

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm

Weekday Mass times

Monday to Friday 9.10am | Saturday 9.00am

(Rosary is prayed at 8:40 am before each weekday Mass)

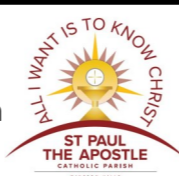
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month

Baptism bookings only [via our website](#)

Masses that are livestreamed to Facebook:

Mon to Fri 9.10am | Sat 9.00am | Sun 9:30am



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held 7:00pm every Friday evening during Lent.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lenten Discussion Groups

These will be held every Wednesday during Lent in the Marian Chapel at 7:00pm commencing Wednesday 9th March. There is no need to register your attendance and everyone is invited to attend any or all of these sessions. Each week there will be a different theme.

Church carpark and school traffic congestion

For those visiting the Church around school start and finish times you will have experienced congestion and lengthy delays.

There appears to be an increase in cars entering and exiting the property, and partly due to more parents working from home.

We can all agree the persistent rain has not made it any easier. Please continue to remain alert and vigilant and thank you for your saintly patience. We understand the challenges with trying to find a parking spot for weekday morning Mass and never forget that you can always take a deep breath and use that time to pray fervently for a vacant car space!

Visited our Church foyer lately?

If you haven't done so recently, please visit the foyer of the Church especially now all the front doors are now opened. In this area we have noticeboards and a table that contain an assortment of religious material, prayers, notices and so on. Please take the time to take a look at what is available and if there is anything you would like to have included or other suggestions please contact the parish office. Also the cabinet with drawers in the centre aisle of the Church has a wide range of missals, prayer books, novenas and so on. It is important to note that not all of the material is placed by our parish and typically provided by our thoughtful parishioners.

Lost and Found

"Dear St. Anthony, please come around: something is lost and cannot be found." If that prayer fails you then you may want to take a look in our Lost and Found. This is located in the bottom drawer of the cabinet in the centre aisle of the Church. After some time, if anything remains unclaimed it is passed on to Vinnies.

Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the entrance to the Church at all masses. The donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours, seven days a week on the telephone or with other assistance as needed.

All donations help with the cost of phone bills, and the training and development of the telephone support staff.

It is important to note that these phone lines are staffed on a voluntary basis. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, or if you want to know more, or to make a contribution, please visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Our parishioners have supported the Little White Box for many years and this generosity has been continually acknowledged by Pregnancy Help. Thank you.

Catholic Schools Week: 6-12th March

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual event and involves the communities of all 590 Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT. The main aim of CSW is to raise awareness and celebrate the strength and distinctiveness of Catholic schools.

The week is about strengthening relationships between all those that have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community. For more information please visit: <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/why-us>

St Paul the Apostle - Kindergarten Enrolment 2023

If you have a child ready for school in 2023, enrolment packages can be collected from the school office between 8.30am and 3.00pm.

For further information please email winstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au or telephone 8841 3800. **Enrolments close 31st March.**

Marriage Preparation

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view the weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website.

For more information email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin 0403 305 431 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

Married Mentor Couples

Have you been married for more than five years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance (to be held in Blacktown 7:30pm Friday 18th March) or to ask further questions please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa 0412280017.

Palms Australia International Mission Information Session: 17th March

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of [their assignments](#) your opportunity to Reach Beyond? Join their online Zoom forum on Thursday 17th at 5.30pm to hear and engage with a panel of their experienced program participants. For more details or register for the forum visit palms.org.au or call 0422 742 567.

Feast Day: Saint John of God (8th March)

There is a lot that can be said about this special Saint who is the Patron Saint of hospitals, printers, the sick, and alcoholics. One site that you may wish to visit to read more about Saint John of God is: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/march-8-saint-john-of-god-religious/>

Novena to our

Mother of Perpetual Help

Prayed every Wednesday morning immediately after Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday 3:30pm in the Marian Chapel. All welcome to attend and join in solemn and intimate prayer.

Moments of Mercy

Do not fear anything, I am with you. These matters are in My hands and I will bring them to fruition according to My mercy, for nothing can oppose My will (Diary 573).

Prayer for Vocations

Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

Catholic Weekly

As always you can visit the Catholic Weekly website for a wide range of news, articles and information:

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

- Stand by Ukraine
- Work in Wokeness: Discrimination Bill blocked
- Mark Shea: Your big Lenten opportunity
- Second class Catholics: It's official in NSW
- Movie review: Abraham Lincoln
- Why words matter: Archbishop Anthony Fisher

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From Father Raining

The local sheriff was looking for a deputy, and one applicant who was not known to be the brightest academically, was called in for an interview. "Okay," began the sheriff, "What is 1 and 1?" "Eleven," came the reply. The sheriff thought to himself, "That's not what I meant, but he's right." Then the sheriff asked, "What two days of the week start with the letter 'T'?" "Today & tomorrow." replied the applicant. The sheriff was again surprised over the answer, one that he had never thought of himself.

"Now, who killed Abraham Lincoln?", asked the sheriff. The job seeker seemed a little surprised, then thought really hard for a minute and finally admitted, "I don't know." The sheriff replied, "Well, why don't you go home and work on that one for a while?" The applicant left and wandered over to his pals who were waiting to hear the results of the interview. He greeted them with a cheery smile, "The job is mine! The interview went great! First day on the job and I'm already working on a murder case!"

In today's Gospel (Luke 4: 1-13), it is Jesus' first day on the job. Immediately he is confronted with three major temptations and confronted with this basic question: Would he take the crown without the cross?

These are the most basic temptations in life and they form the foundation for all other temptations...

First Reading: Moses thanks God for God's loving actions for the people.

For what actions of God do I want to give thanks?

Second Reading: God is near us through God's own word in the Scripture and in our hearts.

How can I be more attentive to how God might want to communicate with me?

Gospel: The devil tempts Jesus to use his relation as God's Son for his own benefit.

How can I help others without demanding anything for myself?

Australian Bishops' response to the Ukraine crisis

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has prepared a statement on the unfolding violence in Ukraine, quoting Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Bishop Mykola Bychok, the leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. A Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine has also been created, together with a media release and prayer card which can be accessed here:

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/bishops-call-for-peace-in-ukraine-generous-australian-response/>

Please pray for our sick

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen

Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Kenneth Del Rosario, Gus DelVillar, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Cheryl Felton, Nick Galea, Annette Hardman, Anthony Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Ely Mathew, Leanne Maree McInerney, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Mary McNamara, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Annie Newton, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Siobhain Power, Honor Rosario, Alison Samuels, John Trost, Pelenatete Tuaimau, Karl Wagner.

Please pray for

May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Leon Chalker, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Brian Baker, Maggie Simpliciano, Annette Herft, Andrew Busuttill, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Kerry and Ron Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Jim Rowan, Patricia Minahan, Vicky Mifsud, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Michael & Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine & Wasley Adolphe, Geraldine Senewiratne, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Michelle Makin, Lena Pereira, Donald Ramage, Charlie Micallef, Dex Habito, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Samuel Samson, Lourdes Zaballa, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Clem O'Donoghue, Lenny and Hudson Pallas (twins), Julia Sherman, George Khodeir, Jim Lynch, Tom Dennis, Priscilla Bennett.