

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening Vigil 6.00pm (*Exposition 4.30pm - 5.45pm*)
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 9.10am
Tuesday 7.00pm (*Exposition 6.00pm - 7.00pm*)
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.10am
Saturday 9.00am

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

FROM FATHER RANING

The Atlanta journal "Constitution" published the story of the original "Star of David Sapphire" in its 17 May 1987 edition. A gemstone collector named Rob Cutshaw owned a little roadside shop outside Andrews, North Carolina.

Like many in the trade, he hunted for precious stones, and then sold them to collectors or jewellery makers. Although he was not an expert he knew enough about valuable rocks to decide which to pick up and sell. He usually left the appraising of his rocks to the experts. Although he enjoyed the work, it did not always pay the bills. Hence occasionally he had to cut fire wood and sell it to add to his income.

Twenty years ago, while on a "dig" Rob found a shining blue rock he described as "purdy and big." He tried unsuccessfully to sell the specimen, and according to the story in the journal, kept the rock under his bed or in his closet. At last he sold it for less than \$ 500 to pay his power bill. It is now known as "The Star of David Sapphire" which weighs nearly a pound, and is worth three million dollars.



In today's gospel Jesus challenges us to realize the real worth of the most valuable gemstone given to mankind, namely Jesus Christ who gives us our eternal salvation.

2017 Family Fiesta

The Parish Community of Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill invite you to come along to celebrate our Feast Day on Sunday, 6 August Commencing with Mass at 11am and a Marian Procession. Festivities commence at 1pm with exciting rides, international foods, market stalls, games and finishing with a spectacular fireworks display at 6pm.

1 Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville

For all enquiries phone Parish Office 8883 4063

MOMENTS OF MERCY

Have the certitude that I am looking at you and supporting you. Do not fear either struggles of the soul or any temptations, because I am supporting you; if only you are willing to fight, know that the victory is always on your side. Know that by fighting bravely you give Me great glory and amass merits for yourself. Temptation gives you a chance to show Me your fidelity. (*Diary 1560*)

FUNERAL NOTICE

Fr Anthony (Tony) Reynolds

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Cardinal Gilroy Village Chapel, 45 Barcom Street, Merrylands on Monday 31 July at 11am, followed by burial at Castle Hill Cemetery.

DAY RETREAT

The Practice of the Presence of God: a way through the pain of grief and loss How do we pray when we are experiencing loss and grief when God seems to have abandoned us?

Saturday 5 August 10.30am – 4.00pm

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre,
247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Registrations from 9am. \$25. Please bring your own lunch. Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9.45am and 10.00am.

Phone: 02 8795 3400

Email: retreats@carmelite.com



FEAST DAYS

30th St Peter Chrysologus
31st St Ignatius of Loyola
1st St Alphonsus Liguori
2nd St Eusebius of Vercelli
St Peter Julian Eymard
4th St John Vianney
5th Dedication of the
Basilica of St Mary
Major

NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Church preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm

ROSARY

For the intention of world peace. Every Wednesday at 2.30pm in the Church. All welcome.

NEXT MEETING

Leisure Group	02/08	10.00am
MOSJ – Westmead	03/08	7.00pm
Baptism Talk	03/08	7.30pm
Parish Council	07/08	7.30pm
SVDP	09/08	7.00pm
Liturgy	16/08	7.00pm
Finance	12/10	7.00pm

ROSTERS 5 / 6 AUG	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	N	P	Q	F W
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Veronica Brown Jan Francis	Veronica Fry Gerard Fabien	Emmy Cox Nic Vidot	Kate Fitzsimons Sean Trainor
ALTAR SERVERS	J	K	A	D
READERS COMMENTATORS	Sharon Del Rosario Pauline Knowler	Aurea Javier Leanda Standring	Natalie Mifsud Tony D'Souza	Youth Group
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Joseph & Lillian Budwee	Volunteers	Domingo Family	Youth Group
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kata Collimore and Michelle Thompson			
CHURCH CLEANING	Minda Chumroomridhi, Warren D'Costa, Valentine Mukuria, Charlotte Dos Remedios and Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa			
WINDOW CLEANING	Joe & Yvonne El-Bayeh			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday at 3.30pm in the Marian Chapel. All welcome.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Shining Example - Mary Glowrey: Australia's next saint?
- Understanding the church's Orders & Awards
- Wonder Woman - A great example
- Theatre: Emma's timeless appeal
- Side-stepping Democracy
- Dempsey Medal winners



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The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to a

NIGHT OF REFLECTION

with Sister Valerie Powidzki
(from the congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth)

It will be on **Friday, 4 August 2017 at 7.30pm** at the Fr David Scott Centre. 4 August is the Feast day of St John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests. As such, Sister Val will talk to us about service, vocations and love of God. We hope to see you all there.

Please advise the Parish Office on 9639-6516 by Wednesday 2 August of your attendance.

Invitation from



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We The Men of St Joseph are a small group of family men who gather here each fortnight to enlighten the men of our Parish with the true meaning of being a father figure in today's turbulent times and, as a group, further our Catholic beliefs through faith and prayer.

Remember:

If you are not the role model who is?

Being united makes us ever stronger as protectors of our families and the faith. Please make an effort to attend our meetings. For more information contact:

Bob McMillan - 0487 074 488

Tony Anthony - 0412 171 738

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Therese & Noel Scahill, Louis Bayeh, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Julia Sherman, Bern, Mary Betts, Elias & Afifi Younis, Frank Whiting, Ted Church, Josephine Clayton, Elizabeth & Allan Ward, Frank Borg, Stella Borg, Fabri Family, Suzanne Portelli, Pasquale & Maria Paoletti, Ross Nelson, Edna Fernandez, Adrian Coppolino, Marie & Claude Strange, Nellie Rodrigues, Brian Hollings, Franco & Lucia Paoletti, Joe Mangion, Sebastian Pereira, Therese Farrugia, Noel May, William Wilson, Sam & Lily Vella, Paul Gove, Noel & Trudy Millett and Mario & Maria Coppolino.



IT'S YOUR STORY...

Next session

Friday, 18 August at 7.30 pm

Conference Room of the Parish Centre
Save the date!

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

We are urgently in need of parishioners to take part in the Procession of the Gifts during Mass particularly at the 8am Mass—if you and/or your family would like to be involved in this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW

Solo Parent Services are running two sessions for our Annual Seminar on *Understanding Family Law*. The sessions are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will cover the following topics on the dates below:

Tuesday 8 August 7-9pm

Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children's Needs

Tuesday 22nd August 7-9pm

Focus on Property Settlements

38 Prince St, Blacktown

Cost \$7per session

★Registration Essential.

Contact Rita at Solo Parent Services

by phoning 8822 2222

or emailing soloparentservices@ccss.org.au