

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)

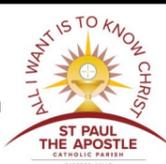
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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 - May 2022

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 6th | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 7th

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. Thank you.

Come ... spend some time with Him



Our Parish: Palm Sunday article and photos available

At the Palm Sunday 9:30am Mass last weekend (which Thank God we had beautiful weather and a strong turnout!) a representative from the Parramatta Diocese was present to take photos and cover the Mass for their Catholic Outlook publication. Here are links to photos www.flickr.com/photos/parracatholic/ and news article: <https://catholicoutlook.org/good-vibes-as-parishes-celebrate-palm-sunday/>

For one week only - St Paul's masses will be broadcast on DAB !

This week, all our morning weekday masses will also be broadcast via Radio Maria Australia. This is a DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting) platform in Melbourne and Sydney. It is an international broadcaster and just starting to broadcast in Australia. Especially given that it's the first week of Easter it is quite exciting they've chosen St Paul's. Here is a link to their website: radiomaria.org.au

Upgrades to our parish buildings

You may have noticed this past week a lot of vans, utes and workers within our parish grounds. Why all this activity? In wonderful news we are installing ducted air conditioning into the Father David Scott Parish Centre, and in addition, installing security cameras and equipment within the Church and grounds. Until all relevant work is completed, the Parish Centre will remain unavailable until further notice. The installation of air conditioning and security was only possible following our successful applications for community grants. Without this funding, our parish would not have been able to afford these important projects. Both grants are Commonwealth projects/ schemes being the *Community Building Partnerships Grant* and *Stronger Communities Programme*.

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>

Caritas Project Compassion boxes

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection. If you have not done so already please return your Project Compassion boxes by next weekend.

ANZAC Day Mass—Monday 25th April

A special Dawn Mass will be celebrated on ANZAC Day at 6:00am. Please also note that:

- you are invited to bring a photo and place it on the Sanctuary steps prior to Mass.
- a scroll will be placed on the Altar during this Mass and will be offered for all those listed, and indeed for all service, men and women, and you are invited to include names on the scroll which is on the table as you enter Church.
- morning tea will follow Mass and feel free to bring a plate.
- the Monday morning Mass at 9.10am (and preceding Rosary) will be celebrated as usual

Divine Mercy Novena devotion

This important annual Novena will be held daily in our Marian Chapel 3:30pm and everyone is invited to attend. This Novena commences immediately after Good Friday Lord's Passion and concludes Saturday 23rd April; in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 24th.

Do you have a child interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Children are welcome from any school to join. If your child, or know of any child that is interested in becoming an Altar Server here at St Paul's, please pick up a flyer as you leave the Church, email altarservers2153@gmail.com or phone Peter on 0422 448 206.

Don't just save your singing for the shower

As much as we are blessed with those who are able to lead us in singing and in our choirs, we are still in need of others to join. If you are interested in joining a choir, lead our singing, or able to assist in our music ministry in any way at all, please contact the parish office.

Veiling Crosses and Statues in Holy Week

Every year in the period leading up to Easter, you will notice our Crucifixes and statues are covered in a purple shroud. This has been the practice for some time, however up until recent years in our parish only the Crucifixes were covered. In general terms, crosses are removed or veiled if possible so that the focus of the Adoration of the Holy Cross at the celebration of the Passion of the Lord is the one cross which is processed and unveiled. The cross is the central symbol of Holy Week. In the past the cross was unveiled for veneration on Good Friday and statues were uncovered during the Glory to God at the Easter Vigil. After the Second Vatican Council there were moves to abolish the custom altogether but it has survived, and the Bishops' Conference of each country can decide whether to make the custom obligatory in its territory. For a more indepth perspective please visit: catholicleader.com.au/features/veiling-statues-in-lent/

From Father Raining

An old soldier, blind and paralysed, lay in his bed at the Veterans' Hospital. He'd been there a long time, sad and lonely, and now he had yet another roommate. Unlike the grouches who had gone before, the new man seemed jolly and friendly. So the old soldier asked the new man, whose bed was by the window, to tell him what was going on outside. The man responded with gusto. He described the flowers bursting into bloom, the birds hopping across the lawn, the postman making his rounds, the children riding their bikes, and much more.

It became a daily ritual, the man by the window helping the blind soldier connect with the wonderful world outside. But one day the man by the window died, and his bed was taken by a new man. With some trepidation the soldier asked him, "Would you describe what's going on outside our window." The new man looked out the window, paused awhile and then said, "I don't know what good it'll do. There's nothing outside this window but a blank wall."

Nothing there! Nothing but a blank wall! Msgr. Dennis Clark reflected, "That's the fear that eventually haunts every heart, the fear that we're boxed in by the blank walls of our mortality: we're born, we live, we die, and there is no escape. Just nothing, forever and ever." But it's not the truth. The old soldier by the window knew that in his heart. "There's more," whispered his heart.

Our hearts are whispering the same words, "There's more than we can see right now, much, much more on the other side of the wall. We are not made for nothingness."

Now, God himself speaks to us out loud — not in words but in mighty deeds: He has raised Jesus from the dead. And in doing that he is saying to us, "You can trust that whisper in your heart: Life is what I made you for. Not death, but life. Life with me forever!"

That is God's promise to us this Easter morning: To live with him forever!

Lenten and Easter thank you !

Father Raining and Father Marcus extend a heartfelt and sincere thank you to everyone who supported and assisted in the preparation and conduct of our Lenten and Easter services and celebrations, in various capacities and ministries and as well as the presentation of our Church and gardens. Without their tireless efforts we would not have enjoyed or been blessed with the opportunity to celebrate as a parish the way we did. May the blessings of the risen Lord be with you and yours.

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, Bridget Boldt, Gabrielle Boldt, 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, Lucas 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, Honor Rosario, Kenneth Del Rosario, Alison Samuels, Norma Sciarra, 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, Siobhain Power, Bourke Gibbons OAM, Gillian Shannon, Nancy Radocchia.



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

The flames of mercy are burning Me—clamouring to be spent; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness (*Diary*, 177).

Prayer for Vocations

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you ...".

Catholic Weekly

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