

# 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

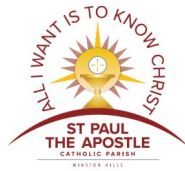
Monday to Friday 9.10am | Saturday 9.00am

(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 Ranning

There was a man who was a closet slob his entire life and just couldn't comprehend the logic of neatness. Why make up a bed if you're going to sleep in it again tonight? Why put the lid on the toothpaste tube if you're going to take it off again in the morning? He admitted to being compulsive about being messy. Then he got married. His wife was patient and said she didn't mind his habits . . . if he didn't mind sleeping on the couch. Since he did mind, he began to change. He said he enrolled in a 12-step program for slobs. A physical therapist helped him rediscover the muscles used for hanging up shirts and placing toilet paper on the holder. His nose was reintroduced to the smell of pine disinfectant. By the time his in-laws arrived for a visit, he was a new man.

But then came a moment of truth. His wife was out of town for a week. At first he reverted to the old man. He figured he could be a slob for six days and clean up on the seventh. But something strange happened. He could no longer relax with dirty dishes in the sink or towels flung around the bathroom or clothes on the floor or sheets piled up like a mountain on the bed. What happened? Simple. He had been exposed to neatness, order, cleanliness. In a word, he had been introduced to a higher standard of living. That's what confession and repentance do for us. That's what Jesus does for us.

First Reading: God levels the road so we can draw near to God more easily.

*How has God made my way easier than I thought it would be?*

Second Reading: Paul prays in gratitude for his partners in the gospel.

*For which of my partners in the gospel would I like to pray today?*

Gospel: John prepares a way so that God can come to us.

*What obstacles need to be removed this Advent so that God can come to me?*

## Short term appointment of Seminararian in our parish

We extend a warm welcome to Menard Gaspi who has just joined us here at St Pauls.

Menard is a first year seminararian from our Diocesan Holy Spirit Seminary.

His placement is until Christmas Day and is for pastoral experience which he is keenly anticipating.

Please reach out and say hi and make Menard feel most welcome.

## Bishops Christmas Appeal—thank you

This appeal was held last weekend and we thank you again for your tremendous generosity.

Funds raised will enable CatholicCare's Houses to Homes to support vulnerable young pregnant

women facing hardship, abuse and homelessness – for future with hope, safety and security.

## Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2022

The Parramatta Diocese will be begin Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses in February.

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

If you are interested or would like more information please email the Parish Office.

## Pregnancy Help Sydney and “The Little White Box”

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community.

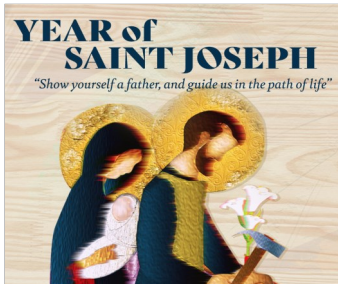
On the first weekend each month *the Little White Box* is placed at the Church entrance at all masses.

Donations raised support women and their families.

If you want to know more, please visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Thank you.

## They've arrived!

As it's the start of a new Church year, there are copies of the 2022 Daily Mass Book available in the Mass Books drawer next to the Holy Water font. Feel free to use these and as these are shared, we kindly ask to ensure these are kept clean and returned to the drawer after Mass.



‘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

“God never violates our free will. It is up to us whether we want to receive God's grace or not. It is up to us whether we will co-operate with it or waste it” (Diary, 1107).

## Holy Hour for Vocations

“For your example, brothers, in patiently putting up with persecution, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name” (James 5:10). A vocation is responding to the call of God.

## Catholic Weekly

- Find Faith? Go to Homeless! NSW Young Australian 2022
- Hunting of an innocent man. Exclusive on the Pell affair
- Death in motion. NSW passes euthanasia law.
- Destruction masquerading as reform. Australian 'reformers' agenda a formula for disaster
- Movie: Ghostbusters: Afterlife
- Life after death

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Due to COVID-19 this bulletin cannot be reused and must be taken home with you.

## Christmas / New Year Eve 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.
- Extended reconciliation held on Sat December 11th and 18th from 3:30pm to 4:45pm (both priests available)
- There will be no dedicated children's Christmas Mass
- There will be a special Mass for New Years Eve at 7:00pm on Friday 31st December.

## 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 and 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 Welcome and update

To Poppy who was baptised here last weekend. We pray her faith will be an important and integral part of her life.

Online bookings for 2022 Baptisms will reopen and become available from 20th December.

## 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.

## St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal - next weekend

The annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held next weekend and with a significant change.

Due to COVID restrictions they are unable to accept your generous donations of food which were normally collected in the red bins.

This year the conference has decided to purchase hampers from Foodbank NSW so they are now seeking your financial support. The hampers bought through your generous donations will be distributed to needy families in the Mount Druitt area.

For your awareness, \$20 is all it costs to provide each hamper and any donation no matter how big or small is very much appreciated.

There are a number of ways to donate:

- Donation envelopes will be available as you enter the church
- You can make donations via this QR code:
- A tap-n-go facility will be available after each mass
- You can access their fundraising page for the Winston Hills Conference: <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/winston-hills-conference-christmas-appeal>

Thank you for your continued support

## Contents of 2021 Hampers



## 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 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, Mary McNamara, 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, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Brian Baker, Major Dante Dinanno Snr, Annette Herft, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busutil, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine & Wasley 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, Thelma Nalliah, Vicky Mifsud, Joseph Borg, Leon Chalker, George Khodeir, Richard Cassin. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**

