

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

Jesus takes his disciples up the mountain and gathers them around, and says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; Blessed are the meek; Blessed are they that mourn; Blessed are the merciful; Blessed are you when persecuted; Blessed are you when you suffer; Blessed are they who thirst for justice. Be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven"

If the disciples were students and Jesus was professor the **Beatitudes** would have come off a bit different. Then Simon Peter asked "Are we supposed to write this down?", Andrew asked "Are we supposed to know this?", James asked "Will we have a test on this?", Phillip said "I don't have any paper", Bartholomew asked "Do we have to turn this in?", John said "The other disciples didn't have to learn this", Matthew asked, "Can I go to the boys' room?" and Judas asked "What does this have to do with real life?" Then one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan and inquired of Jesus, "Where is your syllabus and lesson plan?" And Jesus wept.

- The idea of being poor in spirit is the key to all that is to follow in the **Beatitudes**.
- You cannot mourn without appreciating how insufficient you are to handle life in your own strength.
 - You cannot be meek unless you know you have needed gentleness yourself.
 - You cannot hunger and thirst for righteousness if you proudly think of yourself as already righteous.
 - You cannot be merciful without recognizing your own need for mercy.
 - You cannot be pure in heart if your heart is full of pride.
 - You cannot be a peacemaker if you believe that you are always right.
 - You cannot identify with Christ in the face of negative reactions from others without dying to yourself and renouncing your own rights."

All of these beatitudes are rooted in humility, being poor in spirit.

First Reading: Jeremiah encourages us to trust in God.
What fears make it hard for me to trust in God?

Second Reading: Paul believes that what happened to Jesus in his resurrection will also happen to us.
How do Paul's words encourage me to believe?

Gospel: Jesus' beatitudes and woes reveal his values.
Which of the beatitudes or woes seems most important to me right now?

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, Christine Coorey, Sorayda Corpuz, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Cheryl Felton, 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, Leon Chalker, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Brian Baker, Major Dante Dinanno Snr, Annette Herft, Andrew Busuttil, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Patricia Minahan, Vicky Mifsud, Michael & Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine & Wasley Adolphe, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Michelle Makin, Lena Pereira, Donald Ramage, Charlie Micallef, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Dex Habito, Maggie Simpliciano, Lourdes Zaballa, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Geraldine Senewiratne, Lenny and Hudson Pallas (twins), Julia Sherman, George Khodeir, Clem O'Donoghue, Jim Lynch, Ron Cini.



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

Everything that exists is enclosed in the bowels of My mercy, more deeply than an infant in its mother's womb. How painfully distrust of My goodness wounds Me! Sins of distrust wound Me most painfully. *(Diary 1076)*

Prayer for Vocations

We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

Catholic Weekly

As always you can visit the Catholic Weekly website for a wide range of news, articles and information:

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

- State of fear - Police raid Perth churches
- 'Bring others to faith': i4Give week
- The low-down on the Plenary
- Gods dumb ox
- Movie: *Death on the Nile*
- I'm to give back: Bridget Sakr

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Funeral Services for the late Ron Cini and Jim Lynch

Ron Cini and Jim Lynch, who have been familiar faces in our Parish for many years, have been absent in recent times due to ill health and have sadly passed away. Ron Cini especially has been highly active over many decades, helping to shape the identity of our parish. The funeral services will be held here at St Paul the Apostle Church this week at the following times:

† **Ron Cini: Monday 14th 11:00am** . † **Jim Lynch: Tuesday 15th 10:30am**

For those attending please consider parking on the street to allow those less able bodied to access the limited spaces in the carpark. The funeral for Ron Cini will be livestreamed via the funeral home website from this link (to access you will need to enter PIN code **5415**): <https://hillsfamilyfunerals.com.au/live-streaming/client/?nid=b4960510-82d5-4d3b-a854-ef8b1252ba10>

If this does not launch, then you may need to copy the above URL and paste it into a browser such as Chrome.

May God rest the souls of Ron and Jim and grant them eternal peace.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Every Saturday afternoon this month children from St Paul the Apostle and local public schools will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Many of these children have waited quite some time for this due to the impact of COVID. Please continue to remember these children in your prayers, and also the parish Sacramental team and School teachers preparing these children.

"I am the bread of life; He who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never go thirsty" John 6:35

Baptisms welcome

To Amelia, Jaxon, Mia, William baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society presentation

At the 9:30am Mass next Sunday 20th February, there will be a special presentation to members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. This will be in recognition of their ongoing support, contributions and achievements as part of their tireless and selfless work with Vinnies. These members will be presented with Lifetime recipients awards and Service certificates.

University (ACU) - ethics and others questions

The ACU database offers easily accessible Church teaching on ethics questions. This tool allows you to easily find Church teaching and the best articles, books and videos on bioethics, business ethics, cancel culture, human rights, marriage, family, subsidiarity, and 100+ other topics. To access please visit www.ethicsfinder.com.

Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

Loving God, we hold before you in our hearts the people of Tonga in this time of need. We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility. Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami and degradation of land and water through ash, we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever. They are communities of great faith. May they turn to you for peace and reassurance. May they turn to each other for comfort and community. And may they turn to us for support and solidarity. We all share this mysterious world which you have entrusted to our care, as one family. May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage and fill us with the gift of Hope. Amen.

Saint Valentine's Day (February 14th)

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him, however it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred as he refused to renounce his faith and Christianity. The church still recognises him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology. The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man. Valentine did exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honour of his martyrdom. Source: <https://www.catholic.org/saints/>

Stamps for Charity

A big thank you for your donation of used stamps. For a long time now, our parish proudly supports the Mary MacKillop International Mission through the collection of used stamps. At any time, if you have any unused stamps, please place them in the box in the Church foyer else drop off to the Parish office. These stamps are forwarded to the Mission which are sold to support their charitable works. It doesn't matter if you have a small amount of stamps and they are all gratefully welcomed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

COVID - CRITICAL INFORMATION AND UPDATE

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.