

# 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)*

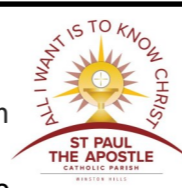
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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



## From Father Raining

There once was a young woman who had a baby boy. Just after her son's baptism, a ragged old man came to her, and offered to grant her one wish on behalf of her son. Thinking only the best for her baby, the woman wished that her son would always be loved by everyone he met. The old man said, "so be it," and vanished. It turned out just as he said.

As the boy grew, everyone loved him so much that he never lacked for anything. Yet, things did not turn out as expected. As adored and admired as the young man was, he experienced a terrible emptiness within him. He could have anything he wanted, just by asking, but he had no real friends. He never knew the joy of a day's work or an achievement, richly rewarded. His neighbours took care of all his needs. The young man became cynical, jaded and selfish as none of his actions ever brought him any negative consequences.

Finally, the day came when his aged mother died. At the funeral, the same mysterious old man appeared and offered the young man one wish. The young man took him up on his offer and asked that his mother's original wish for him be changed. Rather than being loved by everyone he met, the young man asked the old wizard to give him the power to love everyone he met. And, the story goes, from that day forward he knew happiness such as no one on this earth has ever known.

First Reading: Despite problems, the disciples were filled with joy.  
*What joy have I felt during Easter season?*

Second Reading: God will wipe away tears and sadness.  
*What sadness do I want Jesus to lift today?*

Gospel: Jesus speaks to us and invites us to follow him.  
*How has Jesus been calling me to follow him in new ways during Lent and Easter?*

## 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.

## 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, 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

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

You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.

### Catholic Weekly

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

- Families reveal real issues of the election
- Life Law: Is the US Supreme Court about to set the record straight?
- Men on the march
- New science backs Shroud
- Movie review: *Sonic the Hedgehog 2*
- Pacific Islanders celebrate

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## Happy Mothers Day with a reflection from Saint John Paul II

From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary, we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God. For Mary is not only the Mother of God, she is Mother of the Church as well. In every stage of the march through history, the Church has benefited from the prayer and protection of the Virgin Mary. Holy Scripture and the experience of the faithful see the Mother of God as the one who in a very special way is united with the Church at the most difficult moments in her history, when attacks on the Church become most threatening. Precisely in periods when Christ, and therefore his Church, provokes premeditated contradiction, Mary appears particularly close to the Church, because for her the Church is always her beloved Christ.

## Baptisms welcome

To Arabella, Banks, Keelan, Olivia and Sofia who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## Save the date - Parish Feast Day Celebration on Sunday 26th June

The feast of Saints Peter and Paul falls in late June and we use the occasion of this solemnity to hold our annual parish feast day celebrations. The central focus will be the celebration of the 9:30am Mass followed by fellowship and a meal in the parish grounds. Everyone is welcome to attend and information will follow in coming weeks including how you can get involved in making this a success.

## RCIA Invitation - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

You are invited to introduce adult family and friends who may be interested in learning about the Catholic faith, in becoming Catholic or in completing reception of Sacraments of Initiation. Our Parish will hold this program and is planned to commence in June after Pentecost. Details for those that are interested people can be emailed to our parish office or by telephoning 9639 6516.

## Altar Server update and reminder - please reply by Thursday 12th May

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](mailto:altarservers2153@gmail.com) or phone Peter on 0422 448 206. Please register your interest by Thursday 12th May.

## Pentecost Retreat

The Advocate promised by Christ enters the believing community to guide and protect it until the second coming. Apart from being a very beautiful feast, the day of Pentecost is a celebration of God's hand guiding the Christian community through the trials and decisions that are presented to it. In preparation for the Feast, the *Live Christ Share Christ* St Patrick's Cathedral invites you to a Pentecost Retreat Saturday 22 May, from 10am to 3:30pm at the Chapel/Cloister. RSVP required to [enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au) or phone 8839 8412.

## Peace Justice and Ecology Sharing on Zoom – Wednesday 11 May 6:30-8:00pm

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice. This is an opportunity to connect like-minded people, find out and discuss what is currently happening in this space. You are invited to join the conversation, Wednesday 11 May. For a zoom link, please RSVP to [MET@parracatholic.org](mailto:MET@parracatholic.org)

## Positions Vacant (Diocese of Parramatta): Senior Administrative Support Co-ordinator

Seeking experienced person for full or part-time (4 days a week) role in our Governance, Risk, Compliance and Assurance team. You will have extensive experience in providing high-level administration support, a customer-focused and 'can-do' attitude. To find out more or for a copy of the Position Description, contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources, [nevine@reachhr.com.au](mailto:nevine@reachhr.com.au) or 0418 698 327.

## Annual Schoenstatt May Pilgrimage

In exciting news, the Annual Schoenstatt May Pilgrimage will be held for the first time since 2019. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Holy Mass at 10.30 am on 15th May, on the grounds of Mount Schoenstatt 230 Fairlight Mulgoa, please bring your own chairs. Come for an hour or come for the day, everyone is welcome. Food is available to purchase or bring a picnic lunch. Details available at [www.schoenstatt.org.au](http://www.schoenstatt.org.au) or please call 4773 8338.

## Saint Matthias the Apostle (May 14th)

Matthias, whose name means "gift of God", was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve. The Acts of the Apostles state that he was also one of the 72 disciples that Jesus sent out to preach the good news. Matthias was with the Lord since His Baptism, and remained until His Ascension. He is said to have met his death by crucifixion in Colchis or by stoning in Jerusalem. There is evidence cited in some of the early Church fathers that there was a Gospel according to Matthias in circulation, but it has since been lost, and was declared apocryphal by Pope Gelasius. He is invoked for assistance against alcoholism, and for support by recovering alcoholics.

## Our Lady of Fatima (May 13th)

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children - Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos - received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II. Mary is perfectly honoured when people generously imitate her response "Let it be done to me as you say" (Luke 1:38).