



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon: 8am

Tue - Fri: 9:00am

Sat: 9:30am

Family Mass with Children's Liturgy:

3rd Sunday of the

Month 10am Mass

Filipino Mass:

1st Sun 11:30am

Il Gruppo di Rosario

Italiano: Il gruppo di preghiera Italiano, si raduna ogni giovedì alle ore 10 nella sala parrocchiale.

Sacraments Confession

Sat 8:30—9:20am,
4:45pm or any time by -
appointment

Baptism

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th
Sunday 11.15am

Marriage

At least 6 months notice
required

Anointing of the Sick

By appointment

Devotions

Every Friday

Adoration

3-4pm

Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

Elsa George Rosary

Group Second

Saturday of every

month at 2.30pm

9716 6676 All welcome

Novena to Our Lady

of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays through
Lent at 7pm. Beginning on 16th of Feb,
2018.

A PROGRAM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION,

2018 is now
ready. CLASSES at 9 am SUNDAYS-
MARCH 11 in the Parish Hall and in the
Church. Mass of your choice Sundays 8 or 10
AM.

SECOND RITE 13TH MARCH- 6 PM –
TUESDAY NIGHT.

YOUTH GROUP

The Year of Youth has begun!

Ages 10-15: 4pm-5:20pm before Mass

Ages 15-18: 6:30pm-8pm after Mass

Young Adults: Select days regularly

For more information or if you are interested
in becoming a leader, call **Rian** on 0402 135
637 **Youth nights: Apr 14, May 12, Jun 16,**
Jul 14, Aug 4, Sep 16, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec
15.

CHOCOLATES FOR SALE after Mass on
the 17/18th of March. P.A.T.H. (an anti
slavery action group) will sell chocolates to
support their campaign against human
trafficking. These are produced fairly; with
just wages for producers and workers with no
forced labour. Please support their work and
learn how modern slavery exists.

Project Compassion: The project
compassion boxes and envelopes are now
available at the back of the Church for all
who are interested in participating in this
great cause.



Mass for the Anointing of the sick: will be
on the **first Saturdays** of June, Sep, and Dec.
It will be during the regular Saturday Morning
Mass.

Choir Practice will be on Mondays at **7pm**
in the Church.

Adoration with Bishop Richard Umbers:

Monthly adoration with Bishop Richard. On
the following Fridays at 7pm: April 6th, May
11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th,
September 14th, October 26th and November
16th. All are welcome.

SAINTS of the WEEK (12 – 18 Mar, 2018):

Tue, 13th: Anniversary of the election of
Pope Francis

Sat, 17th: St. Patrick, Bishop

St. Patrick

Dear St. Patrick, in your humility you called
yourself a sinner, but you became a most suc-
cessful missionary and prompted countless
pagans to follow the saviour. Many of their
descendants in turn
spread the Good
News in numerous
foreign lands.
Through your
powerful
intercession with
God, obtain the
missionaries we
need to continue
the work you
began. Amen.



Home Improvements

A reflection on 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

The Christ. The title we have for our Lord Jesus is one that reveals much about His identity, but not all of it. Translated it means Messiah: anointed one, or chosen one. But this begs the question; anointed for what? In the Old Testament, Kings, Priests and some Prophets were anointed. In these cases, the people on question were anointed to fulfil their roles as God's representatives on Earth. Through them, God was able to lead, guide and nourish the Israelites. Jesus, however, is not just an anointed one. We call Him THE Christ for a reason. He fulfils the roles of Priest Prophet and King, being that unique person who is both Human and divine.

Today's readings share the common theme of the generosity of God's outpouring of grace upon us. The Gospel clarifies that it is through Christ that we are not only gifted with grace, but salvation, not because of our own merits, but by what Christ has done for us. Indeed, it is not our deeds that merit this grace, but it is our deeds that reveal our acceptance of it and open us up to receiving the outpouring of Love that God has for us.

Christ the Messiah is the Priest, Prophet and King that doesn't only represent God, but is actually the second person of the Holy Trinity. He directly institutes the will of the Father. In the Church today, we still practice Jesus' Christhood through the sacraments which bring make us sharers of His mission and strengthen us to live according to it, even providing reparation when we fail to do so. We practice these so that we might live more fully as God intended. As Christ said, "I came that you might have life, and have it to the full."

If I may use an analogy, the grace of God can be likened to light. It allows us to see in the darkness so that we may get to our destination and navigate the obstacles in our path. With Christ, the relationship is radically changed because we are brought into a miraculous relationship with God. With Christ it is as if we are plugged into not only the light, but the power behind it, allowing us to connect with people on the other side of the world, find out the latest news, cook or reheat our food, etc.

Jesus has given us a direct line with God, the source of grace, providing us with the means to live our lives to the fullest we could imagine and more. But like a switch, we can turn ourselves 'off' when we turn away from God through our words and actions. The grace doesn't stop flowing for us, we just chose to close ourselves off from it. Even here His grace works for our benefit, as Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we might return to the state of grace that empowers us. Indeed, there is no sin too great for His love, mercy and forgiveness, no sin that is, except that which is not repented. God does not force Himself on us, and if we do not desire reconciliation, He will not go against our wish.

Lent provides us a time to re-examine the 'wiring' to this power source. Giving us the opportunity to make sure that things are alright, and even giving us a chance to make a few improvements here and there. Are we happy with the relationship that we have with God? Do we want to make a few improvements? Sometimes it might be a slow change, but there is no better time to start than right now. We have a pretty good electrician, I hear he's also a carpenter.

This weekend is LAETARE Sunday, a joyful celebration within Lent that looks forward to the celebration of Easter. We rejoice in our morning, for what is to come. We wear rose to symbolise this joy. May your Sunday be a wonderful celebration of the hope we have in Christ.

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 10-11 March 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm	Philip
	8am	Ricardo
	10:00am	Andre
Readers:	5:30pm	S. Draysey & P. Allport
	8am	P. Tan & N. Dudley
	10am	A. Rainima & L. Beltran
Music:	5:30pm	Justine Sy
	8am	Beauti & Choir
	10am	Sri & Choir
Cleaning:	Georgette, Janette, Trudy, & Leonor	
Laundry:	D. Cremona	
Environment:	Kathryn	
Counters:	D. Outen, M. Portell, & R. Lazarus	

With St Paul of the Cross

we pray ...

For the sick

Luke, Victoria Pacheco,
Cathy Consentino, Anne
Keogh, Grace, Owen
Gallagher, Josieann, Eileen
Joyce, Lucia Nicotina, Anna
Pezzuto, Anne Keogh,
Alfonso Costantini, Sonia,
Rodolfo Estrada, Domenic
Capello, Marlowe, Jacutin,
Sonny Martinez, Annette
Rodriguez, Onofrio Ferraro,
Salvatore Ferraro, Lolita A
Japtan, Felisa C Hao, Nolene
Conn, Anna Pezzuto, Lucia
Ferraro, Frank Di Napoli

Recently Deceased

Frances, Narelle Ravallion


Death Anniversary

For the Souls of

Manuello Pasnin & Mary
Chaudhury, Antonino &
Concetina Trovato, Gaetano
& Fracesco Bernardi,
Vincenzo & Giovanni
Stillatano, Domenica
Pugliese, Dermot O' Shea,
Vic Bibawi, Mirna Viler, Cyril
Duggan, Anne Fitzgerald,
Paschal Duggan, Rosa
Simeon, Xin câu cho Linh
hôn Phêrô & Maria, and all
forgotten Souls and Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Maria de Silva, Rian Galliot



A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

Week Four — The Paschal Mystery

By his Death, Jesus liberates us from sin. By his Resurrection, we may become sons and daughters of God and have eternal life. By his Ascension into Heaven, he precedes us into his Father's glorious kingdom in Heaven. How should this reality impact our daily life?

This week, login to formed.org and watch *A Lent to Remember*, Episode 4.

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