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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

(Rosary is prayed at 8:40 am before each weekday Mass)

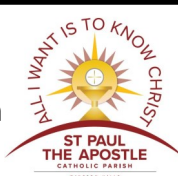
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month

Baptism bookings only [via our website](#)

Masses that are livestreamed to Facebook:

Mon to Fri 9.10am | Sat 9.00am | Sun 9:30am



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - March 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



Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday 2nd March: Mass times are 6.30am, 9.10am and 7.00pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head and symbolise the dust from which God made us.

Ashes also symbolise grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.



Pope Francis - prayer and fasting for peace

Pope Francis invites everyone to make 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. "I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war."



Stations of the Cross - commences Friday 4th March

Stations of the Cross will be held 7:00pm every Friday evening during Lent.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lenten Discussion Groups

These will be held every Wednesday during Lent in the Marian Chapel at 7:00pm commencing Wednesday 9th March. There is no need to register your attendance and everyone is invited to attend any or all of these sessions. Each week there will be a different theme. For those that pre-ordered the Lenten Program Remember these booklets are available to be picked up from the Sacristy.

Are you interested in being a Catechist?

At recent Masses, one of our Catechists shared some insights into the role of a Catechist and the tremendous impact they have on our children. Catechists strive to ensure that Catholic students attending State schools, and their families, have an opportunity to hear the Good News, to develop a relationship with God and to feel welcomed and valued members of the Church community. Through their actions, they strive to help the children they teach to know and understand Jesus' message of 'Love one another as I have loved you'. If you would like to know more about being a Catechist please contact the Parish Office. You can also visit: <https://ccd.parramatta.org.au/>

Baptisms welcome

To Sebastian who was baptised here recently. We pray that his faith will be an important and integral part of his life.

Seeking volunteers for our Church Piety Stall

Our piety stall is opened after all our weekend masses. You can find a wide range of religious medals, books and other resources, not only for Sacraments but for personal use and also for gifts. As you may appreciate, the piety stall is operated purely on a voluntary basis. In order for us to ensure the Piety Stall remains open, we are in need of volunteers who can open and operate the stall and you can choose the times and dates that are convenient to yourself in advance. All it requires is about 10 to 15 minutes (at most) of your time to stay back after Mass. All training and everything you need to know will be provided and any assistance will be gratefully appreciated. To have your name added to our list of volunteers or to find out more please contact the Parish office.

COVID - Changes in effect

Effective Friday 18th February: there is no requirement to sign in or register upon entry; congregation and choirs can resume singing.

Effective Friday 25th February: wearing of masks is by personal choice and no longer mandatory.

Please do not visit the Church if you are COVID positive, unwell, or think you could be unwell, or vulnerable or at risk.

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop together with Our Lady, under the title "Help of Christians", are our spiritual patrons. Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, also has always had a special place in the devotions of Australian Catholics. In 1844, Mary, under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians was chosen as the patroness of Australia at the First Provincial Synod of Sydney. Following are two prayers to Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians:

Prayer to Mary, Help of Christians: Australia's Patroness

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Safety of Australia as a Christian Nation

Almighty God, we Thy people cry out in our affliction. Do not scorn us but for the glory of Thy name come to our rescue. Look mercifully upon us in our tribulation, and, though we have justly deserved punishment, turn away Thy wrath. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary, Help of Christians, bring succour and peace to Australia.

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 desire that you would all have more faith at the present time. How great is my joy at the faithfulness of my spouse in the smallest things. Jesus (Diary 352)

Prayer for Vocations

There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. They are active, if we utilise them for building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.

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/>

- Sydney prays for Ukraine
- Reformers': Stop the Plenary
- Death Duel: Upper House debates euthanasia law
- Somascan Parish Rocks
- Movie review: Conviction: Case of Stephen Lawrence
- Why I became a Catholic

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From Father Raining

A young boy lived with his grandfather high in the Swiss Alps. Often, just to hear the echo of his voice, the boy would go outside, cup his hands around his mouth, and shout, "HELLO!" Up from the canyons the reply reverberated, "HELLO...HELLO...hello...hello..." Then he would call out, "I LOVE YOU...I LOVE YOU...I love you...I love you..."

One day the boy seriously misbehaved and his grandfather disciplined him severely. Reacting violently, the child shook his fist and screamed. "I HATE YOU!" To his surprise, the rocks and boulders across the mountainside responded "I HATE YOU...I HATE YOU...I hate you..."

First Reading: Our words reflect what is in our hearts

How might my words better reflect the Christian values I hold in my heart?

Second Reading: Paul reminds to devote ourselves to serving the Lord.

What work is Jesus calling me to do for him today?

Gospel: Jesus tells us we must remove the wooden beam in our own eye before trying to remove the splinter in another's eye.

What beam in my eye do I need to work on removing right now?

Project Compassion

Please support Caritas Australia with a Project Compassion box this Lenten season to help vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion boxes which are available at the Church entry, or by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

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, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, Christine Coorey, Sorayda Corpuz, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Cheryl Felton, Nick Galea, Annette Hardman, Anthony Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Ely Mathew, Leanne Maree McInerney, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Mary McNamara, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Annie Newton, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Siobhain Power, 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, Maggie Simpliciano, Annette Herft, Andrew Busuttill, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Kerry and Ron Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Jim Rowan, Patricia Minahan, Vicky Mifsud, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Michael & Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine & Wasley Adolphe, Geraldine Senewiratne, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Michelle Makin, Lena Pereira, Donald Ramage, Charlie Micallef, Dex Habito, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Lourdes Zaballa, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Clem O'Donoghue, Lenny and Hudson Pallas (twins), Julia Sherman, George Khodeir, Jim Lynch, Tom Dennis, Priscilla Bennett.