



# 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

There's a fat, wily little cat named Garfield who's the star of a popular comic strip. In an instalment, Garfield is shown curled up in his cozy chair with a can of beer in his hand and watching TV, while outside a fierce storm is raging. Through the window Garfield sees one of his buddies, just standing there shivering, freezing to death with icicles hanging from his nose. Garfield is overcome with emotion, and exclaims, "I can't just sit here and watch him freeze. I've got to do something!" And with that he jumps up, runs to the window, and closes the blinds!

Garfield is not alone. Drawing the drapes and closing the blinds on ugly reality is not reserved just for the comics. In every one of us there's a little voice that speaks up when we're faced with evil, and that voice says, "What you're looking at is too much for you, so you'd better run." It's the voice of fear, and very often we listen to it, and run. Fear makes us run from what's ugly or sinister or wrong outside us and around us. It also makes us run from the dark and broken parts of ourselves.

Today's gospel makes it clear that God has an alternative for us. On a Sabbath evening, right in the synagogue, Jesus sees an evil spirit that has some poor man in its total control. (We should note that the Jews use that term "evil spirit" to refer to anything evil that could take over a person's life and possess him or own him.) So Jesus sees the "evil spirit" and he doesn't look away. He confronts it, "Be quiet, and get out!" he says. "Have no more power over this man," and that's exactly what happens. The man is set free.

That is God's desire for us, and he has the power to make it happen if we will trust him enough to open our eyes, name what needs to be named, and put it all in his hands.

Jesus' mastery of unclean spirits shows he is reordering the world.

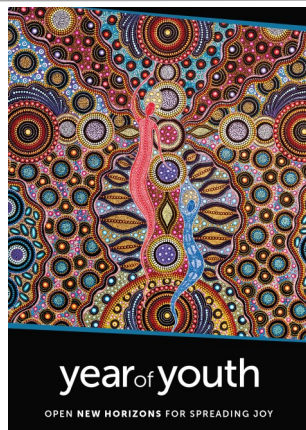
*How has my life been reordered because of my faith in Christ?*

## LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

Many thanks to all who so kindly donated their used spectacles. The box is now empty and located on the table at the back of the church, for anyone else wishing to donate. More than 200,000 glasses collected means a lot of sight saved.

## MOMENTS OF MERCY

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter that this prayer is always heard and answered. (Diary 1397)



## FEAST DAYS

22nd St Vincent  
24th St Francis De Sales  
25th The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle  
27st St Timothy & Titus  
St Angela Merici  
28th St Thomas Aquinas

## NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

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

## NEXT MEETING

SVDP	24/01	7.00pm
Leisure Group	31/01	10.00am
Parish Council	05/02	7.30pm
Liturgy	07/02	7.00pm
MOSJ - W/hills	08/02	7.00pm
Finance	19/04	7.00pm

3-4 February	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Jun Javier	Fidel Zaballa	Eric Wood	Ciaron Fitzsimons
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	Bianca Del Rosario Sharon Del Rosario	Shani Tarrant Lourdes Zaballa	Natalie Mifsud Michael Mifsud	Youth Group
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>READERS COMMENTATORS</b>	Veronica Brown Elly Benkovich	Veronica Fry Evelyn Brien	Dianne Stocks June Wood	Kate Fitzsimons Tony Anthony
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS</b>	Joseph & Lillian Budwee	Volunteers	Domingo Family	Youth Group
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Julie & Stephanie Ogle & Madeline Palos			
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Minda Chumroonridhi, Warren D'Costa, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa & Jun Balagtas			
<b>WINDOW CLEANING</b>	Joe Lenehan, Gabrielle Shaw and Gonzalez Family			

## HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5pm-6pm  
Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

## ROSARY

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

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY

A night of song: The legendary King's Singers  
Saint Bakhita: Archdiocese to unveil anti-slavery programme  
Francis apologises to victims  
Monica Doumit: Canada makes Christians illegal  
Movie Review: The Commuter  
Help those where it's deadly to be Christian

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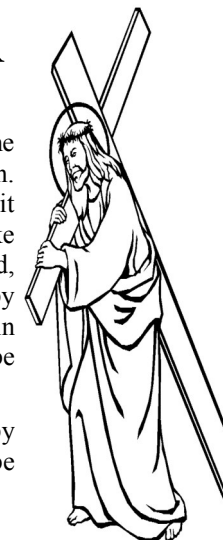
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## SURRENDER

LENTEN PROGRAM 2018

The season of Lent is really a time of retreat for the whole Church. In offering this Lenten Program it is hoped that participants will take to heart what it means to be saved, redeemed, forgiven and graced by the Holy Spirit, because God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus to be our Saviour and Redeemer.

Please indicate your interest by completing the sheet which can be found in the foyer.



## 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 in the next Church Bulletin and the Parish School newsletter.

## BAPTISM WELCOME

to Harlie Winkler, Piper Baumann, Edward Wall and Quinn Markham who were baptised here last weekend.

Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround these children with your love, protect them from evil. Fill them with the Holy Spirit and receive them into the family of your church, that they may walk with us in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love.

## 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.

## 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

## Who are Catechists?

They are volunteers who...

- Teach and share their faith with children of the parish who attend State schools once a week for 30 minutes.
- As a Parish Catechist you are contributing to the effort of the People of God to bring the light of Christ into this world.

Please call Melissa on 0409 744 565 or email mel.ellis@me.com if you would like more information on this wonderful ministry

"Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand" St Angelia Merici