

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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All masses limited to 320.

Bookings are not required for any of our 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

In Frankfort, Kentucky (USA) it is said the city was enthralled in a big debate many years ago about placing a water fountain in a public square. The argument became heated in the legislature and at the governor's mansion. Finally, a decision was made to ask three contractors to bid on the project.

The first contractor to bid was from Western Kentucky and said \$3,000. When asked to break it down, he replied, "\$1,000 for labour, \$1,000 for materials, and \$1,000 for me."

The next contractor was from Eastern Kentucky and when asked to give his bid and to break it down he said, "\$6,000. \$2,000 for labor, \$2,000 for materials, and \$2,000 for me."

The last contractor was an established contractor from Frankfort who usually got all of the bids for the capital. When asked to give his bid, he replied, "\$9,000." When asked to break it down, he closed the doors, looked around cautiously, and said, "\$3,000 for YOU, \$3,000 for me, and we give the bid to the guy from Western Kentucky!"

So often we can get side tracked by things that seem important, like water fountains. The disciples were more concerned with the temple being destroyed and the world coming to an end than they were with the things that matter most in life: character, integrity, compassion, and preparedness for Christ's return. This is what Jesus means when he tells his Disciples to watch!

- First Reading: God will reward those who "lead many to justice."
What might I do this week to help bring justice to some oppressive situation?
- Second Reading: Jesus' self-sacrifice took away our sins, that is, it put us into the right relationship with God and others.
What in my relationships with God and others need my attention most today?
- Gospel: Jesus prepares us for meeting God and the judgment that will happen.
What might I be most worried about if I faced God's judgment today? Why?

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.

This weekend: Catholic Mission - World Mission Sunday

A guest speaker will be at all masses this weekend highlighting this appeal and if you would like more information please visit: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/thailand>.

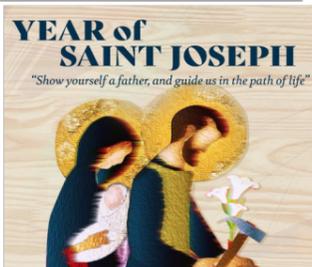
Invitations are open to join the Diocesan Pastoral Council

Bishop Vincent Long is inviting parishioners to apply for membership to the Diocesan Pastoral Council. If you feel called to serve in this way or know someone in your parish that would be a wonderful candidate, apply here: parracatholic.org/diocesan-pastoral-council/. Applications close Monday 15 November.

Fertility Awareness Online Evening: 17 November

This Wednesday 17 November at 7.30pm, couples are invited to an online Natural Fertility session hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta. To register, or for more information, please call Catherine on 0400 427 605 or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org

Please also remember to continue praying for all students currently undertaking their HSC examinations



'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

Before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of my Justice. (Diary 1146)

Holy Hour for Vocations

In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

Catholic Weekly

- ACT NOW! Archbishop urges all to oppose Euthanasia
- It's a miracle! Prayers for Cleo answered, says priest
- Dooley's drops Catholic label
- New lease of life for St Agnes
- Movie review: **Eternals**
- An exceptional Catholic man. Meet Sydney's 'thief of hearts'
- Holy Father's Fifth World Day of the Poor
- Jailed need our prayers
- Get the shot, wear the mask

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The Church is now open—some important updates and reminders

- Bookings are no longer required for any of our Masses
- Upon arrival at the Church please sanitise, and QR code or record your details on the sign on sheet.
- 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.
- There are no entry requirements based upon your vaccination status – the Church is open to everyone.

Columban Art Calendar

This is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. Please consider buying one for yourself or perhaps a family friend or relative and available for \$8.00 .

Baptisms: Important Updates and welcome

To *William, Roxie and Lincoln* who were baptised here last weekend.

We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

In fact, these were the first Baptisms in our parish since June lockdown so it was a blessing to once again celebrate this important Sacrament. As an attempt to catch up with outstanding Baptisms, these are being held over five consecutive weekends.

For the first time ever (due to COVID) our Baptism preparation classes were not held in person and instead conducted via ZOOM.

We thank Michael Reid for enabling and leading the successful conduct of the ZOOM class and with such a large group.

Please be aware that online bookings for on our website for Baptisms in 2022 will be closed off until the 20th December.

Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the Fifth World Day of the Poor (November 14)

"The poor you will always have with you" (Mk 14:7) It is my hope that the celebration of the World Day of the Poor, now in its fifth year, will grow in our local Churches and inspire a movement of evangelisation that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres. It is important to understand how they feel, what they are experiencing and what their hearts desire. The poor are present in our midst. How evangelical it would be if we could say with all truth: we too are poor, because only in this way will we truly be able to recognize them, to make them part of our lives and an instrument of our salvation. The Pope's message can be found in it's entirety from the following link:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20210613-messaggio-v-giornatamondiale-poveri-2021.html>

November 18th — Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul

This feast celebrates the dedications of two of the four major basilicas of Rome.

Saint Peter's Basilica was originally built in 323 by the emperor Constantine and constructed over the tomb of Peter the Apostle, the Church's first Pope. After standing for more than a thousand years, Pope Julius II ordered the building to be torn down due to structural concerns. The construction of the new church spanned over 200 years before its completion and dedicated on November 18th, 1626. It is considered the most famous church in Christendom.

Saint Paul's Basilica is located outside the original walls of Rome. It was also originally built by emperor Constantine though destroyed by fire in 1823. Donations from around the world made the reconstruction possible. Before the completion of Saint Peter's Basilica, St Paul's was the largest church in Rome. The Basilica was built over St. Paul's grave. Pope Pius IX consecrated the Basilica in 1854.

Invitation to light our Advent Wreath candles

As part of our Advent and Christmas Masses we place a special Advent wreath on the Altar.

At the beginning of each Mass these candles are lit by our parishioners and if you would like to take part, please record your details on the roster located in the foyer.



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 McNeillage, 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 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, Lena 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**