



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 Raining

An old soldier, blind and paralysed, lay in his bed at the Veterans' Hospital. He'd been there a long time, sad and lonely, and now he had yet another roommate. Unlike the grouches who had gone before, the new man seemed jolly and friendly. The old soldier asked the new man, whose bed was by the window, to tell him what was going on outside. The man responded with gusto. He described the flowers bursting into bloom, the birds hopping across the lawn, the postman making his rounds, the children riding their bikes, and much more.

It became a daily ritual, the man by the window helping the blind old soldier connect with the wonderful world outside. One day the man by the window died, and his bed was taken by a new man. With some trepidation the old soldier asked him, "Would you describe for me what's going on outside our window."

The new man looked out the window, paused awhile and then said, "I don't know what good it'll do. There's nothing outside this window but a blank wall." Nothing there! Nothing but a blank wall! That's the fear that eventually haunts every heart, the fear that we're boxed in by the blank walls of our mortality: we're born, we live, we die, and there is no escape. Just nothing, forever and ever. That's our fear, but it's not the truth. Somehow that happy old soldier by the window knew that in his heart. "There's more," whispered his heart, and he saw through the wall of that hospital and through the wall of his own mortality and his own dying.

Our hearts are whispering the same words, "There's more than you can see right now, much, much more on the other side of the wall. You are not made for nothingness." That's what our heart is whispering.

Now at last God himself speaks to us out loud — not in words but in mighty deeds: He has raised our brother Jesus from the dead. In doing that he is saying to us, "You can trust that whisper in your heart: Life is what I made you for. Not death, but life. Life with me forever!" That is God's promise to us this Easter morning: To live with Him forever! Let us rejoice in Him and be glad!

A Blessed Easter to All!

Please pray for our sick

Maroun Ayoub, Brian Baker, Margaret Brennan, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Tim Coakley, 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, Judy Phillips, Marty Stockford & Patrick Wheeler.

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

PROJECT COMPASSION

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for supporting us this year as we showcase the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. **It is now time to please return your Project compassion boxes.** Your generosity will be helping to empower communities with hope and help shape a better future for themselves, their families & communities.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Project Compassion 2019 Lenten appeal.

Lives change when we all give 100%.



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
You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.

Piety Store

† Gifts and cards for all occasions †

Upcoming Meetings

SVDP	24/04	7.00pm
Leisure Group	01/05	10.00am
Baptism Talk	02/05	7.30pm
Finance	02/05	7.00pm
Parish Council	06/05	7.30pm
Liturgy	05/06	7.00pm
Sacramental Team	12/06	7.30pm

	27/28 April	6.00PM Vigil	8.00 am	9.30 am	6.00 pm
Altar Servers	J	K	H	G	
Acolytes	Warren D'Costa	Peter Samson Andrew Fernando	Eric Wood Bob McMillan	Ciaron Fitzsimons	
Reader	Elly Benkovich	Emmy Cox	Peter Gold	Kate Fitzsimons	
Commentator	Bianca Del Rosario	Dilani Dhammapala	Michael Reid	Keenan Fitzsimons	
Ministers of Communion	Chris Leonard Gerard Fabien	Sylvia McGee Lilia Ferrero	Joyce Lord June Wood	Kerry Bailey Veronica Brown	
Presentation of Gifts	Paul & Helen Donkin	Volunteer	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Couples for Christ	
Projector	Bianca and Sharon Del Rosario	Diane Samson	Helene/Julianne Barker	Larry & Persy Mapanao & Connie	
Children's Liturgy	No Liturgy				
Window cleaning	Jhun Javier (JMJ Group)				
Church cleaning	Couples for Christ, JMJ (Jhun Javier), Mark & Caroline Penafiel				

Feast Days

- 23rd St George
St Adalbert
- 24th St Fidelis of
Sigmaringen
- 25th Anzac Day
- 26th St Mark
- 27th St Louis Grignon de
Montfort
- 28th St Peter Chanel

Moments of Mercy

In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent Heart of Jesus, stretched upon the Cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting. — *Diary*, 906

Catholic Weekly

- A NEW LIFE: Former politician with Parkinsons finds a new lease on life
- A Crossroads for religious freedom?
- Pro-lifers slam Court decision
- How Christ died ... A doctor's view
- Why seminary life appeals
- Movie review: **Shazam**

Divine Mercy 28 April 2019

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes. at 3.00pm and includes: Chaplet; Confessions; Benediction and Mass. Fellowship will be at the conclusion of Mass. Bring a plate to share. All are welcome.

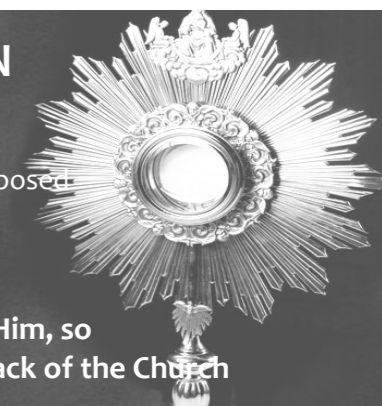
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24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday 3 May to Saturday 4 May

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



RISEN – St Paul's Movie Night

When Saturday 4 May
Time 7pm right after the vigil mass
Where: Fr David Scott Parish Centre
Cost: Donation

Light supper and refreshments to be served.

This movie is an epic biblical story of the Resurrection and the weeks that followed, through the eyes of an unbeliever.

Hope to see as many of you as possible and please feel free to invite your friends and family.

Mary—Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

This eight part study places you in the midst of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. Learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us closer to her Divine Son. To see Mary in this way will change you forever.

First Session: Friday May 10
Fr David Scott Parish Centre at 7:30pm
Sessions 1 & 2

Light supper and refreshments supplied
Free of Charge – All Welcome!

Please RSVP by phone 9639 6516 or email council@stpaultheapostleparish.org

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, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, and Kerry Cini - May they rest in peace

ANZAC DAY



DAWN MASS

Thursday 25th April 6:00 AM

Morning tea follows—feel free to bring a plate.

PHOTOS

You are welcome to bring a photo & place it on the Sanctuary steps prior to Mass.

SCROLL

A scroll will be placed on the Altar during this Mass and will be offered for all those listed, and indeed for all servicemen and women.

You are invited to include, the names of your loved ones who have served in past wars or who are serving at present. The scroll is hanging on the right side of the Church foyer.

LEST WE FORGET

Please note the Thursday morning Mass at 9.10am will be celebrated as usual

First Holy Communion

This year we are pleased to announce that our First Holy Communion for the young members of our parish will be held at the 9:30am masses. The dates for these four consecutive masses will be:- May 19, May 26, June 2 & June 9.

Please pray for these young candidates as they continue on their spiritual journey.