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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)

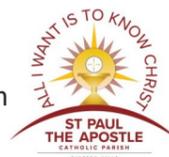
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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 - June 2022

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 3rd | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 4th

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



You're all invited! Parish Feast Day Celebration on Sunday 26th June

The feast of Saints Peter and Paul falls in late June and we use the occasion of this solemnity to hold our annual parish feast day celebrations. The central focus will be the 9:30am Mass celebrated by The Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen. Everyone is welcome to attend and also join us after Mass for a meal and activities in our parish grounds. This is also an excellent opportunity for us to regather after a prolonged absence in terms of parish fellowship, to renew acquaintances and to celebrate our blessings.

We do however need your help!

What can you do? How can you help? We are expecting quite a large turnout on the day and cannot make this happen without your help. There are many ways and areas where you can volunteer your efforts and please consider how you may be able to assist this celebration in the following areas:

- ◆ **Catering** – we encourage where possible (and of course deeply grateful) if you could consider bringing a plate. Please find a list in the Church foyer to indicate your intentions (so we get an idea of how we're positioned with overall catering).
- ◆ **Helpers on the day** – to assist in any way on the day (set up, cleaning, serving food, BBQing, packing up, carpark marshal, etc). Please find a list in the Church foyer to record your name and any area where you would like to assist.
- ◆ **Transport** – please reach out to those who may not have transport and consider offering them a lift.

As you may appreciate planning and preparation is important and why we are approaching you for help at this early stage.

If you want to know more, or there are other ways you would like to support and assist, please contact the parish office. **THANK YOU!**

Children's Liturgy update: Sunday 9:30am Mass

Our Sunday Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am mass has been suspended since early 2020 due to COVID. This particular aspect of our Sunday Liturgy has been sorely missed. We are planning to reintroduce this at the 9:30am mass however no fixed timing has been set. In preparation for this, Parramatta Diocese will be running a workshop for those who run and conduct Children's Liturgy of the Word. This course will be held in early June and if you are interested in becoming a coordinator for our Children's Liturgy, please contact the parish office no later than Tuesday 31st May.

Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood

At the Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raises much needed funds for our seminarians providing for the education, formation, spiritual guidance and practical experience needed to deepen their faith and prepare for a life of service to our community. Seminarians and priests are essential to the life of our Church and as our Diocese expands, we must be prepared to meet the needs of our faith community. If you are unable to donate in person this weekend please feel free to do so online at <https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-shepherd-appeal/>. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

May - month of Mary

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pray] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Pope Paul VI). This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. **Especially in May, please join us as we pray the daily Rosary Mon to Sat at 8:40am.** For prayers and resources please visit catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05_1.cfm

Feast Day—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31st)

This feast was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work.

The feast of the Visitation recalls to us the following great truths and events: The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the Annunciation; the cleansing of John the Baptist from original sin in the womb of his mother at the words of Our Lady's greeting; Elizabeth's proclaiming of Mary—under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit—as Mother of God and "blessed among women". Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary.

Hearing herself addressed by the most lofty title of "Mother of the Lord" and realising what grace her visit had conferred on John, Mary broke out in that sublime canticle of praise proclaiming prophetically that henceforth she would be venerated down through the centuries: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. He that is mighty, hath done great things to me, and holy is His name" (Lk. 1:46). If we practice this contemplation taught and shown to us by Our Lady, we will find that our experience is like hers.

From Father Raining

A Civil War chaplain approached a wounded soldier on the battlefield and asked if he'd like to hear a few verses from the Bible. The wounded man said, "No, I'm so thirsty, I'd rather have some water." The chaplain gave him a drink, and then repeated his question. "No sir, not now – but could you put something under my head?" The chaplain did so, and again repeated his question. "No," said the soldier, "I'm cold. Could you cover me up?" The chaplain took off his inside coat and wrapped the soldier. Afraid to ask, he did not repeat his question. He made to go away, but the soldier called him back. "Look, Chaplain, if there's anything in that book of yours that makes a person do for another what you've done for me, then I want to hear it."

First Reading: Though Jesus departs, he promises empowerment by the Holy Spirit.
When have I felt most empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Second Reading: Our minds are enlightened and our hearts are renewed with hope.
What new hopes have I felt during this Easter season?

Gospel: Jesus wants us to be witnesses of the new way he has opened for life in God's presence.
How can I share my experience of the risen Christ with someone?

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of mortal peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Frederick de Silva, Helen Dillon, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Nick Galea, Molly Griffith, Anthony Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Lucas Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Ely Mathew, Leanne Maree McInerney, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Mary McNamara, Father John McSweeney, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Annie Newton, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Honor Rosario, Kenneth Del Rosario, Mark Ryder, Alison Samuels, Norma Sciara, John Trost, Pelenatete Tuaimau, Karl Wagner, George White.

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, Jim Rowan, 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, Patricia Minahan, Vicky Mifsud, Lena Pereira, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Michael & Chamouni Frangi, Madeleine & Wasley Adolphe, Charlie Micallef, Dex Habito, Geraldine Senewiratne, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Michelle Makin, Donald Ramage, Frank Borg, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Lourdes Zaballa, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Clem O'Donoghue, Julia Sherman, Lenny and Hudson Pallas (twins), George Khodeir, Jim Lynch, Tom Dennis, Priscilla Bennett, Bourke Gibbons OAM, Siobhain Power, Gillian Shannon, Nancy Radocchia, Lucky Dhammapala, Gerard Marcello, Maxwell Fernando.

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

O soul steeped in darkness, do not despair. All is not yet lost. Come and confide in your God, who is love and mercy.

Prayer for Vocations

Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations & neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious.

Listen to the call!

Catholic Weekly

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

- Euthanasia: Leaders' failure a drop dead disgrace
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