

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



From Father Raining

Richard went to church Sunday morning expecting nothing unusual to happen. There were the same words to be said, the same announcements to be listened to, and the same hymns to be sung with the same congregation. Over the years he'd gotten so he often went through the whole experience in a sort of trance. This he accomplished by turning his mind to autopilot and letting his thoughts drift off in other directions. And this Sunday morning was no different. He sat down in a pew, turned off his mind, and let the words and music wash around him like waves swirling around a log cast up on the beach.

Richard stood up and sat down at proper times, folded his hands and bowed his head at the proper times, and turned the pages to the proper hymns at the proper times. He was just beginning to say the Lord's Prayer when the thought suddenly struck him: "I have come here to worship God!" The idea was such a startling one that it jolted his mind off the automatic pilot setting and other thoughts rushed in.

"I'm praying the Lord's Prayer," he suddenly realised, "which means I'm talking to God! I'm talking to the Lord of the whole universe!" Later, when the congregation had filed out, Richard remained in his pew, saying to himself over and over again, "I have been talking to God! ... I have been talking to God!"

Wouldn't it be wonderful if, every time we entered church, each one of us asked ourselves, "What am I doing here," and answered in total sincerity, "I came here to talk to God!" Wouldn't it be even more wonderful -- even mind-blowing -- if each of us answered, in total sincerity, "I came here to listen to God!"

First Reading: God calls Jeremiah to a life of witness and promises to support him in times of difficulty.
When has God helped me when I felt discouraged?

Second Reading: Paul knows that love is the mark of a genuine Christian life.
Which of the demands of love do I most need to work on today?

Gospel: Jesus' neighbours cannot accept his openness to those not like them.
How have I been reluctant to recognize God's love for those who are not like me?

Baptisms welcome

To Gemma, Jessica, Joaquin, Julia and Zoe who were recently baptised in our parish. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

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

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter that this prayer is always heard and answered. (Diary 1397)

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

- Religious freedom crossroads
- Don't write off the Faith
- Shame in Djokovic ejection
- Catholic HSC students soar
- Movie review: *Hotel Transylvania: Transformania*
- Sydneysiders receive papal awards



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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



Back to School !

Please remember to keep in your prayers students as they return to school, and especially for those children starting school for the first time in Kindergarten. We also pray for their teachers and staff. As you may appreciate there will be increased traffic in the carpark and driveway and please remember to be vigilant especially for children and their families.

Position Vacant - Pastoral Formation Facilitator

In this full-time role you will be supporting Catholic communities in the Diocese of Parramatta. Applications close 31 January 2022.

For a job description please visit catholicoutlook.org/were-hiring-pastoral-formation-facilitator/ or email Deeanne Martin at parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org

Annual Legal Red Mass: 3 February 2022

The Annual Red Mass, which gives thanks for the work of those who serve the law, will be held on Thursday 3 February at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm, followed by a light supper. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by emailing mili@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone 8839 8400.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2nd

This feast occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is typically included in the liturgy on that day. The previous (1962) liturgical calendar refers to this feast as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast. The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance. Feel free to read Luke 2:22-35, being the account of the presentation including the Canticle of Simeon.

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 20 February

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday 20 February from 10.30am to 3pm, with registration from 10am. BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments. For enquiries, please contact Ann Bergman on anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or 9653 2637. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekends for 2022

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/ Coming weekends in 2022: Feb 19-20, Apr 30-May 1, August 6-7, November 12-13. If COVID restrictions prevent a face-to-face weekend, it will be held via Zoom.

Office For Worship - RCIA Lenten Seminar

Held 16th and 23rd February for RCIA coordinators and teams and focuses on understanding of Lent, taking a closer look at the Scrutiny Readings. To register or for more information, please contact our parish office.

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.

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 and congregation singing is not permitted

PLEASE DO NOT VISIT the Church if you are COVID positive or are unwell or think you could be unwell, or vulnerable or at risk if you contract COVID.

PLEASE QR CODE if you have access to it instead of manual signing in because the incidence of COVID positive people attending our Church being reported may become a regular occurrence and we are unable to manually notify everyone. A decision has been made to instead place a notice of the relevant exposure dates on the sign in table as people enter the Church.