

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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



24 Hour Adoration returning 4th/5th February 2022

We are expecting to hold our first 24 Hour Adoration for 2022 on the first weekend of February 2022 and will confirm later this month.

Congratulations to Adam Carlow

We are extremely pleased and proud to announce that Adam Carlow will be welcomed and installed in early 2022 as a Deacon in the Parramatta Diocese. Adam is currently located at Greystanes parish and was recently a resident Seminarian here at St Pauls for over a year. This is a special moment for Adam in his journey and calling as a Priest and please continue to pray for Adam and his fellow Seminarians. We have no further details about his installation as Deacon and once known will include in this bulletin.

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.

Important Changes to this bulletin—(Please pray for our sick)

As you are aware, this bulletin provides an opportunity within our parish community to share awareness and a reminder of those who are sick (**Please pray for our sick**) and those who have passed away (**Please pray for**). As has always been the practice, everyone has the opportunity to submit names to the Parish Office of those they would like included. In saying that, there comes a time we need to ensure that the list of those named is still current and relevant eg those included as sick may thankfully be recovered and no longer required to be included. Over the coming weeks we will be removing names listed for **Please pray for our sick** where we are unable to determine the person's current status. If you wish to have the name of someone still included, please contact the parish office, preferably by email else feel free to telephone.

COVID restrictions and information

- Wearing of masks is mandatory and a requirement whilst in the Church at all times
- You will need to sanitise, QR code or record your details on the sign on sheet upon entry
- Congregation singing is not permitted
- Holy Water is available from the glass dispenser in the centre of the Church foyer
- Church is open daily for personal prayer and Masses are livestreamed on Facebook
- All Ministries that are currently suspended will continue to remain temporarily on hold.

New Year Message from Father Raining and Father Marcus

The start of a New Year brings much hope and excitement! An opportunity to start afresh and with a renewed focus. Before we focus on what the new year may bring, it is wise to reflect on the one we left behind. Not everyone came through 2021 as they would have liked to and it has been disruptive and challenging to many. Amongst other things people have experienced loneliness, suffering, anxiety and of course the loss of access to Mass and to our parish community. In other ways, there has also been an abundance of hope and growth, generosity and love and where we praise and thank God for the blessings received.

From a parish perspective, during this time our ability to function, perform our liturgies, etc have been interrupted and restricted. In saying that, with the help, prayers, support and action of our parishioners we have been able to continue albeit in a limited capacity. We appreciate that as much as it has been disrupting, it has also been a period where we have renewed confidence and strength.

Our successes in 2021 have been the result of many individuals who have:

- each given in their own way selflessly and with generosity
- given their time and effort quietly and fervently behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly
- worked tirelessly and without recognition in ensuring the gardens, grounds and buildings are beautiful and of high standard
- ensured our liturgies and sacraments continued to be held
- worked to deliver creative solutions and better use of limited resources due to COVID restrictions
- continued to share and engage with others without internet access
- prayed for and supported us and for our wellbeing
- been patient through all the changes and restrictions!

Thank you to everyone. It is truly and deeply humbling to be blessed with the service of so many, and under trying circumstances.

With God's blessing and your prayers and support we humbly look forward to another year of our Church and parish being fruitful and generously serving our parishioners. May God bless you all, your loved ones and families. We continue to pray for you and for our parish. May 2022 be a year where you will find true peace and fulfillment and the love of God.

Father Raining and Father Marcus

From Father Raining

A jungle lion approached a campfire around which sat members of a hunting safari. Hiding behind a clump of bushes, it listened as the hunters argued over which, of all the wild animals, was "King of the Jungle." Finally, one of the hunters summed up the argument, saying, "From everything that's been said, it's clear that the lion is still 'King of the Jungle.'" This pleased the lion very much!

The next day, that same lion came upon a leopard and let out a mighty roar heard all through the jungle. Then he said to the leopard, "Which animal is 'King of the Jungle?'" The leopard, shaking with fright, replied meekly, "You are, Mr. Lion!"

Then the lion came upon a tiger. He let out a mighty roar, and then asked the tiger, "Which animal is 'King of the Jungle?'" Immediately, the badly intimidated tiger replied, "You are, Mr. Lion."

The lion repeated the scenario with a panther, a rhinoceros and a hippopotamus, all with the same result. Finally, he encountered a huge mother elephant. He let out a mighty roar, then asked, "Which animal is 'King of the Jungle?'" The elephant wrapped her trunk around the lion's neck, spun him several times over her head, then tossed him hard against a tree fifty feet away. The dazed lion slowly got to his feet, looked over at the elephant and said, "Gee whiz! All that fuss just because you don't know the answer!"

In today's Gospel lesson, the Magi are looking for an answer to a question about a King: "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him" (Matthew 2:2).

First Reading: Isaiah feels like the time of darkness is ended.
How has Christ lit up the darkness in my life?

Second Reading: Paul rejoices because all persons are included in God's invitation to salvation.
How can I make others feel more welcome in my Christian community?

Gospel: The magi do not fear to do whatever it takes to find Jesus.
What fears or obstacles do I need to overcome in my search for Jesus?

Please pray for our sick

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

Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Priscilla Bennett, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, Ron Cini, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Frances Flannery, Nick Galea, Anthony Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Leanne Maree McInerney, Mary McNamara, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Annie Newton, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Honor Rosario, Kenneth Del Rosario, Allison Samuel, John Trost, Pelenatete Tuaimau, Karl Wagner,

Please pray for

May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace

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, Andrew Busutil, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Patricia Minahan, 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, Thelma Nalliah, Vicky Mifsud, Geraldine Senewiratne, Leon Chalker, George Khodeir, Richard Cassin.



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 am not only the Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy and your Mother . . . I am Mother to you all, thanks to the unfathomable mercy of God." (Diary 330 & 449)

Holy Hour for Vocations

Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christians.

Catholic Weekly

- Worse than a leper colony. Fairfield still recovering from 2021 COVID lockdowns.
- Small college, big mission. Campion graduation.
- Archdiocese \$100,000 grant
- The visions of Blessed Anne
- Justice for Catholic schools
- The doctor of unity

Please note there is no Catholic Weekly next weekend.



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