

# 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)

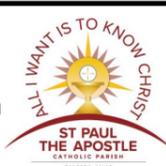
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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**



## Mother's Day Morning Tea next weekend

Next Sunday we will be holding a morning tea after both morning Masses. Please stay awhile after Mass and share in a cuppa.

## Receiving Communion for those unable to attend Mass

In recent bulletins we have mentioned that Sunday Mass obligation is now imposed since it was dispensed for COVID. In saying this we recognise and understand members of our parish community are unable to physically attend Mass as they may be sick, elderly etc. If you, or anyone you know, seeks to receive the blessed Eucharist at their home, please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

## 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 Church at all masses. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, to know more, or to contribute, visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Thank you.

## Planned Giving and weekly envelope printing costs - deadline this Friday 6th May

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.

## Baptisms welcome

To Isabella and Lyla who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## Young Adult Faith Formation: 15 May

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday 15 May at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Minchinbury, starting from 7pm. George and Anne Stanton will lead discussion on scripture and the theme of Covenant. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

## Trivia Night Fundraiser

The Springwood East Timor Support Group invite you to a Trivia Night to aid the Timorese people with medical and educational initiatives. Join them for an evening of fun and flashes of brilliance on Saturday 21st May at 7pm at St Thomas Aquinas School Hall, Springwood. Tickets are \$20 each, payable on entry. BYO nibbles and drinks. Attendance Pre-reservation is essential to Dennis Farrar 0425 209 840.

## Feast Day: Saint Joseph the Worker (1st May)

Saint Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker. To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion especially when in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labour. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society." Pius XII also said, "...no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

## Feast Day: Saint Athanasius' (2nd May)

Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigour of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church. Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defence of the doctrine of Christ's divinity, with his series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul. Among his ascetical writings, his Life of St. Anthony achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world. He defended the true faith for his flock, regardless of the cost to himself. In today's world we are experiencing this same call to remain true to our faith, no matter what.

## From Father Raining

In his book "First Things First: to Live, to Learn, to Leave a Legacy," Roger Merrill tells of a businessman named Fred who moved into a new house. Fred decided to hire a friend of his to landscape his grounds. This friend had a doctorate in horticulture. She was extremely knowledgeable, extremely bright. Well, Fred had a great vision for his grounds, but was very, very busy. He travelled a lot, and so he kept emphasising to his friend the need to create a garden in such a way that it would require very, very little maintenance on his part. He said that automatic sprinklers were an absolute necessity, and he was always on the lookout for labour saving devices and other ways of saving time. Finally, his friend said to him, "Fred, I can see what you're saying but there's one thing you need to deal with before we go any further. If there is no gardener, Fred, there can be no garden." The gospel tells us how Jesus chooses a fisherman as the gardener for his vineyard in spite of his defects and faults.

First Reading: The apostles obey Jesus' command to spread the good news rather than the human command to stop.

*How can I be more courageous today in my witness to my life in Christ?*

Second Reading: John describes the heavenly praise of God and Jesus, the Lamb of God.

*How can I add my praise to theirs today?*

Gospel: When Peter recognises Jesus, nothing can hold him back.

*What might be holding me back from being with Jesus?*

## May - month of Mary

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pray] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Pope Paul VI). This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. For prayers and resources please visit [catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05\\_1.cfm](http://catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05_1.cfm)

**Especially in the month of May, please join us as we pray the daily Rosary Mon to Sat at 8:40am.**

## 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, Ely Bejma, Bridget Boldt, Gabrielle Boldt, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Frederick de Silva, Helen Dillon, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Cheryl Felton, Nick Galea, Molly Griffith, Anthony Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Lucas Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Ely Mathew, Leanne Maree McInerney, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Mary McNamara, Father John McSweeney, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Annie Newton, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Honor Rosario, Kenneth Del Rosario, Mark Ryder, Alison Samuels, Norma Sciara, John Trost, Pelenatete Tuaimau, Karl Wagner, George White.

## 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, Jim Rowan, 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, Patricia Minahan, Vicky Mifsud, Lena Pereira, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Michael & Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine & Wasley Adolphe, Charlie Micallef, Dex Habito, Geraldine Senewiratne, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Michelle Makin, Donald Ramage, Frank Borg, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Lourdes Zaballa, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Clem O'Donoghue, Julia Sherman, Lenny and Hudson Pallas (twins), George Khodeir, Jim Lynch, Tom Dennis, Priscilla Bennett, Bourke Gibbons OAM, Siobhain Power, Gillian Shannon, Nancy Radocchia, Lucky Dhammapala, Gerard Marcello, Maxwell Fernando.

## 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 (to St Faustina), do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace. (Diary, 1074)

### Prayer for Vocations

Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith?

We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you?

### Catholic Weekly

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

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

- When politicians find faith convenient.
- Who's your Parish Hero? New series starts this week.
- Relics come to Broken Bay. Two new shrines to open.
- I chose the church.
- Books we should all read before this life ends
- Art shines in jail

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