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

Baptisms:

Monday to Saturday 9.10am (preceded by Rosary at 8:40am) Thursday 7.00pm (preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm)

Reconciliation: Thursday 6.15pm - 6.45pm (during Adoration)

First Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (during Adoration)

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Adoration: Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday First and Third Sunday of each month

Baptism bookings only via our website

Gospel Reflection

The first thing that is striking about this gospel passage is the fact that there are 72 disciples whom Jesus sends out on mission. We can have an image of Jesus strolling around Galilee with just a small group of followers but this passage makes it clear that a significant number of people were engaged in his ministry. This sending out to mission is a significant element of Luke's gospel. The first sending of the Twelve represents the mission to the Jews – the twelve tribes of Israel are frequently used symbolically to represent all of the Jewish people. The sending of the 72 then represents the mission beyond the Jewish people to all nations and all people.

Another significant theme is the message of hospitality. Jesus teaches on it frequently and tries to convey a message that the hospitality of God is available to all. In the sending of both the Twelve and the 72, Jesus tells them to take nothing with them for the journey and to rely on the hospitality of strangers. If they are welcomed and shown hospitality, they are to bless the household and carry out their ministry. The ability to show hospitality to the messengers of God is a sign that the household will welcome the message of God. However, wherever they do not receive hospitality they are to leave the town, shaking the dust from their feet, as their ministry will not be welcomed by people who are not ready to hear it. It is an excellent message about not wasting your efforts in unproductive ways – not hitting your head against a brick wall!

Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their 'names are written in heaven'. In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things! This gospel is often used to make a point about the need for vocations to priestly and religious life. Jesus makes the comment that 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few'. This image of labourers in the harvest is often applied to the work of priests and other religious vocations. However apt the image may be, when we read it in it's context we can see that this sending out of the 72 was a general challenge to live out the call to discipleship – to go out into the world and bring about the kingdom.

source: https://liturgyhelp.com

Morning Tea - see you there!

After the morning Masses next weekend please join us for morning tea. Stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with our fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419.

Please pray for our sick ... Heavenly Father, lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. Amen Aeroll Klein, Amanda Caputo, Ameriza Ayoub, Anne Burt, Anthony lannuzzi, Arlene Diaz, Bailey, Cathie Christie, David, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Fermin Manuel, George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Krishna Premadas, Loui Ibrahim, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Lynette Giri, Mark Lopez, Mary McConvey, Maureen McLoughlun, Natalie Caccamo, Nick Galea, Peter Beck, Peter Gamble, Sally Georges, Sam Papallo, Sarah Sheehan, Stella Kim, Steve Pilju Ko, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vanessa Ibrahim.

Please pray for ... May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen

Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Roland Gonzalez, Tania Nicholas Vince Colosimo, Valeriane Estacio Senior, Connie Debono-Cullen and the recently deceased Christine Coorey.

Moments of Mercy

See I have left My heavenly throne to become united with you. What you see is just a tiny part and already your soul swoons with love. How amazed will your heart be when you see Me in all My glory. (Diary 1810)

Prayer for Vocations

Have you discovered yet there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena prayed after Mass

every Wednesday morning.

Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel after every Thursday morning Mass. **Divine Mercy Chaplet** Fridays 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

Christ's Catholic Community Prayer group every Friday 10am: Parish Centre Conference Room.

Liturgy of the Hours First Friday at 6:00pm

Mass with Ephpheta

Third Sunday at 9:30am

Men's Ministry St Paul's
Second Thursday of the month:
6pm-Church, 8pm-Parish Hall

Women's Ministry St Paul's Third Thursday of the month: 6pm-Church, 8pm-Parish Hall

Communion to the sick
Contact parish office to organise.
St Vincent de Paul Society
2nd & 4th Mondays of the month
7pm Parish Centre conference room.

Assistance? 131812 (M-F 8.30-4.30) **Hearing Loop:**

For signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil).

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Parish Feast Day thank you!

A massive and heartfelt thank you to everyone who ensured that last Sunday's Parish Feast Day celebration was one to remember. It was possible only through the tremendous efforts and response of the many involved with the 9:30am Mass and for the fellowship in the school grounds. For those present, the Mass was humbling, moving, filled with song and enhanced with the joy of our new and returning Altar Server children. Many worked tirelessly in preparation in advance, on the day, and also behind the scenes. We are again incredibly fortunate and blessed to have such dedicated volunteers, being so generous with their time and assistance.

Men's Ministry of St Paul: this Thursday, 10th July

This month's focus is the fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill" put simply, Respect for Human Life.

Please come along and join us as we will be expanding on the meaning of what God expects of us in this commandment.

Please come along! Starting with Adoration (6pm) and Mass (7pm) followed by our talk and gathering at the Parish Centre (~7:45pm). All men aged 18 and over are welcome. To find out more contact the parish office on 9639 6516 or mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com

World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF): this Sunday, 13th July at 6:00pm

Please note that for this month, it will commence at 6:00pm, and follows the 5:00pm Mass. Please come along and all are invited. The group meets once a month in our Marian Chapel for a holy hour to pray, learn and live the message of Fatima. Topic for this month: *The Third Apparition of Fatima*. Contact Mark Napoli 0433 119 424 or visit worldfatima.com/en/join-us

Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal at all Masses next weekend: 12th and 13th July

The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire – the power to change lives is in everyone. This has been a particularly cold and wet winter at a time when many people are struggling with the rising cost of living and finding a safe place to live. When you donate to Vinnies you are helping rebuild lives this winter. At all Masses next weekend there will be a third collection for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. You can donate using the envelopes in the pews, Vinnies members will be available to take card donations, via the QR code on posters within the Church or donate at anytime online using the following fund raising page: my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way-conference/sydp-winston-hills-conference-winter-appeal-2025



Plants for sale next weekend with all proceeds to Vinnies

With thanks to the generosity of our resident gardening guru Denis McKeon, there will be an assortment of plants and succulents all of which he has donated. These will be available for purchase after all Masses and all proceeds given to the Vinnies Appeal.

Senior's Christmas in July: Saturday, 19th July

This special event will take place in the Father David Scott Parish Centre from 10:00am until 11:00am. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. This is a free event and RSVP (by 10th July) is required for catering purposes to Hala 0411 865 649. This is an initiative of members of our Women's Ministry and we are grateful for their efforts in making this event possible.

You are invited! Faith Seeking Understanding: Thursday, 24th July

Saint Anselm, a great thinker in Church history, quoted "fides quarens intellectum", which literally means "faith seeking understanding." We may begin with the virtue of faith, which is paramount, but we must absolutely seek deeper understanding.

As part of our series on Faith Seeking Understanding, our next event which will be presented by Tomasz Juszczak from Donum ministry

(donumministries.com/about/) on the topic "Our Call to Holiness: Becoming Men and Women of God".

Please join us for this special evening which commences at 7:30pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre after the 7:00pm Mass.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

7th Blessed Peter to Rot | 9th Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and companions | 11th Saint Benedict | 14th Saint Camillus de Lellis

Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the Church at all masses. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, to know more, or to contribute, visit https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/. Thank you.

What is the difference between the first and second collections?

As you are aware, there are two collections at our weekend Masses. There is a difference between these in terms of allocation of funds, with the following information providing some clarification.

<u>First Collection</u>: primarily supports the clergy across our Diocese. This provides the monthly stipend for our clergy and in addition provides for care and health of clergy both current and retired.

<u>Second Collection</u>: provides for our specific parish (ie St Paul's) expenses. These include both our Church and Office and in respect of our various ministries, and includes all operating and maintenance costs, liturgical provisions and insurance.

<u>Tap & Go</u>: a convenient alternative for those wishing to make a donation using a debit or credit card or mobile phone. Contributions are allocated as follows: 30% to first collection. 70% to second collection

Thank you for your ongoing and generous financial support of our Parish and if you are interested in our Planned Giving program, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish office.

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