



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

The man who was bishop of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris during the early part of the last century was a great evangeliser. He tried to reach out to unbelievers, scoffers, and cynics. He liked to tell the story of a young man who would stand outside the cathedral and shout derogatory slogans at the people entering to worship. He would call them fools and other insulting names. The people tried to ignore him but it was difficult. One day the parish priest went outside to confront the young man, much to the distress of the parishioners. The young man ranted and raved against everything the priest told him. Finally, he addressed the young scoffer by saying, "Look, let's get this over with once and for all. I'm going to dare you to do something and I bet you can't do it." Of course the young man shot back, "I can do anything you propose, you white-robed wimp!"

"Fine," said the priest. "All I ask you to do is to come into the sanctuary with me. I want you to stare at the figure of Christ, and I want you to scream at the very top of your lungs, as loudly as you can. 'Christ died on the cross for me and I don't care one bit.'" So the young man went into the sanctuary, and looking at the figure, screamed as loud as he could, "Christ died on the cross for me and I don't care one bit." The priest said, "Very good."

Now do it again" and again the young man screamed, with a little more hesitancy, "Christ died on the cross for me and I don't care one bit." "You're almost done now," said the priest. "One more time." The young man raised his fist, kept looking at the statue, but the words wouldn't come. He just could not look at the face of Christ and say it anymore. The real punch line came when, after he told the story, the bishop said, "I was that young man. That young man, that defiant young man was me. I thought I didn't need God but found out that I did."

As we enter this Holy Week on this Passion Sunday, we will look at the Cross repeatedly. Through the liturgies of this week we emphasize this central fact of our salvation. Let it overshadow all we do and all we are. May this Holy Week bring us to a realisation that Christ truly died on the cross for each one of us – and continues suffering for each of us. May this realisation bring us to Easter resurrection.

First Reading: Isaiah describes God's faithful servant, who suffers but is later rewarded.
What has been the hardest aspect of my Lenten time?

Second Reading: Paul's hymn characterises Jesus' earthly career as self-emptying service.
What self-emptying service have I experienced this Lent?

Gospel: In Mark's gospel, Jesus is abandoned by everybody to die alone.
How have I felt abandoned and alone when I had to suffer?

BAPTISM WELCOME

To Michael Reynolds, Levi Franklin, Jacob Reynolds & Logan Neeves baptised here last weekend. *Father, bless them with your grace and love, surround them with goodness, guide their steps along the way and keep them from harm. Amen*

URGENT NEED OF A CATECHIST

Can you help? We are looking for assistance teaching a class at Matthew Pearce Year 2, on Wednesday's at 12:30pm. Please contact Melissa Ellis on 0409 744 565 or email mel.ellis@me.com please consider joining this wonderful ministry.

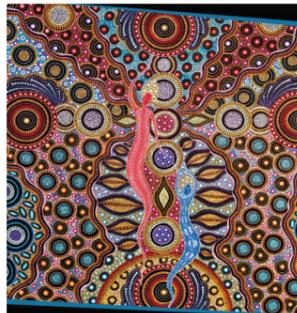
KINDERGARTEN 2019 ENROLMENTS

St Paul the Apostle School is currently accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2019. Please bring your child's **original Birth and Baptismal certificates when applying.** If your child was baptised at St Paul's a certificate is not required.

We request that applications are made in person during the office hours of 8:00am-4:00pm.

MOMENTS OF MERCY

The greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy. (*Diary 1182*)



year of youth
OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY

FEAST DAYS

29th Holy Thursday
30th Good Friday
31st Holy Saturday
1st Easter Sunday

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

MOSJ – Westmead	05/04	7.00pm
Leisure Group	11/04	10.00am
SVDP	11/04	7.00pm
Parish Council	09/04	7.30pm
Liturgy	18/04	7.00pm
Finance	19/04	7.00pm

31 March - 1 April	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	As Arranged	As Arranged	As Arranged	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	As Arranged	Jan Francis Sean Trainor	Dianne Stocks Ken Abrahams	
ALTAR SERVERS	As Arranged	C	K	
READERS COMMENTATORS	As Arranged	Emmy Cox Diane Samson	Dilani Dhammapala Tony D'Souza	
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Caroline Martin, Colleen O'Keefe	Volunteers	Domingo Family	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy			
CHURCH CLEANING	Minda Chumrooridhi, Warren D'Costa, Charlotte Dos Remedios & Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa			
WINDOW CLEANING	Joe Lenehan, Gabrielle Shaw and Gonzalez Family			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

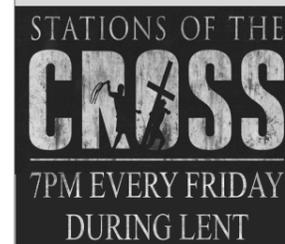
Saturday 5.00-6.00pm
Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Saint in the Making? Eileen O'Connor
- Monica Doumit: By election controversy: Vic Catholic Education lacks labour candidate
- Pope approves Australian plenary
- U.S. Diocese unveils new cathedral
- Movie review: A Wrinkle in time
- Fr Flader: Can I attend gay weddings?



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7pm
Reconciliation ~ 8.30pm
(there is no morning Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross ~ 10am and 7pm
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion ~ 3pm
Reconciliation ~ 4:30pm

APRIL - JUNE ROSTERS

Rosters for Window Cleaners, Presenters of the Gifts, Readers & Commentators, Altar Servers, Ministers of Communion and Acolytes are now available outside the Sacristy, as well as on our website. Many thanks to everyone involved and for your ongoing commitment

WE'RE NEARLY THERE!

We've had a positive response to the call out for the annual Good Night Friday Walk.

In saying that, we are in need of donations of hot cross buns, bottled water, juice boxes.

These donations can be placed in the red bins located at the back of the church or at the Parish Office—thank you!

We expect to provide sufficient food and refreshments for up to 1,500 young men and women on their prayerful journey.

It's expected they will arrive and be assembled about 3:30am Saturday 31st March.

By all means everyone is also welcome to join in the 9th and 10th Stations of the Cross.

For more details or how you can assist, please contact the Parish Office on 9369 6516.

"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent." *John of the Cross*

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.

HOLY SATURDAY

Reconciliation ~ 11am-12pm
Easter Vigil Mass ~ 6pm
(there is no morning Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses ~ 8am and 9.30am
(there is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

This collection is taken up in every Catholic Church around the world to support the people and places of the Holy Land. Christians of the Holy Land rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special time of the year.

Holy Land Franciscans maintain and staff the Holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history. Please give generously. Thank you

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight Saving ends next Sunday 1 April.

Please remember to set your clock back by one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Winston Hills Youth for Christ will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt, as well as some games, for the children of the Parish after the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

There are also Easter Egg Baskets to be won. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be sold after each Mass from this weekend. Winners will be announced after the Easter Egg Hunt.