

PARISH NOTICES
CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL PARISH CHURCH, SAFI

20th August 2023 – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Date	Notices
Sunday 20th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09:00 – Holy Mass animated by children. • After mass the fireworks factory will be blessed. • 18:00 – Holy Mass including the Sacrament of Baptism for those who wish to baptize their children within the period of the feast.
Monday 21st August	<p>Day dedicated to Christian Vocations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18:30 – Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Father Tony Pace, with the participation of the Dominican Nuns, other consecrated persons from the Parish and the Altar Boys. We pray for priestly and consecrated life vocations. • 19:30 – Presentation of newborns to our patron Saint Paul the Apostle. • 20:00 – The statue of Saint Paul will be taken out of the niche and brought out onto the church parvis where it will be saluted with the hymn dedicated to Saint Paul. Saint Paul’s Band of Safi will play hymns and later will participate in a celebratory street march that starts in the Parish Square.
Tuesday 22nd August	<p>Day dedicated to Children and Youths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18:30 - Holy Mass celebrated by the Parish Priest Rev. Kan. Ivan Scicluna with the participation of children and youths. • 19:30 – Children and youths will walk in procession following a miniture statue of Saint Paul, from the Parish Church through several streets in Safi, accompanied by the singing of hymns to dedicated to Saint Paul. • Followed by fun games for children and traditional Maltese fair and BBQ in the Parish Square in aid of the feast.
Wednesday 23rd August	<p>Day dedicated to Prayer for healing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09:30 – Holy Mass celebrated by the Parish Priest Rev. Kan. Ivan Scicluna in the Parish Church with the participation of the members of the Safi Day Centre, Dementia Centre, and elderly persons. The Anointing of the Sick will be offered to those who would like to receive it. • 18:30 – Sung Mass with the participation of those requesting intercession prayers for the healing of the body and soul. Mons. Anton Cassar will celebrate and deliver the homily during the days of the Triduum. After Mass there will be the recital of the Chaplet, the Antiphon and Sacramental Blessing. The celebration will be concluded with the hymn dedicated to Saint Paul.

<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 24th August</p>	<p>Day dedicated to Family Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17:00 – Confession service • 18:30 – Sung Mass with the participation of those couples celebrating their 10th/20th/25th/30th/40th/50th/60th Wedding Anniversaries, as well as those who got married since the feast of last year, which will include the renewal of the Wedding Vows. Those who are preparing for marriage and family life are also welcome - those wishing to attend are required to register at the Parish Office. The celebration will be led by Mons. Anton Cassar. After Mass there will be the recital of the Chaplet, the Antiphon and Sacramental Blessing. The celebration will be concluded with the hymn dedicated to Saint Paul. • 20:45 - Saint Paul’s Band of Safi, directed by Maestro Michael Bugelli, will perform a Program of Vocal and Instrumental music on the concert podium where it will also perform the Great Hymn ‘Is-Sejħa’. The Mirabitur Choir and soloists Marita Bezzina and Vince Farrugia, as well as local singers Cherise Pace and Kayley Cuschieri will participate. The evening will be compered by Ms Claire Zammit. • The unveiling of the recently restored statue of Saint Paul on Horseback to mark the 30th anniversary since its acquisition.
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 25th August</p>	<p>Day dedicated to Christian Societies and Active Participation in the Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08:15 – Distribution of the Holy Eucharist to the home-bound. • 17:00 – Confession service • 18:30 – Sung Mass with the participation of the Parish Council, together with the local religious associations, those who help in apostolic missions and those who have recently been on a missionary experience. The celebration will be led by Mons. Anton Cassar. After Mass there will be the recital of the Chaplet, the Antiphon, and Sacramental Blessing, ending with the hymn dedicated to Saint Paul. • 21:00 - Saint Paul’s Band of Safi will accompany the statue of Saint Paul on Horseback in a celebratory street march that ends in the Parish Square where the statue will be lifted onto its pedestal as bystanders celebrate and culminating with a wonderful surprise.
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 26th August</p>	<p>Eve of the Feast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08:00 – Holy Mass celebrated by Parish Priest Rev. Kan Ivan Scicluna during which the <i>Te Deum</i> will be sung. • 17:00 – Confession service • 18:00 – Procession from the Parish Church to the Chapel of Saint Mary. • 18:15 – Saluting of the Relic with incense and its transfer from the Chapel of Saint Mary to the Parish Church, followed by the singing of the Hymn and Antiphon to Saint Paul, singing of the Vespers and Eucharistic Celebration presided by Rev. Father Tony Pace. • 19:30 – Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Father Tony Pace. • 20:30 - Saint Paul’s Band of Safi will perform an Instrumental Program on the concert podium. Afterwards there will be an aerial and ground fireworks display in Triq il-Kuċċard.

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 27th August</p>	<p>Feast Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06:45 – Holy Mass • 09:00 – Feast Day High Mass presided by Rev. Mons. Louis Suban, Provost and Archpriest of the Collegiate Church and Basilica Saint Elena of Birkirkara. He will deliver the Panegyric. • 12:00 – Morning March by the Saint Paul’s Band of Safi. • 18:00 – Holy Mass concelebrated by Rev. Father Robert Grech, parish priest of Swatar. • 19:15 – Start of the procession with the titular statue of Saint Paul the Apostle led by Rev. Father Robert Grech. At the start of the procession, hymns will be sung, saluted by fireworks and petards. Mirabitur Choir will accompany the Stella Maris Band of Sliema during the first hymns and then will also accompany the procession. The Philharmonic Band of Saint Peter Birżebbuġa A.D.1990 will perform an Instrumental Program on the concert podium in the Parish Square. • 22:30 – Gathering on the church parvis to welcome the statue of Saint Paul as it returns inside the Church saluted by aerial fireworks. Followed by the singing of the Antiphon and Sacramental Blessing.
	<p>Other Notices</p>
<p>Parish Donations</p>	<p>During the past week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €305 from last Sunday’s Mass special collection. • €900 from donation envelopes in aid of the Feast. The total collection so far is €5205. <p style="text-align: center;">Heartfelt thanks to everyone.</p>