

# 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)

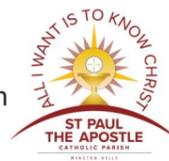
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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



## 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - April 2022

**Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 1<sup>st</sup> | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

**Come ... spend some time with Him**



## Lent, Holy Week and Easter Triduum services at our Church

For a complete list of all upcoming services and additional reconciliation times, please refer to the handout as you leave the Church. Feel free to take as many as you need to pass on to your families and friends for their awareness.

## Stations of the Cross and Lenten Discussion Groups

- [Stations of the Cross](#) will be held 7:00pm every Friday evening during Lent. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- [Lenten Discussion Groups](#) are held every Wednesday during Lent in the Marian Chapel at **7:00pm**. 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.

## Reminder about Sunday obligation

On 20 March 2020 Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181) by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.

This Decree is now revoked and Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings. Source *Ad Clerum* (14/12/21): <https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/20211214-AdClerum-821.pdf>

## Baptisms welcome

To Connor, Kenji and Maya who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## Bishop's Good Samaritan (Lenten) Appeal this weekend

The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for 2022 raises funds for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres across our Diocese of Parramatta. With the help and support of our parish and faith communities, Catholic Care are working hard to reach people in need, and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and are truly grateful for your compassion and kind-hearted support. If you are unable to donate in person, or to find our more please visit:

<https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-samaritan-appeal-22/>

## St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal - thank you!

The Winston Hills Conference extends it's deepest thanks and appreciation for your generosity in their recent Flood appeal in which over \$4,000 was donated. This allows much needed funds for those NSW communities affected by the devastating floods.

If you still wish to donate please visit: <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/winston-hills-fundraising-page>

## To avoid being late (or too early!) for Mass next Sunday ...

Daylight Saving ends next Sunday 3 April so please remember to turn your clock back by one hour on Saturday night.



## Free firewood

We have a reasonable amount of firewood for any interested parishioners. They're quite thick tree cuttings which are a few months old and have been cut to a small size. If you are interested please contact the parish office for details about where and when to pick up.

## Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series: Starting 29 April

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods. Starts 29th April over five Fridays from 10am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (IFM), Blacktown. RSVP to [ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com](mailto:ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com)

## Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now!

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school).

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Marriage Enrichment Weekend

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter team are hosting a Marriage Enrichment Weekend April 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love.

Book online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wvme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wvme.org.au)

## Feast Day: April 2nd - Saint Francis of Paola, hermit

Born at Paola, Italy and was educated at the Franciscan friary of San Marco and when fifteen became a hermit near Paola. In 1436, he and two companions began a community that is considered the foundation of the Minim Friars. He built a monastery where he had led his eremitical life some fifteen years later and set a Rule for his followers emphasising penance, charity, and humility, and added to the three monastic vows, one of fasting and abstinence from meat; he also wrote a rule for tertiaries and nuns. He was credited with many miracles and had the gifts of prophesy and insight into men's hearts. The Order was approved by Pope Sixtus IV in 1474 with the name Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi (changed to Minim Friars in 1492). Francis died on April 2nd and was canonized in 1519. His feast day is April 2.

## 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.

### 24 hour adoration

Held the first Friday through to Saturday morning every month.

### Moments of Mercy

My daughter, during the weeks when you neither saw Me nor felt My presence, I was more profoundly united to you than at times [when you experienced] ecstasy. And the faithfulness and fragrance of your prayer have reached Me. (*Diary 1246*)

### Prayer for Vocations

If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

### 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/>

- Assisted suicide: Britain No!
- Mary, Ukraine's strength
- Soul sisters and blessed bling
- Sydney celebrates St Patrick
- Meet the prodigal parrot
- New book explodes media's role in Pell case

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## From Father Raining

Famous British professor Alfred Momerie says that it has often been concluded that murder is the worst crime. "But this will not do. The murderer is generally executed for their crime and that is the end of them. But the sins of temper and of speech and of thought, sins of unkindness, or unneighbourliness, are sins that we can go on committing without fear of punishment, every day, every hour, every moment. The amount of suffering, therefore, which can be inflicted by them is practically infinite."

The Professor goes on to ask "Which causes the greater amount of human misery--theft or irritability? Suppose that a member of your family, with whom you are compelled to live, is incessantly annoying, incessantly torturing you by his moroseness, by his fits of rage--will you say that this man who has made your home a veritable hell is more righteous than the man who steals from your purse?"

Momerie goes on to conclude that the world has suffered infinitely greater by those who are guilty of the sins of temperament which arise ultimately from the sin of pride.

First Reading: God's gift of manna ceased when people could feed themselves in their new land.  
*What temporary help from God do I no longer need?*

Second Reading: As Christians we are reconciled with God and become ministers of reconciliation.  
*How might I be a minister of reconciliation this week?*

Gospel: In Jesus' parable, both sons have problems with their father.  
*Which son am I more like?*

## Praying

Pope Francis recently noted that the Transfiguration was an experience born of prayer: Jesus went up the mountain to pray. Today, he said, we can ask ourselves about our own prayer life. Do we pray simply out of force of habit? Or do we recognise that prayer truly changes the world. "To pray is to change reality," the Pope said. It is "an active mission, a constant intercession... [prayer is] not distant from the world, but changes the world." The Holy Father invited us to ask ourselves, "Does prayer immerse us in this change? Does it transfigure our situations?" Prayer, he said, "reignites the fire of mission, rekindles our joy" and inspires us to be "troubled" for those who suffer. In particular, he said, "Let us also ask ourselves how we are bringing the present war to our prayers."

## 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, Renata Beck, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, 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, Kenneth Del 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, Lourdes Zaballa, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Clem O'Donoghue, Lenny and Hudson Pallas (twins), Julia Sherman, George Khodeir, Jim Lynch, Tom Dennis, Priscilla Bennett.