



ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

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WEEKEND 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

A drunk stumbles along a baptismal service on Sunday afternoon down by the river. He proceeds to walk down into the water and stand next to the Preacher. The minister turns and notices the old drunk and says, "Mister, Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk looks back and says, "Yes, Preacher. I sure am." The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the preacher asked. "No, I didn't!" said the drunk. The preacher then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I did not, Reverend." The preacher in disgust holds the man under for at least 30 seconds this time brings him out of the water and says in a harsh tone, "My God, have you found Jesus yet?" The old drunk wipes his eyes and says to the preacher... "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

Baptising you with water: Baptism means to immerse or wash in water and so becomes a natural sign for ritual or holiness. In Judaism, there were many ceremonial washings, either in preparation for celebrating a ritual or as part of a cleansing rite within a ritual. John the Baptist uses baptism of repentance to symbolise one's desire to put off sinful ways and live as God wants. But for the Christian community, going under the baptismal waters also signified a death to one's whole former life and an emergence into new life in the risen Christ.

First Reading	At his baptism, God calls Jesus a "beloved Son." <i>How can I thank God for making me a beloved child, too?</i>
Second Reading	Isaiah tells us that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs in his arms. <i>What part of my life shall I entrust to God's strong arms today?</i>
Gospel	Luke tells us that the people were filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. <i>What fills my heart with expectations today?</i>

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday 1 February to Saturday 2 February

Starting at 9:10am with Mass on Friday, our Lord will be exposed for 24 hours and concluding with Mass at 9am on Saturday

Come ... spend some time with Him

At all times our Lord Jesus must have someone with Him, so please signify your interest on the timetable posted at the back of the Church



Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

Rosary

The intention for world peace.
Every Wednesday at 2.30pm in the Church.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Holy Hour for Vocations

Saturday 5.00-6.00pm
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 Christians.

Upcoming Meetings

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

19/20 January	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Acolytes	Andrew Fernando	Ray Modini Jim Martin	Tim Hamilton Larry Mapanao	Ciaron Fitzsimons
Ministers of Communion	Jan Francis Diane Samson	Lilia Ferrero Emmy Cox	Frank Roach Wendy Roach	Sean Trainor Chris Torres
Altar Servers	E	C	K	G
Readers / Commentators	Dilani Dhammapala Leanda Standing	Natalie Mifsud Michael Mifsud	Kata Collimore Tony D'Souza	Keenan Fitzsimons Kate Fitzsimons
Presentation of the Gifts	Dennis & Hackney Families	Mifsud Family	Brogden Family	Volunteers
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
Church Cleaning	Joe Budwee, Marie Hiscock, Anne Canty, Linda Pereira, Liz Gold			
Window Cleaning	Nereo and Rosa Fabrello			

Feast Days

17th St Anthony Abbot

"The illusions of this world soon vanish, especially if a man arms himself with the Sign of the Cross. The devils tremble at the Sign of the Cross of our Lord, by which He triumphed over and disarmed them." St Anthony Abbot

Moments of Mercy

"I am beginning the retreat today, Jesus, my Master, guide me. Govern me according to Your will, purify my love that it may be worthy of You, do with me as Your most merciful Heart desires. Jesus, there will be just the two of us during these days until the moment of our union. Keep me, Jesus, in a recollected spirit!
—St. Faustina's Diary on Jesus' Heart 218

Position Vacant

Parish Office Manager (Part-Time) – Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes
More details at: www.olqp.org.au

Catholic Weekly

- WYD Pilgrims Panama bound
- Deacon served the Church and family
- UK launches persecution
- Walking the Camino
- Movie review: *Mary Poppins Returns*

Piety Store

Available in the Piety Store:
† Gifts for all occasions †

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Please pray for our sick

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

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

Liturgical Ministry Courses

The Office for Worship is offering Liturgical Ministry Courses in 2019, open to all parishes and individuals seeking formation and training for serving at the altar.

Held at the Diocesan Assembly Centre in Blacktown on Mondays and at St Nicholas of Myra in Penrith on Thursdays, the formation courses are for anyone who is interested in becoming a Minister of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Acolyte.

Please register your interest by contacting the Parish Office on 9639 6516 and also advise what ministries you are interested in.

Bookings close 4th February.

World Youth Day Panama !

The Diocese's World Youth Day 2019 takes place 15 Jan to 1 Feb and the Diocese of Parramatta has 171 pilgrims attending. Please remember to pray for the pilgrims and follow the pilgrim's progress online at www.parrawyd.org

Please pray for ...

At the end of this month there will be a review of all names printed below. If you have a family member or loved one that you would like to be included, or remain included below, please contact the office.

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Louis Bayeh, Mary Betts, Frank Borg, Stella Borg, Ted Church, Josephine Clayton, Adrian Coppolino, Mario & Maria Coppolino, Bern, Fabri Family, Therese Farrugia, Edna Fernandez, Paul Gove, Brian Hollings, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Joe Mangion, Noel May, Noel & Trudy Millett, Ross Nelson, Franco & Lucia Paoletti, Pasquale & Maria Paoletti, Sebastian Pereira, Suzanne Portelli, Nellie Rodrigues, Therese & Noel Scahill, Julia Sherman, Marie & Claude Strange, Sam & Lily Vella, Elizabeth & Allan Ward, Frank Whiting, William Wilson, Elias & Affi Younis,