



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

A few years ago *The Reader's Digest* reported the story of an attractive and successful business woman who noticed a small lump behind her ear as she was brushing her hair one morning. As the days went on, she noticed that the lump was getting larger, so she decided to see her doctor. Her worst fears were confirmed. The doctor told her that the lump was a large tumor that would require immediate surgery. When she awoke following the surgery, she found her entire head wrapped like that of a mummy. She could see herself in a mirror only through two tiny holes cut into the wrapping. When the bandages were removed after a week she was shocked to see that her once attractive features had become disfigured by a facial paralysis caused perhaps by damage to facial nerves during the removal of the tumor. Standing before the mirror, she told herself that she had to make a **choice** whether to laugh or to cry. She decided to laugh. Although the various therapies tried were unsuccessful in alleviating the facial paralysis, **the decision** to laugh in the face of adversity allowed this woman to carry on with her life with joy, giving encouragement to those with similar paralysis.

First Reading: Isaiah's life is changed because God's Spirit empowers him.
How has God's Spirit empowered me?

Second Reading: Paul advises us not to quench the Holy Spirit.
How have I been hesitant to let God's Spirit work in me this Advent?

Gospel: John urges us to "make straight the way of the Lord."
What needs to be straightened so God can come more easily to me?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Brian Baker, Rebecca Duncum, Neil Gover, Gus DelVillar, Dex Habito, Maroun Ayoub, George El-Bayeh, Sonia Merhi, Tim Coakley, Margaret Brennan, Piper Hastings, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Marty Stockford, Silvi Perumal, Arun Papali, Danielle Brown, Ludie Irrulbandra, Catharine Plisich, Charlie Micallef & Dorothy Dahlberg.

*As You are the One, and we, Your servants, we Pray. Oh God above to heal and support all of the members of our parish family who are sick.
Amen*

WEEKDAY MASS GOERS

On the evening of Tuesday 18 December our Parish School will be celebrating the Year 6 Graduation Mass. Our regular evening Mass therefore, will be moved to Tuesday 9.10am. The evening mass is cancelled for that evening only.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Please consider buying one for yourself or perhaps a family friend or relative.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are available in the piety stall for a cost of \$6.00.

Please keep Christ in Christmas.



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FEAST DAYS

21st St Peter Canisius

"If you have to much to do with God's help you will find time to do it all"
St Peter Canisius

23rd St John of Kanty

"Fight all error but do it with good humour, patience and love"
St John of Kanty

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

NOVENA MASS to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

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

NEXT MEETING

Parish Council	7/01	7.30pm
Finance	17/01	7.00pm
SVDP	23/01	7.00pm
Leisure Group	23/01	10.00am
Liturgy	TBA	7.00pm
Sacramental Team	20/02	7.30pm

22/23 DECEMBER	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	Jim Martin	Ray Modini Paul Dahlberg	Warren D'Costa Eugene De Souza	Tony Anthony
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Gerard Fabien Elly Benkovich	Lilia Ferrero Sylvia McGee	Frank Roach Wendy Roach	Veronica Brown Sean Trainor
ALTAR SERVERS	L	F	H	C
READERS	Leanda Standring Phil Ogle	Christie Bawden Emmy Cox	Veronica Reitano Elly Benkovich	Natalie Mifsud Michael Mifsud
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Peter & Renata Beck	Volunteers	Mifsud Family	Couples for Christ
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING	Couples for Christ, Jhun Javier, Mark & Caroline Penafiel			
WINDOW CLEANING	JMJ Group			

HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5.00-6.00pm
Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News? Must be YOU!

MOMENTS OF MERCY

O living Host, my one and only strength, fountain of love and mercy, embrace the whole world, fortify faint souls. Oh, blessed be the instant and the moment when Jesus left us His most merciful Heart! — *Diary*, 223

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- WYD Pilgrims prepare to leave
- Down but not out: Horsley Park parish stays strong
- Armenian art for cathedral
- Faith in the desert
- Vatican, China agreement worry
- Movie review: **New Life**

PIETY STORE

Available in the Piety Store:
★ Gifts for Christmas and all occasions. ★

ROSARY

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

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Christmas Eve Nativity and Mass

COME CELEBRATE!

Rehearsal
21 December 2018
10:00am - 13:00pm

Father David Scott Parish Centre
St. Paul the Apostle Church

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BAPTISM WELCOME

To Scarlett Francica who was baptised here last weekend.
May her faith be an important and integral part of her life.

THE NOTE BOOK

The December issue of The Note Book is available this weekend. Please be sure to take home a copy.



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you for your donations and for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - Roster

We are still short on help

If you are involved in any Ministry here at St Paul's and wish to participate in any of the Christmas liturgies, especially **Altar servers**, please place your name on the roster located in the foyer.

JANUARY-MARCH 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.

Christmas 2018 Mass Times

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting:- www.parracatholic.org

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.

ADVENT WREATH

There are still a number of places to be filled for anyone who would like to participate in the Advent Liturgies by lighting the Advent Candle at the beginning of Mass. Please leave your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are in need of volunteers for the Vigil and the 8am masses, to run the overhead projector. If you are able to assist please place your name and number against the mass that you are able to assist with, all training will be provided. Many thanks

Lights of Christmas

St Mary's Cathedral
5-25 December
Celebrate the joy of Christmas every night at St Mary's Cathedral until Christmas night. Starting each day at 7.30pm with a choir performance. The light show comes on just after dusk and stays on until midnight.