



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

Composer and performer Bradley James has set Mother Teresa of Calcutta's teachings and prayers to music in the internationally acclaimed recording, Gift of Love: Music to the Words and Prayers of Mother Teresa. Bradley remembers her teaching: "Mother said we don't have to go to Calcutta to help the poor; rather, we must help them right in front of us." He applied this lesson when he encountered a homeless beggar on the streets of San Francisco. Bradley placed some money in his metal cup, then reached out and shook the man's hand. The recipient gave him a big smile, and the two exchanged names and small talk. Bradley recalls: "Then he pulled me a little closer and said, 'Thanks for the money, but what I really needed was a handshake'" Indeed, what was remarkable in this incident was not the coin, but the gift of human dignity and the love of Christ that Bradley James brought to the beggar through the handshake and his fraternal presence. In effect, Bradley replicated in his life and experience the joyful mystery of the Lord's Visitation (cf. Lk 1:39-45) described in today's Gospel.

Take a Closer Look: THE Ark of God dwells in a tent. The ark was an ornate portable box containing the tablets of the covenant commandments (Exodus 25). It was also thought of as a throne of God to sit on when Moses and the people met with God in the tent of meeting. This tent was a movable dwelling for God until the people became settled and prosperous. Then it was replaced by the Jerusalem Temple that was God's permanent "house."

First Reading: God desires to dwell within us.
What can I do this week to prepare myself for God's indwelling?

Second Reading: St. Paul gives praise to God for God's presence among us.
For what would I like to give praise to God?

Gospel: Mary gives herself completely to God's plans for her.
What is God inviting me to do to share in Christ's work now?

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, Arun Papali, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Marty Stockford, Silvi Perumal, , Danielle Brown, Ludie Irrulbandra, Catharine Plisich, Charlie Micallef, Dorothy Dahlberg and Deacon Jim Phelan.

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



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FEAST DAYS

26th St Stephen
27th St John
28th Holy Innocents
29th St Thomas Becket

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

MOMENTS OF MERCY

In an appearance to St Faustina, the Christ Child told her, "I keep company with you as a child to teach you humility and simplicity" *Diary*, 184

NEXT MEETING

Finance	17/01	7.00pm
SVDP	23/01	7.00pm
Leisure Group	23/01	10.00am
Liturgy	TBA	7.00pm
Parish Council	4/02	7.30pm
Sacramental Team	20/02	7.30pm

29/30 DECEMBER	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
ACOLYTES	Jhun Javier	Norm Badaoui Fidel Zaballa	Andrew Fernando Bob McMillan	Tony Anthony
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Gerard Fabien Chris Leonard	Veronica Fry Dilani Dhammapala	Joyce Lord Dianne Stocks	Kerry Bailey Peter Cruz
ALTAR SERVERS	B	I	D	E
READERS	Bianca Del Rosario Sharon Del Rosario	Gabrielle Badaoui Lourdes Zaballa	Kata Collimore Michael Reid	Aurea Javier Michael Hruby
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Tony & Malvina Clancy	Volunteers	Reid Family	Massoud Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
CHURCH CLEANING	Elly Benkovich, Romina Frangi, Ann Gonzalez, Jennifer & Daniel Lowe & Chantelle Moubarak			
WINDOW CLEANING	Phyllis Trovato, Lou Pulvirenti and Gerard Rajakariar			

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!

ROSARY

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

Christmas Cards

A wide selection of Christmas cards is available in the piety stall for a cost of \$6.00 Please keep Christ in Christmas

Columbian Art Calendar

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

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- The paradoxes of Christmas
- Growing good men
- Students shine in HSC
- 13 desserts for Advent
- Movie review: - **Spider Man: Into the Spider Verse**

PIETY STORE

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

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Christmas Eve Nativity and Mass

COME CELEBRATE!

Children's Nativity starts at 6:45pm ready for Mass to start at 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
Monday, 24 December ~ 7.00pm

MIDNIGHT MASS
12.00am (Carol singing from 11.40pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
Tuesday, 25 December ~ 8am and 9.30am
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Monday, 31 December 2018 ~ New Year's Eve
Mass of the day ~ 9.10am

Tuesday, 1 January 2019 ~ New Year's Day
Mass as usual at 7.00pm

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.

BAPTISM WELCOME

To Georgia Low and Calder Grimsted who were baptised here last weekend.
Angels of God, their Guardians dear to who God's love commits them here, ever this day be at their side to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - Roster

We are still short on help

There are still vacant time slots for the 9:30am mass. If you are a reader or commentator, and are able to assist, and any **Altar servers**, for all masses except the Vigil Mass any assistance would be appreciated, please place your name on the roster located in the foyer.

Christmas 2018 Mass Times

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