

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

FROM FATHER RANING

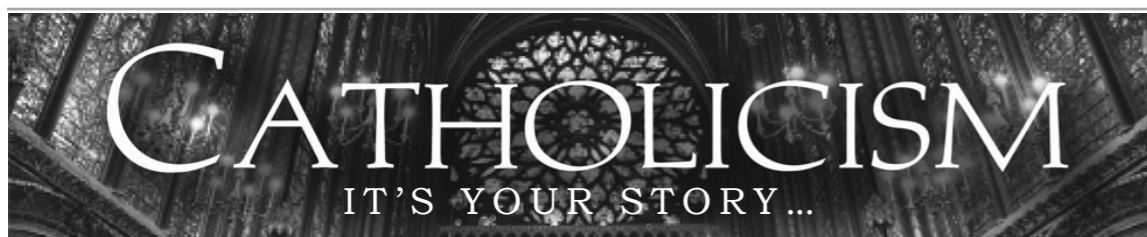
A story on presumptuous faith

A man named Smith climbed upon the roof of his river side house during a flood, confident that his God would save him miraculously. When the flood waters covered his feet a neighbour in his canoe paddled past and shouted, "Can I give you a lift to a higher ground?" "No, thanks," said Smith. "I have faith in the Lord and He will save me." Soon the water rose to Smith's waist. At this point a motor boat pulled up and someone invited him to get into the boat and escape. But Mr Smith adamantly refused the offer declaring his faith in the saving power of his God. Later when Smith was standing on the roof with water up to his neck somebody from a helicopter dropped a rope and the pilot yelled at him, "Grab the rope before the water currents push you

down." "No, thanks," said Smith. "I have faith in the Lord and He will save me." But after a while Mr Smith lost his grip on the roof, fought for his life for a time and finally got drowned. As he arrived at the Pearly Gates he met his God and launched a complaint about this turn of events. "Tell me Lord," he said, "I had such faith in you to save me and you let me down. It was not fair." The Lord replied, "What did you expect me to do? I sent two boats and a helicopter to save you."



Storms are frequent in the course of life and often threaten to overwhelm us. The Lord is with us in the storms and strengthens us to face them.



Presented by Bishop Robert Barron

Friday 18 August from 7.30pm—St Paul the Apostle Parish Conference Room

Happy Are We – The Teachings of Jesus

The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. To every generation, the words of Jesus have proven fascinating, sometimes confounding, deeply informative and always unforgettable.

As each session is standalone, we extend this invitation to all parishioners and friends even if you were unable to come to the first session. If you have not done so yet, please register your interest. You can:

Write: A form is located at the Church Entrance

Call: Parish Office on (02) 9639 6516

SMS: Lourdes Zaballa 0413 263 695

Email: council@stpaultheapostleparish.org

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

If you would like to contribute to the general running and maintenance of the Parish, please contact the Parish Office on 9639 6516.

Contributions can be made:

- weekly using the envelope system; or
- monthly by direct debit.

MOMENTS OF MERCY

If souls would put themselves completely in My care, I Myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me. I hurry to their aid, shielding them with My mercy, and I give them the first place in My compassionate Heart. (*Diary 1682*)



FEAST DAYS

- 13th Ss Pontian and Hippolytus
- 14th St Maximilian Kolbe
- 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16th Stephen of Hungary
- 19th St John Eudes

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	16/08	10.00am
Liturgy	16/08	7.00pm
MOSJ – Westmead	17/08	7.00pm
SVDP	23/08	7.00pm
Parish Council	04/09	7.30pm
Baptism Talk	07/09	7.30pm
Finance	12/10	7.00pm

ROSTERS 19/ 20 AUG	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	D	N	E	B
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Sean Trainor Evelyn Brien	Sylvia McGee Veronica Brown	Diana Roberts Joyce Lord	Tony Anthony June Wood
ALTAR SERVERS	G	H	I	J
READERS COMMENTATORS	Aurea Javier Pauline Knowler	Kate Fitzsimons Emmy Cox	Carmel Kevill Tony D'Souza	Natalie Mifsud Phil Ogle
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	John & Anita Buggy	Volunteers	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Mifsud Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Maddie Hamilton and Jessica Gonzalez			
CHURCH CLEANING	Joe Budwee, Anne Canty, Liz Gold, Marie Hiscock and Linda Pereira			
WINDOW CLEANING	Phyllis Trovato, Lou Pulvirenti and Gerard Rajakariar			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Be not silent: UK barrister's urgent message for Australia's Christians
- Excommunicating the Mafia?
- Archbishop's homily: Out of the mouths of (trainee Jedi) babes
- The Nazi template for modern euthanasia
- Monica Doumit: Viral mum
- This year's best Catholic book

NOTE BOOK

Please submit all articles for the August issue by next Wednesday. Thank you.



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ADULT CONFIRMATION

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16 years +) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 2nd September 9.30am-2pm at the Institute for Mission Hall. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis. Please contact the Parish Office on 9639-6516 by Friday 18 August for more details and/or to register.



Late last year Vinnies asked parishioners to sign a petition for more affordable housing. 16,300 people from across NSW signed the petition for more affordable housing.

On 3 August the NSW Parliament discussed the affordable housing recommendation. It is time that Parliament listened to their community and change our laws and deliver housing for all. The campaign is ongoing; thanks to parishioners who have supported the campaign so far.

MARRIAGE PLEBISCITE

As Catholics it is our belief that marriage is between a man and a woman. This union is centred around and ordered not only to the wellbeing of the spouses but also towards the generation and wellbeing of children.

We are given a vital opportunity to show our support for marriage between a man and a woman via a voluntary postal plebiscite. Ballot papers will begin arriving at people's homes on 12 September, just 31 days from now. It is urgent that you make sure that you are enrolled to vote and that your details are correct before 24 August. Please visit:

<http://www.aec.gov.au/FAQs/amlps.htm#enrol>

We also need to be aware of those in our community (for example an elderly neighbour who may have gone into care etc) who need help with checking their enrolment or registering themselves.

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.