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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)

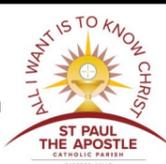
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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?

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.



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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Holy Week and Easter Triduum services at our Church

For a complete list of all upcoming services and additional reconciliation times, please refer to the handout as you leave the Church. Feel free to take as many as you need to pass on to your families and friends for their awareness.

You can also visit the following link which has all services listed across the Diocese including ours: catholicoutlook.org/holyweek2022/

Please note that we have recently added Liturgy of the Hour to our schedule to be held Holy Saturday morning at 9:00am

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held 7:00pm this Friday evening and on Good Friday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Palm Sunday thank you to the School

A big thank you to the very patient students at our primary school especially their Mini Vinnies team who took time out to create the beautiful palm leaves crosses. Thank you also to Johra Brackenbury for coordinating and assisting with the children to make this possible.

Reminder about Sunday obligation

On 20 March 2020 Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181) by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.

This Decree is now revoked and Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings. Source *Ad Clerum* (14/12/21): <https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/20211214-AdClerum-821.pdf>

ANZAC Day Mass

A special Dawn Mass will be celebrated on ANZAC Day at 6:00am. Please also note that:

- you are invited to bring a photo and place it on the Sanctuary steps prior to Mass.
- a scroll will be placed on the Altar during this Mass and will be offered for all those listed, and indeed for all service, men and women, and you are invited to include names on the scroll which is on the table as you enter Church.
- morning tea will follow Mass and feel free to bring a plate.
- the Monday morning Mass at 9.10am (and preceding Rosary) will be celebrated as usual

A big thank you

We take this opportunity to recognise and acknowledge Therese Ricketts and Lou Tedesco for their talent in creating the beautiful Palm Sunday banner that adorns our Church wall this weekend. Their creativity can also be seen with our Paschal Candle and our Advent banner from last year. Thank you!

Annual Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place Good Friday. This collection promotes the Church's missionary work in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres in the Holy Land rely on this assistance. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the ongoing pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. This year, the Holy Land continues facing income shortfalls due to ongoing effects of the pandemic and again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

Caritas Project Compassion boxes

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection. Project Compassion boxes can be returned on Holy Thursday and over the Easter weekend and placed in the boxes as you enter the Church.

Baptisms welcome

To Julia and Matilda who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

CYP Good Friday Night Walk: Friday 15 April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/

Feast Day: Saint Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes (April 16th)

Saint Bernadette is often depicted in prayer with a rosary or appealing to the Holy Virgin., and was beatified in 1925 and canonised by Pope Pius XI in 1933. Saint Bernadette is the patroness of ill, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, and Lourdes, France. On her deathbed Bernadette suffered severe pain and, keeping with the Virgin Mary's admonition of "Penance, Penance, Penance," she proclaimed "all this is good for Heaven!" Her last words were, "Blessed Mary, Mother of God, pray for me. A poor sinner, a poor sinner."

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.