

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills NSW 2153

T: 9639 6516 W: www.stpaultheapostleparish.org
Parish Priest: Fr Raning Creta Assistant Priest: Fr Tovia Lui



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

The late Sholem Aleichen, who created the characters in the Broadway Musical "Fiddler on the Roof," is considered by many to have been the greatest of all ethnic humourists. There is a memorable scene in "Fiddler on the Roof" in which the principal character, a Russian peasant name Tevye, is finding it difficult to deal with the truth of his life in the here-and-now. He literally scolds God, saying, "with God's help, I starve to death... and now my horse is lame. I pull the cart. Today I am a horse. Where is justice? If I pull this cart with two legs, why can't a horse with three? Dear God, it's enough you pick on me, Tevye, bless me with a life of poverty. But what have you got against my horse? Sometimes I think when things get too quiet up there, you say to yourself, let's see, what kind of mischief can I play on my friend, Tevye?"

Tevye's problem is everyone's problem. We don't feel free. We live in a world that tries to keep us from feeling free, tries to conform with a system, tries to keep us from being ourselves. That is painful. But the Gospel proposes for us an alternative. In today's reading, Jesus announces that he has been sent by God "to proclaim liberty to captives" (Luke.4:18).

- First Reading: The people adopt a reverent attitude when God's word is read to them.
What might I do to be more reverent during the readings at Mass?
- Second Reading: St. Paul knows that we all are joined together into Christ's body.
When am I most aware of this Christian unity?
- Gospel: God's Spirit empowers Jesus to proclaim God's presence and release persons from what binds them.
From what do I want Jesus to free me from?


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 at the back of the Church



 **Find us on Facebook**
@stpaultheapostleparish

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
A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council	4/02	7.30pm
SVDP	13/02	7.00pm
Leisure Group	13/02	10.00am
Liturgy	Feb TBA	7.00pm
Sacramental Team	20/02	7.30pm
Finance	11/04	7.00pm

2/3 February	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Acolytes	Jhun Javier	Fidel Zaballa Peter Samson	Jim Martin Larry Mapanao	Mike Ryan
Ministers of Communion	Silvestre Ganchingco Sean Trainor	Elizabeth Farrar Emmy Cox	Ken Abrahams Dianne Stocks	Dex Habito Chris Torres
Altar Servers	B	H	L	E
Readers / Commentators	Bianca Del Rosario Sharon Del Rosario	Elly Benkovich Lourdes Zaballa	Peter Gold Phil Ogle	Youth Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Lorenz & Bernadette Young	<i>Volunteers</i>	Domingo Family	Youth Group
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
Church Cleaning	Minda Chumroonridhi, Warren D'Costa, Jun Balagtas, Charlotte Dos Remedios and Lourdes & Fidel Zaballa			
Window Cleaning	Joe Lenehan, Gabrielle Shaw and Gonzalez Family			

Feast Days

- 28th St Thomas Aquinas
- 31st St John Bosco
- 2nd Presentation of the Lord
- 3rd St Blaise
- 3rd St Ansgar

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

Positions Vacant

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

Catholic Weekly

- Sydney Youth, March for Life
- Jesus, the Bomb & J. Robert Oppenheimer
- Pill testing - For and Against
- Monica Doumit: We won't be silent
- The Campion Way
- Movie review: *The Kid who would be King*

Piety Store

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

Overheads for hymns used in the Church are used with permission under ONE LICENSE N° A-642251

Please pray for our sick

Maroun Ayoub, Brian Baker, Margaret Brennan, Danielle Brown, Adele Budwee, Tim Coakley, Howard D'Abbrera, Gus DelVillar, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Neil Gover, Dex Habito, Piper Hastings, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, 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

Another call out for help

We are in still need of a few more 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 on the form provided at the back of the Church against the mass that you are able to assist with, and all training will be provided. Many thanks !

Baptism Welcome

To Bianca Simonian, Ariane Haywood, Boris Kacir, and Lilly Perona, who were baptised 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

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.parrayd.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,

Minister of the Word

We are in need of Readers and especially Commentators. Our Parish will run Liturgical Ministry of the Word Renewal and Training and those interested can add their details to the registers on the table in the Church foyer. We are also encouraging our Youth to attend and become involved.

This is also a wonderful opportunity for existing Readers and Commentators to attend this short refresher/training. It's just the one session here at St Paul's on the afternoon of 9th March. Upon completion, there will be a Mass (date tba) to welcome and acknowledge participants. The Parish Office will also work with you in terms of preferences and availability. Please register your interest on the form at the back of the church.

Loretta Francis

As many of St Paul's Parishioners may be aware, Loretta Francis passed away in November 2018. Loretta was a long and active member of St Paul's Parish and a teacher at St Paul's School for many, many years.

At the opening school mass on **Friday 8th February at 9:10am**, parishioners and past and present teachers will have the opportunity to join with the school community in prayerful remembrance of Loretta. All welcome to attend.