



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 convicted criminal, a rough-looking character nicknamed "Knuckles" by his fellows prison inmates, was about to be paroled after serving a fifteen-year sentence. Before walking through the prison gates to his long-awaited freedom, he was paid a visit by the prison chaplain. "You have paid your debt to society," the chaplain said, "so I encourage you to hold your head up high when you walk out of here. Live a good life and, by all means, join the nearest Church as soon as possible."

It so happened that Knuckles found an apartment on the edge of the poorest section of town, yet close to the richest section. It so happened also that the nearest Church was located on the edge of the rich area. Knuckles lost no time going to see the pastor of that Church and telling him of his desire to become a member. "My good man," said the pastor, "I don't think you would be happy here, although I appreciate your good intentions. Really, I think that you would be most uncomfortable among my people, and I'm afraid it would be quite embarrassing to you. I suggest you think it over, and pray that God will give you some direction."

Several days later, when Knuckles happened to see the pastor on the street, he stopped and said to him, "Reverend, I took your advice and prayed to God for direction. And God told me to stop trying to join your Church. He said that He Himself had been trying to get in there for years without success!"

First Reading: God calls Jeremiah to a life of witness and promises to support him in times of difficulty.

When has God helped me when I felt discouraged?

Second Reading: St. Paul knows that love is the mark of a genuine Christian life.

Which of the demands of love do I most need to work on today?

Gospel: Jesus' neighbors cannot accept his openness to those not like him

How have I been reluctant to recognise God's love for those who are not like me?

Please pray for our sick

Maroun Ayoub, Brian Baker, Margaret Brennan, Danielle Brown, Tim Coakley, Howard D'Abrera, 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



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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
The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.

Upcoming Meetings

Baptism Talk	07/02	7.30pm
SVDP	13/02	7.00pm
Leisure Group	13/02	10.00am
Liturgy	13/02	7.00pm
Sacramental Team	20/02	7.30pm
Parish Council	4/03	7.30pm
Finance	11/04	7.00pm

9/10 February	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Acolytes	Tony Anthony	Warren D'Costa Eugene De Souza	Eric Wood Ray Modini	Tim Hamilton
Ministers of Communion	Chris Leonard Gerard Fabien	Lilia Ferrero Jan Francis	June Wood Joyce Lord	Peter Cruz Kerry Bailey
Altar Servers	A	F	D	K
Readers / Commentators	Elly Benkovich Leanda Standing	Christie Bawden Emmy Cox	Michael Reid Veronica Reitano	Richard Houwing Jill Cruz
Presentation of the Gifts	Joseph & Lillian Budwee	<i>Volunteers</i>	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Couples for Christ
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy during school holidays			
Church Cleaning	Judy Hince, Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Gemma Martin, and Chris Leonard			
Window Cleaning	Dennis Dunacchie and Greg D'Souza			

Feast Days

5th St Agatha
6th St Paul Miki
8th St Jerome Emilliani
8th St Josephine Bakhita
10th St Scholastica

Moments of Mercy

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter that this prayer is always heard and answered. (*Diary 1397*)

Ordination to the Diaconate

Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Roque Dias, John Cinya, Thong Nguyen and Roderick Pirotta on Friday 22 February at 7.30pm. At St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

Catholic Weekly

- Panama unites the world at WYD
- Framing the Covington kids
- Is this the real face of Jesus?
- SRE Why we need to keep it
- How you can live your Lent
- Movie review: *Mary Queen of Scots*

Piety Store

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† Gifts and cards for all

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Little White Box

Available this weekend. All proceeds to Pregnancy Support Foundation. A small contribution can make a big difference in the life of a little one and its mother. Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you to everyone who participated to the Listening and Dialogue sessions last year. We have had quite a wide range of topics in the 2 sessions held last November. We will be holding more dialogue sessions at our Parish Centre Meeting Room on the following dates: **Tue 19 Feb, Thu 21 Feb both at 7:30pm; and Sat 23 Feb at 2pm.** If you would like to be part of a group, register on the form placed at the back of the church or email deanery.winstonhills@gmail.com or call Jill Cruz on 0450 959 391.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to join us in *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. Runs for six evenings at Fr David Scott Parish Centre. Starts 1st Friday of Lent at 7:30pm concluding on the 5th Friday. These weekly sessions promise to provide the easiest way to understand the Bible. Why not consider adding this to your Lenten resolutions? Light supper and refreshments provided. More information in the coming weeks.

Formal Reception Welcome

To Ellie Geraghty, Samuel Makhoul who were formally received into the Catholic faith.

Lord we thank you for our parish family. Please protect and guide us this day and very day as we grow together in your love. Amen

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio Marotta, Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph and Kerry Cini.
May they rest in peace

Baptism Welcome

To Raphael Albert, who was baptised last weekend.

Father, bless him with your grace and love, surround him with goodness, guide his steps along the way and keep him from harm.
Amen

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.