

# 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

Baptism bookings only via our website (2022 bookings open 20th Dec)



## From Father Raining

The Mountain Valley Cathedral lay in a small Swiss town. A great deal of money was spent on the wonderful stained-glass windows and tall arched ceiling. It also boasted an outstanding pipe organ. The organ was designed in such a way that when played, people could hear it from all over the valley, including those working on their farms. It gave great joy to the people of the valley for many decades.

Then one day the valley became silent as the organ was in need of repair.

They called in one expert after another and yet no one was able to solve the problem.

Specialists from all over Europe were asked to help and still no one was able to fix it.

One day as all hope was gone an old man came and asked if he could work on the organ. The sexton agreed and the old man worked for two days. The sexton become nervous as the old man was saying nothing about what he was doing. Finally, on the third day, there was the sound of music all through the valley. People dropped what they were doing and ran to the cathedral. When the old man stopped playing, the sexton asked why it was that he had been able to fix the organ after so many had failed. The old man said, "I am the one who built the organ, and I am the only one who can fix it."

This was the cry of Jesus as he looked over the city of Jerusalem. He wanted to fix the people but they would have nothing to do with him. The truth is that only the one who made us can fix us.

First Reading: Jesus has received rule over me and my life.  
*What do I most reluctantly give Jesus control over?*

Second Reading: Jesus' love binds us into his kingdom community.  
*How has being part of the kingdom made a difference in my life?*

Gospel: Jesus says that those who belong to his kingdom listen to his voice.  
*What might I do to be more attentive to what Jesus is calling me to be and do?*

## Catholic Mission - Thank you

Thank you for your generous support and contributions last weekend. If you were unable to attend Mass and wish to donate, or for more information, visit: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/thailand>.

## Red Wednesday - 24th November

It is clear that the persecution of Christians is worse today than at any time in history. In terms of the number of people involved, the gravity of the acts committed, and their impact, not only are Christians more persecuted than any other faith group, but ever-increasing numbers are experiencing the worst forms of persecution. According to this year's [Religious Freedom in the World Report](#), two-thirds of the world's population live in countries where there are serious violations of religious freedom and the numbers are increasing. Aid to the Church in Need Australia (ACN) continues to highlight persecution of Christians through "Red Wednesday" which will take place on Wednesday 24 November. On this day Cathedrals throughout Australia and the world will hold Masses and prayer vigils and be lit in red to remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith.

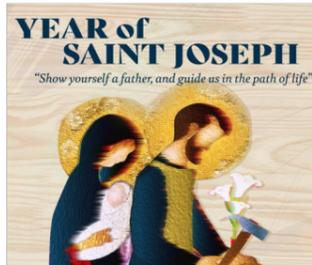
To learn more and get involved visit [www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday](http://www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday)

## 2022 Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Office's in-person marriage preparation courses in 2022 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage.

For more information, or to book your course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

**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

"Transform me into Yourself, O Jesus, that I may be a living sacrifice and pleasing to You. I desire to atone at each moment for poor sinners." — *Diary*, 908

## Holy Hour for Vocations

Christ is King ... The faithful Witness. He loved us ... and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father. Who are we to call forth as the priests of tomorrow - prayerful men - leaders, ready to preach the Word of God?

## Catholic Weekly

- Stephanie's story: One woman's experience of euthanasia's brutal reality
- Bishop's a hit: Robert Barron talks evangelization.
- Rosebery parish creates something special
- Report: world is a dangerous place for many Christians
- Movie: Ron's Gone Wrong
- The saint of the Sahara

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## Christmas Mass times and important information

- **Friday 24th (vigil):** 5:00pm, 8:00pm and 12:00pm midnight. **Saturday 25th:** 8:00am and 9:30am
- The 5:00pm Mass celebrated Saturday 25th evening is not for Christmas. It is the vigil Mass for Sunday 26th.
- Additional reconciliation services are likely to be held and date(s) announced in early December
- There will be no dedicated children's Christmas Mass.

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

- Bookings are not 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 Emily, David and Willow baptised here last weekend. We pray their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Online bookings for all Baptisms are closed until 20th December at which time when it reopens, bookings can be made for 2022.

## Keeping Christ in Christmas

Our Piety stall over the coming weeks will have available a range of Christmas cards as well as Nativity themed prayer cards for sale. And if you're at the Post Office buying stamps, please remember to ask for the Religious series.

## 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.



## (Parramatta Catholic Foundation's) Bishops Christmas Appeal—next weekend

This appeal will be held across all parishes in the Diocese. Funds raised will enable CatholicCare's Houses to Homes to support vulnerable young pregnant women facing hardship, abuse and homelessness – so that they and their children can face the future with hope, safety and security. We invite you in this Year of the Family, to show your Christian kindness to vulnerable women and their children in need, by supporting this appeal. Your gift will help pregnant and at-risk young mothers bring their babies into the world in a safe, nurturing and emotionally secure environment, setting them up for the very best start to their family life. Please give generously via the giving envelopes which will be collected as our third collection next weekend. Thank you.

## Year of Saint Joseph - nearly at the end

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/>

## Job Vacancy - Diocesan Outreach Assistants (ACN: Aid to the Church in Need)

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work?

ACN is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants to deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese.

For all details visit, [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work)

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Junelle Ausuncion, Maroun Ayoub, Rosalin Baker, 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 Gaudins, 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 Busutil, 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**