

PARISH NOTICES
CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL PARISH CHURCH, SAFI

18th August 2024 Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Date	Notices
Sunday 18th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Mass animated by the parish children. Afterwards there will be the blessing of the Safi fireworks factory. • 6.00pm Evening Mass will include the Sacrament of Baptism for those wishing to baptise their children during the St Paul's Feast celebrations. • 8.30pm Traditional Maltese Night at the village square to raise funds for the feast.
Monday 19th August	<p>Day dedicated to the Christian Calling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.30pm Mass presided by Fr John Muscat, with the participation of the Domenican Sisters, other religious persons from the parish and the altar boys, with the special intention of praying for priestly and religious vocations. • 7.15pm Presentation of newborns to Our Patron Father St Paul Apostle. • 8.00pm The statue of St Paul will be brought out on the church parvis and saluted with the popular hymn dedicated to the Saint, with the participation of St Paul's Band of Safi, that afterwards will lead a festive street march around the village starting from the square.
Tuesday 20th March	<p>Day dedicated to Children and Youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.30pm Mass presided by Rev. Can. Ivan Scicluna with the participation of children and youth. • 7.30pm The miniature statue of St Paul will be taken around the streets of Safi carried around by children and youth, starting from the Parish Church. Followed by a fundraising fair and BBQ in the village square.
Wednesday 21st August	<p>Day dedicated to Prayer of Healing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.30pm Sung Mass with the participation of those in need of physical and spiritual healing. Fr Joe Fsadni will preside the Triduum Masses and say the homilies. Followed by the recitation of the Chaplet, singing of the Antiphon and Eucharistic benediction. The celebration will conclude with the singing of St Paul's hymn. • 8.30pm Street band march led by the Philarmonic Society of St Mary of Mosta.
Thursday 22nd August	<p>Day dedicated to Family Life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.00pm Confession service will be available. • 6.30pm Second Day of Triduum Sung Mass will especially host those couples who are celebrating their 10/20/25/30/40/50/60th wedding anniversary, and those who got married during the past 12 months through the renewal

	<p>of marriage vows. Those who are currently preparing to get married or about to enter family life are also welcome. <i>(Those who intend to participate are invited to give their names at the Parish Office.)</i> The celebration will be presided by Fr Joe Fsadni, followed by the recitation of the Chaplet, singing of the Antiphon and Eucharistic benediction. The celebration will conclude with the singing of St Paul's hymn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.45pm St Paul Band of Safi directed by Mro. Michael Bugelli will perform a Vocal and Instrumental Concert on the ornamental feast stage, which will include the Grand Hymn 'Is-Sejha' (The Calling), with the participation of the Mirabitur Choir, the soloists Marita Bezzina and Vince Farrugia, and the singers Jillianne Camilleri and Cherise Spiteri.
<p>Friday 23rd August</p>	<p>Day dedicated to the Associations and to the Christian Commitment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.15am Distribution of the Holy Eucharist to the homebound sick. • 5.00pm Confession service will be available. • 6.30pm Third Day of Triduum Sung Mass with the participation of the Parish Pastoral Council together with the religious association and those who help with missions' work or had an experience in missions. The celebration will be presided by Fr Joe Fsadni, followed by the recitation of the Chaplet, singing of the Antiphon and Eucharistic benediction. The celebration will conclude with the singing of St Paul's hymn. • 9.00pm Street march led by St Paul's Band that will accompany the statue of St Paul on Horseback. This will be concluded by the celebratory positioning of the statue on its pedestal in the village square followed by a surprise feature.
<p>Saturday 24th August</p>	<p>Eve of the Feast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.00am Mass presided by Rev. Can. Ivan Scicluna which will include the thanksgiving hymn, <i>Te Deum</i>. • 5.00pm Confession service will be available. • 6.00pm Brief procession starting from the Parish Church to St Mary's Chapel. • 6.15pm Burning of incense before the Relique of St Paul and commencement of its tranfer to the Parish Church. The Hymn and Antiphon of St Paul will be sung, followed by the singing of the Vespers and Eucharistic Celebration led by Rev Jonathan Debattista. • 7.30pm Mass presided by Rev Jonathan Debattista. • 8.30pm St Paul Band Club will perform an instrumental programme on the ornamental feast stage. At the conclusion of the evening there will be a pyrotechnical show and ground fireworks at Triq il-Kuccard.
<p>Sunday 25th August</p>	<p>The Feast Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.45am Mass • 9.00am Concelebrated Feast Day High Mass presded by H.E. Mons Joseph Alessandro Emeritus Bishop of Garissa. The panegyric will be performed by Rev. Can. Marc Andre Camilleri, Parish Priest of the the Basilica of Christ the King, Paola. • 12.00pm Commencement of the popular street march led by St Paul's Band.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.00pm Mass celebrated by Rev. Victor Paul Farrugia. • 7.15pm Commencement of the devotional procession with the titular statue of St Paul, led by Fr Victor Paul Farrugia. On exit there will be singing of hymns and fireworks salutes of various kinds. The Mirabitur Choir will accompany the Stella Maris Band of Sliema at the start of the procession. St Peter's Philharmonic Band of Birzebbuga will perform a musical programme in the parish square. • 10.30pm All are invited to gather on the church parvis as the statue of St Paul returns to the church, saluted by fireworks. As the statue enters the church the Antiphon is sung and Eucharistic Benediction is given to the congregation.
	OTHER NOTICES
Parish Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the past week: • €350 collected during last Sunday's Mass. • € 1780 collected from the envelope donations for the upcoming feast of St Paul. Total to date € 6215 • Heartfelt thanks to all contributors.