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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)

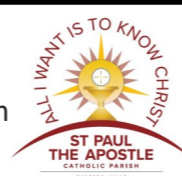
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



From Father Raining

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognised symbol of peace and victory. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

An interesting as well as challenging old fable tells of the colt that carried Jesus on Palm Sunday. The colt thought that the reception was organised to honour him. "I am a unique donkey," this excited animal thought. When he asked his mother if he could walk down the same street alone the next day and be honoured again, she said, "No, you are nothing without Him who was riding you." Five days later, the colt saw a huge crowd of people in the street. It was Good Friday, and soldiers were taking Jesus to Calvary. The colt could not resist the temptation of another royal reception. Ignoring his mother's warning, he ran to the street, but fled for his life as soldiers chased him and people stoned him. Thus the colt finally learned the lesson that he was only a poor donkey without Jesus to ride on him.

As we enter Holy Week, today's readings challenge us to examine our lives to see whether we carry Jesus within us and bear witness to him through our living or whether we are Christians in name only.

First Reading: God's servant desires to speak an encouraging word to the weary.

Who needs to hear a good word from me today?

Second Reading: Jesus did not grasp at glory but emptied himself in service.

For whom can I empty myself in service today?

Gospel: Even in his own suffering, Jesus encourages others.

How can I forget my troubles and help someone in need today?

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.

24 hour adoration

Held the first Friday through to Saturday morning every month.

Moments of Mercy

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. (Diary 965)

Prayer for Vocations

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

Catholic Weekly

As always you can visit their website for a wide range of news, articles and information: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

- In a moment of CRISIS volunteers stand by WOMEN.
- Can't please everyone. Plenary assessment.
- Could East Gosford change the church in Australia?
- Retreat master's message: FOLLOW THE SPIRIT.
- Movie: *The Adam Project*
- The Fall of Kirill

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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, Renata Beck, Elly Bejma, Bridget Boldt, Gabrielle Boldt, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Cheryl Felton, Nick Galea, Bourke Gibbons OAM, Annette Hardman, Anthony Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Lucas 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, Nancy Radocchia, Honor Rosario, Kenneth Del Rosario, Alison Samuels, Gillian Shannon, 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 Busuttil, 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, Siobhain Power.