

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 Eucharistic Adoration - February 2022

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 4th | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 5th

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Come ... spend some time with Him



COVID - CRITICAL INFORMATION AND UPDATE

Procedures and protocols are in place to support and protect everyone, including visitors, Mass attendees, those assisting with the Mass and maintaining the operation of the Church building.

The first instance of someone being COVID positive reported at our Church happened earlier this month. Since then we have had multiple reports of COVID positive visitors and on subsequent days and which is why the difficult decision was made to close the Church and secure the services of a specialist contractor to deep clean the entire Church during this past week.

Everyone needs to take personal responsibility to the best of their ability and capacity, and why the following continues to apply:

- wearing of masks (correctly and properly to cover nose/mouth) 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
- please maintain social distancing
- congregation singing is not permitted

Even though the Church has been deep cleaned, it is important to remember there will always remain the likelihood people visiting Church may actually be unaware that they have COVID nor display any COVID symptoms. Therefore we cannot emphasise enough:

PLEASE DO NOT VISIT the Church if you are:

- COVID positive or are unwell or think you could be unwell
- vulnerable or at risk if you contract COVID.

PLEASE QR CODE if you have access to it instead of manual signing because:

- if a COVID positive case is reported, every single visitor at that time will be notified automatically and promptly
- if you signed in manually it is an intensive task for our office to contact everyone on the sign-on sheets and there will be delays
- the incidence of COVID will only increase and will only add to the time required to phone everyone.

If the incidence of COVID positive people attending our Church being reported becomes a regular occurrence then the decision may be made to instead simply place a notice of the relevant exposure dates on the sign in table as people enter the Church.

As always the Church is open daily for personal prayer and Masses are livestreamed on Facebook.

We continue to pray for our parishioners and parish especially as people have suffered or been impacted by the effects of COVID. Managing COVID in respect of Mass and our liturgies is always a shared responsibility between the parish and those visiting Church. Thank you again for your prayers, patience, understanding and in working together to manage COVID as a parish.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Adam Carlow

In wonderful news we are extremely pleased and proud to announce the Ordination to the Diaconate of Adam Carlow 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. Ceremony details are as follows:

- Our Lady of Queen of Peace (OLQP) Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes
- Saturday 29th January at 5:00pm

IMPORTANT: Anyone wishing to attend must RSVP to OLQP directly by email and by January 22nd to parishoffice@olqp.org.au. Please do not contact the Parish Office here at St Pauls as we are unable to RSVP on your behalf.

Lenten Program 2022 and pre-ordering of books (deadline Thursday 27th January)

The theme for our Lenten Program in 2022 is *Remember*.

As much as we intend to conduct our Lenten Discussion groups within the Church we understand that some parishioners may feel more comfortable in their own groups eg with family or friends at home. More details about this program will be shared next month.

To ensure we have enough booklets and resources for everyone (for private use or in the Church groups), we need to know who is interested and the number of copies required. We are placing the order for our parish on Friday 28th January and any requests after this date cannot be accepted. To place your order, add your details to the register as you enter the Church else email the parish office.

Remember is perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings, and contains short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday). If you are interested in viewing a sample of *Remember*, please visit:

https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/REMEMBER_Lenten_Program_2022_Sample.pdf

From Father Raining

Long ago, missionary John Paton began to translate the New Testament into the language of the natives he was trying to bring to Christ. During this work, he discovered no native word for "believe." One day, as he struggled to resolve this, a native tired out from a hard day's labour flung himself on a chair, stretched and rested his legs on another chair. Laying himself out on two chairs, he said how good it felt to lean his whole weight on those chairs. Instantly, John noted the word the man used for "lean his whole weight on." And he knew he had discovered the word for "believe."

Try it for yourself! Find a verse of Scripture which contains the word "believe." Then substitute "lean his whole weight on." For example, John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever shall lean his whole weight on Him, should not perish, but have eternal life." Or Book of Acts: "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said to him, Lean your whole weight on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved"

In today's Gospel, Jesus and Mary are guests at a wedding where the wine runs out. Mary become aware of this and says to Jesus "They have no wine" and tells the servants "Do whatever He tells you." In other words "Believe in Him! Even if it seems like you need a miracle to replenish the wine supply, lean your whole weight on Him." Then Jesus miraculously transforms about 150 gallons of water into wine.

A poster of unknown origin contains advice on how to pray under certain conditions. "Call for help!" it says in bold and then these words:

A prayer to be said, When the world has gotten you down, And you feel rotten, And you're too doggone tired for words, And you're in a big hurry, And besides, you're mad at everybody, And you feel like only a miracle can save you..."HELP!"

Even if that prayer seems a bit tasteless, remember, if you ask Jesus for help as an act of faith, if you are willing to "do whatever He tells you," if you are willing to put your whole weight on Him, He will transform your life into a life that tastes good.

Remember also: *Prayer is not necessarily perfected by fluency in speech. It is not necessarily perfected in profound words; It is not necessarily perfected in burning words; It is not necessarily perfected by length and breadth of petition. Prayer is something more! It is the wish of the heart to put your whole weight on Him. It is the soul's desire to do whatever He tells you.*

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, Cheryl Felton, Frances Flannery, Nick Galea, Anthony Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Leanne Maree McInerney, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Mary McNamara, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Annie Newton, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Honor Rosario, Kenneth Del Rosario, Alison Samuels, 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 Busuttill, 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.



Novena to our

Mother of Perpetual Help

Prayed every Wednesday morning immediately after Mass.

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 love and Mercy Itself.

There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it." (Dairy 1273)

Holy Hour for Vocations

The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.

Catholic Weekly

- Catholics, Vaccines, Science
- Vinnies oppose Bishops
- Experience magic of Taizé
- Angels in the architecture: Why cathedrals are important
- Movie review: **Don't look up**
- The century-making priest



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