



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 RAINING

Three men were pacing nervously outside the delivery room at a hospital when the head nurse came out beaming. To the first she said, "Congratulations, sir, you are the father of twins."

"Terrific!" said the man, "I just signed a contract with the Minnesota Twins and this'll be great press."

After a while the same nurse came out exuberant. To the second man the nurse said, "Congratulations to you too. You are the father of healthy triplets!"

"Fantastic!" he said. "I'm the vice-president of 3-M Company. This'll be great P.R.!"

At that point the third man turned ashen and ran for the door. "What's wrong, sir? Where are you going?" called the nurse.

As he jumped into his car, the man shouted, "I'm dashing to my office to resign. I'm the president of 7-UP!"

Today's gospel in the first chapter of Mark prepares the self-righteous among us to hear such a surprising and shocking announcement made by Jesus at the very beginning of his public ministry: **"Repent; the kingdom of God is near."**

First Reading: Jonah is surprised when he shares God's message to others.
What has happened when I shared God's good news?

Second Reading: Paul knows that Jesus makes all things new.
What is the biggest change going on in my life now because of Christ and his message?

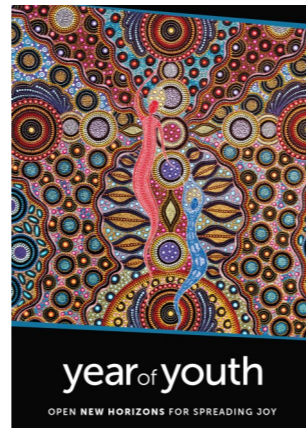
Gospel: Jesus calls disciples to use their skills for building God's kingdom community.
Which gift or skill do I bring to the building of this community?

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish we wish to welcome you and get to know you. There is a booklet in the foyer in which you can enter your details.

MOMENTS OF MERCY

May praise and glory for this Image Never cease to stream from man's soul. May praise of God's mercy pour from every heart. Now, and at every hour, and forever and ever. (*Diary*, 1)



FEAST DAYS

17th St Anthony Abbot
20th St Fabian
20th St Sebastian
21st St Agnes

NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

Every Tuesday at 7pm
Preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm.

ROSARY

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

NEXT MEETING

Parish Council	05/02	7.30pm
SVDP	24/01	7.00pm
Leisure Group	31/01	10.00am
Finance	18/01	7.00pm
Liturgy	07/02	7.00pm
MOSJ - W/hills	08/02	7.00pm

27-28 January	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	Larry Mapanao	Paul Dahlberg	Eric Wood	Norm Badaoui
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Diane Samson Chris Leonard	Kate Fitzsimons Sean Trainor	Joyce Lord Nic Vidot	Ann McDonald Kerry Bailey
ALTAR SERVERS	E	F	H	C
READERS COMMENTATORS	Frances Stephenson Leanda Standing	Simon Lai Veronica Reitano	Dilani Dhammapala Tony D'Souza	Gabrielle Badaoui Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Paul & Helen Donkin	Volunteers	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Couples for Christ
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING	Couples for Christ, Jhun Javier, Slava Palos, Mark & Caroline Penafiel			
WINDOW CLEANING	Dennis Dunacchie and Greg D'Souza			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm
Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christian.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Hylands - World meeting of families

Jim Caviezel - Stars rousing speech at FOCUS

Archbishop's Grant - Recipient of \$100,000 stem cell prize announced

Singing priest set for the big screen

Movie Review - *The Post*



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AUSTRALIA DAY Mass will be celebrated on Friday 26 January 2018 - 9.10am

Give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all. Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Altar Server Ministry

If any children are interested in joining the Ministry of Altar Servers here at St Paul's, we are intending to recruit and train over a number of weeks in February/March 2018.

It is expected they will commence serving April onwards. More details will be available later in January in the Church Bulletins and the Parish School newsletters.

FATHER SHINTO FRANCIS

Father Shinto will be celebrating his last official mass at St Paul the Apostle on Sunday 28 January 9:30am mass. Father Shinto will be taking up the role as Assistant Parish Priest at St Bernadette's Castle Hill. We thank Father Shinto for all his efforts here at St Paul's, we will all miss him, and wish him all the very best for the future. Father Shinto has promised that he would return from time to time when needed. Please continue to pray for Father Shinto as he continues in his new role.

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.

Positions Vacant

Accounts Officer: Chancery Office, Parramatta
Professional Officer: Chancery Office
Archives & Records Manager: Chancery Office
Further details can be found at:
www.parracatholic.org/employment

World Youth Leaders 2019

In January 2019 an anticipated 200 pilgrims from the Diocese of Parramatta will be on their journey to WYD in Panama via Mexico to be with Pope Francis and the youth of the world. Here's your chance to contribute and enjoy the formation, training and friendship that comes with being a WYD Group Leader! Read about the responsibilities and apply today for a life changing experience shared with young people at www.parrawyd.org or contact James Camden, Director of Youth - jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Liturgical Ministry Courses

The Office for Worship is offering Liturgical Ministry Courses in 2018, open to all parishes and individuals, held at the Diocesan Assembly Centre in Blacktown and at St Nicholas of Myra in Penrith. Please register your interest by contacting the office on 9639 6516. **Bookings close 8 February 2018.**

"The devil strains every nerve to secure the souls which belong to Christ. We should not grudge our toil in wresting them from Satan and giving them back to God." Saint Sebastian