

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills NSW 2153

T: 9639 6516 W: www.stpaultheapostleparish.org

Parish Priest: Fr Raning Creta Assistant Priest: Fr Tovia Lui Deacon: Shinto Francis



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

Three holy, religious priests, a Dominican, a Franciscan, and a Jesuit were in the same hospice. All were near death. One evening, the Angel of Death appeared before them and informed them that it was their time. He said, however, that each could have a final request before accompanying him from this world as they have scrupulously practiced the triple norms of Christian discipleship in their pretty long lives.

The Dominican went first and he asked to gaze upon the face of his Saviour. In an instant the face of Christ appeared before him. He was satisfied and felt he could die with no regrets.

The Franciscan was next. He asked to touch the wounds in the hands and feet of Jesus before he died. No sooner than Christ appeared and invited him, as he did Thomas, to examine His wounds. The dying priest touched Christ's hands and feet, wept with joy and was content and at peace.

Finally the angel turned to the Jesuit and asked his final request. Without hesitation the Jesuit replied: "I'd like a second opinion."



Three conditions of Christian discipleship: After correcting Peter for trying to divert him from his way of the cross, Jesus declares three conditions for his disciples to follow: a) deny yourself; b) take up your cross and; c) follow me.

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

A third collection will be held this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes are available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2018. Thank you for your generosity.

ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL

St Paul the Apostle School is a polling place for local council elections on 9 September - we are in the North Rocks Ward. We will be holding a BBQ and Cake Stall from 8.30am-2.00pm.

MOMENTS OF MERCY

Look into My Merciful Heart and reflect its compassion in your own heart and in your deeds, so that you, wo proclaim My mercy to the world, may yourself be aflame with it. (*Diary 1688*).

PARISH MORNING TEA

Our regular Parish Morning Tea will take place next Sunday 10 September following the 9.30am Mass. Please stay awhile, enjoy the spring weather with a cuppa and each other's company!

SAME SEX MARRIAGE – WHY? WHY NOT?

A talk by Fr. Reginaldo Lavilla MSP

Saturday, 16th of September from 1pm
St Paul the Apostle Parish Centre

We invite you to a talk on the theology of marriage and touching on the subject of same sex marriage by Fr Reginaldo, a Moral Theologian. We, as Catholic Christians, should have a clear and solid understanding of what same sex marriage means and its impact to society, to our generation and to future generations.

We extend this invitation to parishioners and friends. Come, and be informed about this critical issue. This is a free event.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3 September—10 September
Stronger Communities—Safer Children

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

The Men of St Joseph would like to warmly invite Everyone for a Family Gathering in the Parish Centre this Thursday night, 7 September from 7pm. light snacks provided.

Any enquiries please contact:

Tony—0412 171 738 or Bob—0487 074 488



FEAST DAYS

3rd St Gregory the Great
8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9th St Peter Claver

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

Parish Council	04/09	7.30pm
MOSJ – WHills	07/09	7.00pm
Baptism Talk	07/09	7.30pm
Leisure Group	13/09	10.00am
SVDP	13/09	7.00pm
Liturgy	11/10	7.00pm
Finance	12/10	7.00pm

ROSTERS 9 / 10 SEPT	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	Q	S	I	T
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Evelyn Brien Jan Francis	Elly Benkovich Lesley Neylan	Ken Abrahams Shani Tarrant	Sean Trainor Diana Roberts
ALTAR SERVERS	H	I	J	K
READERS COMMENTATORS	Carmel Kevill Diane Samson	Gabrielle Badaoui Emmy Cox	Veronica Reitano Tony D'Souza	Esmerelda El-Bayeh Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Maria Bisazza Margaret Thomas	Volunteers	Brogden Family	Couples for Christ
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Belinda Hamilton and Annabelle Hamilton			
CHURCH CLEANING	Isabelle Badaoui, Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard and Gemma Martin			
WINDOW CLEANING	Joe & Yvonne El-Bayeh			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm

Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Monica Doumit: Same-sex marriage targets children
- Dr Kevin Donnelly: Same-sex marriage, The underlying flaw
- Catholic Schools' run Life-Week
- The Melkite Church celebrates a beloved Saint
- Two new priests for Sydney
- The Vietnamese Way - Revesby celebrates



Overheads for hymns used in the Church are used with permission under ONE LICENSE N° A-642251



Proposed Change to Marriage Act

As members of the Australian democracy we are being called to consider changes to the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act. Mindful of the Church's understanding of Marriage as well as of our belief that every human being, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, is created in the image of God, is important that debate takes place in a measured, mature and sensitive manner.

For more information & Resources, go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

at St Paul the Apostle Parish

On Sunday 24 September at the 9.30am Mass we will be recognising couples who this year have reached special milestones in their Marriages.

Couples who, in 2017, have or will be celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th or 60th Wedding Anniversary are invited to join us on this special occasion.

Please indicate your acceptance by leaving your details on the form provided in the foyer by Sunday 10th September.

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.

LITTLE WHITE BOX

Is available this weekend. All proceeds go to the Pregnancy Help Foundation.



IT'S YOUR STORY...

Next session

Friday, 15 September at 7.30 pm

Conference Room of the Parish Centre

Save the date!