

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)

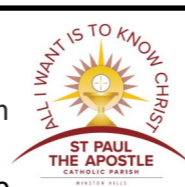
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

Noted preacher John Claypool tells about a thunderstorm that swept through southern Kentucky at the farm where his forebears had lived for six generations. In the orchard, the wind blew over an old pear tree that had been there as long as anybody could remember. Claypool's grandfather was saddened to lose the tree on which he had climbed as a boy and whose fruit he had eaten all his life.

A neighbour came by and said, "Doc, I'm really sorry to see your pear tree blown down."

"I'm sorry too," said his grandfather. "It was a real part of my past."

"What are you going to do?" the neighbour asked.

His grandfather paused for a moment and then said, "I'm going to pick the fruit and burn what's left."

"That is the wise way to deal with many things in our past," says John Claypool. "We need to learn their lessons, enjoy their pleasures, and then go on with the present and the future."

"No one who puts a hand to the plow while looking back is fit for the kingdom of God."

First Reading: Elisha has to leave those he loves to become a prophet.

What have I to leave behind lately to follow Christ?

Second Reading: Paul claims that freedom is service to others in love.

How has my service to others made me more free?

Gospel: Jesus says that he has nowhere to rest.

How might I invite Jesus to come and rest in me?

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - July 2022

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 1st | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 2nd

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



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, Vicente Calonia, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Emmy Cox, Gus DelVillar, Helen Dillon, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Christine Lin Yew Fai, Nick Galea, Molly Griffith, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrullbandra, 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, Mark Ryder, Alison Samuels, 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, Andrew Scott, Frederick de Silva.



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

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. (Diary 965)

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

Catholic Weekly

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

- They Come to Him. 13,000 attend Corpus Christi.
- United in Faith. Archbishop addresses US Bishops.
- Monica Doumit: So much for choice & diversity. Albanese guts chaplaincy program.
- Friends, acceptance, a home. Discover David's Place.
- Movie review: Jurassic World Dominion.
- God, Science and Jesuits.

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Rosters for July—September quarter now available

Rosters have now been emailed to everyone and if you did not receive it please contact the parish office. Printed copies are available outside the Sacristy for those without email. Please remember it is best practice for any changes or swaps to be made amongst the relevant volunteers within each group before contacting the parish office. We have also recommenced with publishing rosters to our website: <https://stpaultheapostleparish.org/rosters/> Thank you for your ongoing commitment!

Planned Giving envelopes are now available

Printed envelopes for the 2022/23 period are now available in the Church foyer. Please note that your envelope number may have changed to a new number. Thank you again for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Altar Servers are returning

After a prolonged absence due to COVID, we are deeply pleased to announce that the children of our parish will be again faithfully serving at our Masses starting next weekend. We extend a sincere thank you especially to their families for supporting these children and look forward to a long and fulfilling journey in their Ministry. At the 9:30am Mass this weekend, our Bishop installed and welcomed 15 children to the Ministry. All up there are over 30 children in this Ministry and as a parish we are humbled by their presence. Please continue to pray for these children and also the many others in our various Ministries that we continue to be blessed with their support and efforts.

Presentation of Gifts (Offertory Procession) is returning next weekend

The Presentation of Gifts was removed because of risks associated with COVID. We are pleased to announce that this aspect of the Liturgy will be returning for all our weekend Masses commencing next weekend. We are now seeking volunteers to take up the gifts of water, wine and bread for each Mass. To ensure that we have people at each Mass to assist with this important task, a register will be available at the front of the Church, to record your name for any of the upcoming Masses you intend to assist. There was previously a three monthly printed roster for this, however this will no longer be the case and everyone is invited to participate by writing down their names in advance. The collection plates continue to be taken to the Sacristy and will not be part of the Presentation of Gifts.

So what is the Presentation of Gifts?

The Offertory Procession or Procession of Gifts as it is more recently known, fundamentally refers to the action of Christ giving himself to the Father in the sacrifice of the cross. We are joined to Christ's self-offering when, as part of the Church (the body of Christ), we offer the consecrated bread and wine (Christ) to the Father. In the early Church, the people brought bread and wine to the church and 'offered' them to the priest for the celebration of the eucharist. They brought other gifts of food or money that they 'offered' to help the work of the Church. It was a concrete way for them to participate in the real offering of the Mass described above. And so the terminology became confused and people became confused about what they were doing at this particular time. The procession with the gifts by members of the assembly is a powerful expression of the assembly's participation in the eucharistic offering. But the real offering does not take place at this time of preparation. It is a procession of gifts. Having one vessel for each element (water, wine, bread) symbolises the unity of the one bread and one cup. Including offerings for the poor and the Church is of ancient origin and deep significance.

Office for Worship RCIA Seminar Series: Beginning 3 August

The Office For Worship will be running a series for RCIA coordinators & teams and anyone who might be interested in understanding the RCIA process. Topics to be covered include: The Fundamentals of RCIA, Ecclesiology, Social Teaching of the Church, and the journey of Mystagogia. The workshops will run on five Wednesday evenings from 3 to 31 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

LIFTED Retreat 2022 "Wonder & Awe": 1 – 3 July

You are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual young adults retreat. Take some time away from busyness of everyday life; spend a weekend away full of prayer, talks, and community. For 18-35 year-olds. \$100 per person. Register at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat.

Free firewood

We have more firewood available for any interested parishioners. They're tree cuttings of various thickness 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.

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.

Volunteer Position Available – Housing Maintenance Volunteer, House of Welcome

House of Welcome (HOW), a partner of the Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a handyman to look after their properties, as they continue to support people in need in our communities. The Housing Maintenance Volunteer will also be required to provide face-to-face support for Occupants with practical components of their property and its care. This is a short-term role and one day a week. To find out more please contact HOW Volunteer Program Manager, Lumka Liwela Power on 0402 549 962 or l.liwelapower@houseofwelcome.com.au.

Feast Days this week

* Saint Cyril of Alexandria (27th) * Saints Peter and Paul (29th) * First Martyrs (30th)