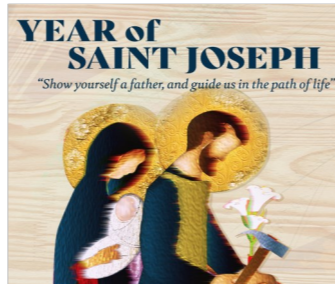
Donations can always be made via the Clergy Support website [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)

## Next Sunday: Catholic Mission - World Mission Sunday

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. A guest speaker will be at all masses next weekend highlighting this appeal, please come with an open and generous heart. For more information please visit: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/thailand>.

## 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.



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

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday 3:30pm in the Marian Chapel. All welcome to attend and join in solemn and intimate prayer.

## 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.  
*Jesus (Diary 352)*

## Holy Hour for Vocations

If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do.

## Catholic Weekly

- Archbishop slams Victorian laws: 'It's another attack on religions'
- Our heroic frontline healthworkers: Meet some of those fighting Covid
- Work from home? New realities also bring new challenges
- Faith's no obstacle to politics: Kristina Keneally on Premier Perrottet
- Movie review: **Stories of a Generation**
- From Communist to Catholic? Kevin Donnelly's not your average academic

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

- Effective Monday 8th November, bookings are no longer required for Masses (all existing bookings are no longer valid)
- Upon arrival at the Church you will need to sanitise, QR code or record your details on the sign on sheet and sit according to social distancing requirements.
- Masks are required inside the Church at all times, whether it be for Mass or personal visit.
- The Church is open every day for personal prayer.
- Our Masses will also continue to be livestreamed on Facebook.
- Reconciliation is available and is held on Saturday and be available from 4:00pm to 4:45pm
- There are no entry requirements based upon your vaccination status – the Church is open to everyone.

## Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the entrance to the Church at all masses. The donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours, seven days a week on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. All donations help with the cost of phone bills, and the training and development of the telephone support staff.

It is important to note that these phone lines are staffed on a voluntary basis. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, or if you want to know more, or to make a contribution, please visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Our parishioners have supported the Little White Box for many years and this generosity has been continually acknowledged by Pregnancy Help. Thank you.

## HSC support and resources (Catholic Youth Parramatta CYP)

CYP will broadcast a short live stream on their Facebook page for students and their families at 8:00pm on Sunday 7th November.

It will include a blessing by Bishop Vincent and can be accessed from this link: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra>.

## 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 this month will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the yellow November envelopes as you walk into the Church. These may be placed in the second collection.

## Reminder: All Parish volunteers and committee members

An email was sent out mid October to all volunteers on our rosters seeking an update of everyone's availability over the next few months. Thanks to those who 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 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!

## November 9th — The Dedication of the (St John) Lateran Basilica in Rome

This basilica is considered the mother church of all Catholic churches in the Western world. It not only gave the Christians of Rome an exclusive place for worship, but architecturally equalled or exceeded all monuments previously raised to pagan gods. This was a momentous period not only in Rome but in both the history of the world and history of Christianity. In 1726, Pope Benedict XIII ordered a worldwide commemoration of the basilica as a sign of universal Catholic unity. This was to encourage Catholics to keep strong ties to our past and to the universal Catholic Church. What joy early Christians must have experienced in this newfound freedom and joining together in their own house of worship which some claim held 10,000 people. This feast reminds us of our Catholic heritage, the significant role the dedication of the Lateran Basilica played in that heritage and the courage of those first followers of Christ and the importance of uniting ourselves to the Holy See. As the Pope is our universal pastor, the Lateran is our universal church.

## Positions Vacant (Diocese of Parramatta)

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More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## 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 Filfil, 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, Geraldine Senewiratne, 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, Major Dante Dinanno Snr, Annette Herft Anna & Ratnam Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttil, 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, Lina Pereira, 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**