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Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm

Weekday Mass times

Weekend 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 Raning

One of the most famous composers had a rebellious son who used to come in late at night after his mother and father had gone to bed. And before going to his own room, this rebellious son would go to his father's piano and slowly, spitefully... and loudly would play a simple scale, all but the final note. He would play, "Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol-La-Ti..." and then he wouldn't strike that final "Do."

Then leaving the scale unfinished, he would retire to his room.

Meanwhile, his father (great musician that he was) hearing the scale minus the final note, would twist and turn and writhe on his bed, his mind unable to relax because the scale was not finished.

Finally, not able to stand it any longer, the father would crawl out of bed, stumble down the stairs and strike that final note of the scale. Only then could he relax and be at peace.

The story reminds us of the way we so often treat God.

We play around with some of the notes of faith, but we don't play the full scale...

- We forgive, but not completely.
- We love, but not completely.
- We serve, but not completely.
- We accept Christ, but not completely.
- We live the Christian life-style, but not completely.
- We commit our lives to God, but not completely.

But then, even when we treat God shabbily, in his infinite patience and amazing grace, he continues to reach out and play the last note and love us.

God loves us and corrects us "little by little." First reading:

How has God been correcting me so that my actions show more love toward others?

Second Reading: Paul prays that we be worthy of our call and bring our good works to fulfilment.

What good works am I being called to do to make Christ more known by others?

Zacchaeus' attitudes toward the poor are completely turned around. Gospel:

How can I be more conscious of the poor and conditions that allow the poor to be oppressed?

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, Helene Barker, Renata Beck, Elly Bejma, Bridget Boldt, Gabrielle Boldt, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, Vicente Calonia, Peter Casey, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Emmy Cox, Gus DelVillar, Tracy Derugo, Helen Dillon, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Adam Duncum, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Christine Lin Yew Fai, Nick Galea, Molly Griffith, Steven Hitchings, Anthony Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen and Lucas Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Ely Mathew, Leanne Maree McInerney, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Leone Minahan, Annie Newton, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Honor Rosario, Kenneth Del Rosario, Mark Ryder, Alison Samuels, John Trost, Pelenatete Tuaimau, Karl Wagner, Robert Webb, George White.

Please pray for

May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Lourdes Zaballa, Dex Habito, Charlie Micallef, Jim Rowan, Brian Baker, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Kerry and Ron Cini, Vicky Mifsud, Saverio and Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Leon Chalker, Maggie Simpliciano, Annette Herft, Andrew Busuttil, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Wasley and Madeleine Adolphe, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Patricia Minahan, Lena Pereira, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Geraldine Senewiratne, Frank Borg, Mary and John Ford, John Ford Junior, Donald Ramage, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Julia and Michael Sherman, George Khodeir, Jim Lynch, Priscilla Bennett, Siobhain Power, Frederick de Silva, Gillian Shannon, Nancy Radocchia, Andrew Scott, Tom Dennis, Ludie Irrullbandra, Maria Di Marzo, Joseph Ebejer. Billy Leonard.

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Prayed every Wednesday morning straight after Mass.

Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel every Thursday morning 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

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

If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do.

Catholic Weekly

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

- Culture Wars V Common Sense
- Archbishop Fisher: Historic U.S. speech
- Families reclaim Halloween
- Saint John Paul II Shrine opens
- Book review: Ring of Power: Any Good?
- An icon for New Zealand

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24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - November 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



Feast Days this week

1st All Saints Day | 2nd All Souls' Day | 3rd Saint Martin de Porres | 4th Saint Charles Borromeo | 5th Saint Elizabeth

Holy Days of Obligation in Australia

In addition to all the Sundays in the year, the only feast days to be observed in Australia as Holy Days of Obligation are: the solemnities of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (December 25th) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th). These two Holy Days of Obligation are to be observed annually, regardless of the day of the week on which they fall.

All Saints' Day (November 1st) and All Souls' Day (November 2nd)

All Saints' Day commemorates all the saints in heaven with the feast dating back to the early Church. During the persecution under emperor Diocletian at the beginning of the fourth century the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each saint, so the Church established a common feast day for all the martyrs. The liturgical celebration on the day before the feast became known as hallowed evening or Hallowe'en. All Saints Day represents the desire of the faithful to commemorate all saints, 'great multitude which no man could number' (Rev 7:9), especially those who have no proper feast day of their own.

All Souls' Day is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. A day of prayer and remembrance for souls of those who have died. Believers remember, pray and offer Mass for the souls in Purgatory, that they may be purified and attain the Beatific Vision. Believers pray for the souls which, on departing from the body are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or not fully atoned for past transgressions, and not yet able to be granted the Beatific Vision of with God in Heaven.

Mass Times - All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

Tuesday 1st 9:10am | Wednesday 2nd 9:10am. Both Masses will be livestreamed and preceded by the Holy Rosary at 8:40am.

November Scroll and Month Of The Holy Souls

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope...For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven...and the dead who are in Christ shall rise." The November Scroll for the Holy Souls is placed on the Altar as has been our custom. All Masses offered in November will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in the second collection or dropped in to the Sacristy.

Catholic Mission: World Mission Sunday collection

World Mission Month is a month dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world. Pope Francis' 2022 World Mission Sunday message, invites everyone to answer a call to be missionary, sharing that "Mission is carried out together, not individually..." To find out more, or to contribute online, please visit catholicmission.org.au

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

The beautiful Columban calendars for 2023 are available to be purchased (still only \$8) from the piety stall as well as a wide selection of religious Christmas cards. Please continue to keep Christ in Christmas.

Young Adult Faith Formation: November 13th

Speakers are Cardinal Joseph Coutts (Archbishop, Pakistan) and Miss Regina Lynch (International Head of Projects, ACN Germany). They will speak of the suffering Church and share inspiring stories of the Witnesses of Faith; those brothers and sisters following Christ amidst oppression and persecution. All adults 18-35 encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Young Adult Faith Formation session will be held Sunday 13th November at The Hustle, Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury at 7pm.

Calling for World Youth Day aspiring small group leaders! (Close off this Wednesday)

Bishop Vincent is seeking applications from aspiring small group leaders to accompany young people of the Diocese of Parramatta on our pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon. These leaders will provide accompaniment and support to each pilgrim and ensure their safety and wellbeing and is integral to facilitating the full participation of pilgrims. Please email met@parracatholic.org to express your interest and request a position description with further details of the selection criteria by Wednesday November 2nd.

Position Vacant - Project Coordinator (part-time) Diocese of Parramatta

Catholic Youth Parramatta, Applications close Monday 7th November 10pm. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Sacrament Of Confirmation in November

Please remember in your prayers all Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and their families as they prepare for this Sacrament.