

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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)

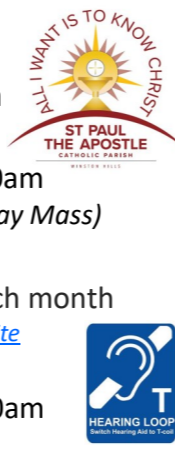
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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 Raning

Lent as a time to get closer to Jesus by fine-tuning our spiritual lives. With the many appliances we have at our disposal, and which we use routinely and regularly, we'll be in big trouble if you ignore the red lights to upgrade, re-charge and overhaul whatever we use.

This may help you understand how important it is for us to fine-tune our spiritual lives too.

- If we were batteries, Lent would be a time to charge them up.
- If we were knives, Lent would be a time to sharpen our cutting edges.
- If we were cars, Lent would be a time for an oil change and a tune-up.
- If we were swimming pools, Lent would be a time to filter the dirt out of the water.
- If we were gardens, Lent would be a time to fertilize our soil and dig out our weeds.
- If we were carpets, Lent would be a time to get power-cleaned.
- If we were VCR's, Lent would be a time to clean our heads and adjust our tracking system.
- If we were iPads, Lent would be a time to charge them up when we're low on battery life.
- If we were computers, Lent would be a time to overhaul our disk drive.
- If we were highways, Lent would be a time to repair our cracks and fill our potholes.
- If we were TV sets, lent would be a time to adjust our focus and our fine-tuning.

But we are none of those things. We are people who sometimes:

- do wrong things; we need to atone for them.
- get spiritually lazy; we need to get back into shape.
- become selfish; we need to stretch out of our narrowness and begin giving again.
- lose sight of our purpose on earth and the immense promise within us; we need to regain our vision.

And because we are also people who sometimes tend to put those things off, we need a special sort of official time to concentrate on doing them.

So, we have Lent.

## 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, Gary Cullen, Francis D'Abrera, Gus DelVillar, Tracy Derugo, Helen Dillon, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Adam Duncum, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Christine Lin Yew Fai, Nick Galea, Christian Grant, Molly Griffith, Steven Hitchings, Anthony Iannuzzi, David Joseph, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen and Lucas Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Ely Mathew, Leanne Maree McInerney, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, 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 Busuttill, 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, Priscilla Bennett, Siobhain Power, Frederick de Silva, Gillian Shannon, Nancy Radocchia, Andrew Scott, Tom Dennis, Ludie Irrullbandra, Maria Di Marzo, Joseph Ebejer, Leone Minahan, Jim Lynch, Billy Leonard, Bea Therese, Joanna Luz Ococa, Iyrika D'Cruz, Teresa Borg, Arch Askew, John Bush, Nazeer Rasheed.

## 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

Everything that exists is enclosed in the bowels of My mercy, more deeply than an infant in its mother's womb. How painfully distrust of My goodness wounds Me! Sins of distrust wound Me most painfully. (Diary 1076)

## Prayer for Vocations

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

## Catholic Weekly

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

- Seventeen enter Seminary!
- Neighbours in need: Project Compassion in East Timor
- Misunderstanding rise of Nones
- The false God of Gluttony
- Welcome to Australia. New pathway for refugees
- In a dark hour. Bishops who inspire.

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## 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - March

**Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

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**



## Liturgical services in our parish during Lent - everyone is welcome to attend

- Stations of the Cross will be held 7:00pm every Friday evening.
- Additional Reconciliation sessions will be held after the completion of Stations of the Cross every Friday evening.
- Lenten discussion groups will be held every Wednesday in the Marian Chapel at **7:00pm** 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.

## Stations of the Cross

Also known as Way of the Cross, Via Crucis, Via Dolorosa (Latin for Way of Sorrows), is a devotion that reflects on Jesus' final days on Earth. It developed when knights and pilgrims began to follow the route of Christ's way to Calvary, and spread throughout Europe, promulgated by the Franciscan friars from the 14th century. It became an important catechetical tool and this devotion is to "walk" in Jesus' shoes by praying and meditating on each of the events Jesus experienced; it's often said that you must walk a mile in someone's shoes to understand what they are going through. The practice of artistic renderings of the Stations in churches didn't begin until around 1686, when Pope Innocent XI allowed Franciscan friars to adorn their churches with the different stations. Pope Benedict XIII extended that privilege to all the faithful in 1726. In 1731, Pope Clement XII allowed all churches to have stations and fixed the number at 14. When we meditate on the Stations of the Cross, we can learn the true meaning of love, perseverance, obedience, humility, and patience.

## Baptisms welcome

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

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please remember in your prayers Vivian, Michelle and James, who have declared their intention to receive Sacraments of Initiation in our parish at the Easter vigil. Over recent months, the catechumens have been building knowledge and deepening their faith through the RCIA. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about becoming a Catholic, please contact the office.

## Sydney Alliance NSW Election Assembly: 28<sup>th</sup> February

Join Bishop Vincent Long and people from across the Diocese to participate in a NSW Election Assembly with NSW Treasurer Matt Kean, Shadow Treasurer Daniel Mookhey and representatives of the crossbench. It will focus on social justice issues like housing and cost of living. Held from 6:15pm to 8:15pm, Morley Centre, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead. Register: <https://bit.ly/nswelectionassembly>.

## Ember Day - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Ember Days corresponded roughly with the beginning of each of the four seasons. The second Vatican Council retained Ember Days in principle and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays in Autumn and Spring each year as special days of prayer and penance. It is a great way of acknowledging the abundance we often take for granted, thanking God for it, consciously striving to live virtuously instead of simply as consumers. Pope Francis has encouraged us to take up a new asceticism, where we 'replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing'. For more information please visit [www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/index.php/documents-a-resources/catholicism-101/ember-days](http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/index.php/documents-a-resources/catholicism-101/ember-days)

## Clean up Diocese of Parramatta Day: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Catholic Youth Parramatta invite you to take action! On Clean Up Australia Day, witness to the call to take care of God's creation. Join or organise a group to clean up a site in your local area. Express your interest today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/cleanup/>

## MET Natural Fertility Session: 8<sup>th</sup> March

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. This Introductory Session will be presented by Vinetta Lobo, accredited FertilityCare Practitioner Creighton Model. To register or for more information, contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or 0400 427 605.

## Catholic Schools Commissioning Ceremony: 16<sup>th</sup> March

New career teachers and newly appointed (first time) Principals in Parramatta Diocese are invited to a Commissioning and welcoming ceremony to commence the academic year. It will be conducted as Vespers on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Please RSVP to Christie Shaylor [events@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:events@parra.catholic.edu.au) or call 9840 5656 by Friday 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Masterclass for Mentor Married Couples: 24<sup>th</sup> March

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than five years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. If you are unable to attend in-person, a follow up Zoom session will be held for interested couples on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10am. To book or for enquiries email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa 8838 3460.