

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 7<sup>th</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**

## 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

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

## Planned Giving and weekly envelope printing costs

To assist and enable contributions to our parish Planned Giving program, boxed envelopes are ordered in advance and provided at the start of every financial year. These are an (additional) expense to the parish with each set of envelopes costing about \$15 (also an increase over previous years). To assist in reducing this expense, we are asking parishioners to consider changing to direct debit option. For example, \$1,000 is saved for every 60 odd people that decide to change across.

What can I do to help? If you are in a position to change from paper envelopes to direct debit for 2022/23, or wish to know more about this option, please contact the parish office by Friday 6th May. Direct debits are applied on the first Thursday of every month.

It is important to note that although direct debit is a monthly deduction, the amount can be changed at any time through the financial year.

Thank you for your contributions and generosity — it is deeply and sincerely appreciated.

## Sacraments received last weekend

To Alysia, Caleb and Clara who were baptised on Easter Sunday and congratulations also to Ropeti, Lomigafou and Iliganoa who received the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation last weekend at the Saturday Easter Vigil Mass. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## Position Vacant - Fundraising Campaigns Manager (Parramatta Catholic Foundation)

This is a heart-warming, for-purpose vocational opportunity to put your faith into action, supporting our mission to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout our Diocese's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

## Stamps for Charity

A big thank you for your donation of used stamps. For a long time now, our parish proudly supports the Mary MacKillop International Mission through the collection of used stamps. At any time, if you have any unused stamps, please place them in the box in the Church foyer else drop off to the Parish office. These stamps are forwarded to the Mission which are sold to support their charitable works. It doesn't matter if you have a small amount of stamps and they are all gratefully welcomed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

## Feast Day: Saint Pius V (April 30th)

This is the Pope whose job it was to implement the historic Council of Trent. The family of God had been shaken by corruption, the Reformation and constant threat of Turkish invasion. He ordered the founding of seminaries for proper training of priests, published a new missal, new breviary, new catechism, and established Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church, patiently served the sick and poor by building hospitals, providing food for the hungry, and giving money customarily used for papal banquets to poor Roman converts. His decision to keep wearing his Dominican habit led to the custom to this day of the Pope wearing a white cassock. In striving to reform both Church and state, Pius encountered vehement opposition from England's Queen Elizabeth and the Roman Emperor Maximilian II. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.

**Other Feast Days this week include** - Saint Mark (25th) Author of the second Gospel; Saint Peter Chanel (28th) Fijian Missionary, who within two years after being clubbed to death, the whole island of Futuna became Catholic; Saint Catherine of Siena (29th) Offered herself and her suffering as a "victim" for the renewal of the Church with her deathbed prayer a model of love poured out for all who follow Jesus Christ and desire the unity of the Church in our day "Oh eternal God, receive the sacrifice of my own life on behalf of the mystical Body of Holy Church. I have nothing else to give except what You have given me."

## From Father Raining

In Florence, Italy, a young artist laboured long and hard over a marble statue of an angel. When finished, he was so proud of what he had done, he asked Michelangelo to examine it. The young artist stood alongside as Michelangelo examined his work. No master looked over the work more carefully - it was perfect in every detail. The young artist waited, but his heart broke when Michelangelo said, "It lacks only one thing," and then walked away. For days the artist could neither eat nor sleep. He decided to call upon Michelangelo at his studio and ask, "What is this one thing my work lacks? Please, tell me, I must know!" Michelangelo responded, "It is perfect in every detail. Your work is magnificent. It only lacks one thing, life itself!" Now the master could not pay any artist a finer compliment, but the young man knew that without life, the best he could achieve was to convert an ugly mass of stone into a beautiful mass of stone. Life was the essential ingredient his creation lacked.

First Reading: The apostles continue Jesus' healing work.  
*Who might need my healing actions or words today?*

Second Reading: The risen Jesus tells John not to be afraid.  
*What fears about Christ's presence to me must I overcome?*

Gospel: Thomas voices his doubts yet overcomes them with faith.  
*What doubts about Jesus require more faith on my part?*

## Parramatta Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign"

On Friday 22 April, the annual Earth Day, our Diocese has responded to the *cry of the earth and the cry of the poor* by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign". The Diocese is embarking on a seven-year journey towards achieving seven Laudato Si' Goals, which means to care more deeply for God's creation and our sisters and brothers in need. Bishop Vincent Long invites all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations to participate. Visit [parracatholic.org/laudatosi](http://parracatholic.org/laudatosi) for more details.

## Funeral services this week

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am - the late Lawrence Fitzgerald

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30am - the late Nancy Radocchia

*May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace*

## 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, Frederick de Silva, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Cheryl Felton, Nick Galea, Anthony Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Lucas Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Ely Mathew, Leanne Maree McInerney, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Mary McNamara, Rev Father John McSweeney, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Annie Newton, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Honor Rosario, Kenneth Del Rosario, Alison Samuels, Norma Sciara, 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

Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners, I trust in You (*Diary, 949*)

## Prayer for Vocations

We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

## Catholic Weekly

As always you can visit their website for a wide range of news, articles and information: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

- Christ is Risen!
- From Manly to Malawi
- Don't water down Confession
- Christian tops the charts
- Movie review: *Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore*
- 150 years of Marists

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