

St Paul the Apostle Parish

40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills NSW 2153

T: 9639 6516 W: www.stpaultheapostleparish.org

Parish Priest: Fr Raining Creta

Assistant Priest: Fr Marcus Hazelman

For latest updates please visit our Facebook page

 facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish

 twitter.com/stpaulapostwin

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)

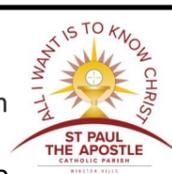
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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 is a story about a man who had a huge boulder in his front yard. He began to grow weary of this big, unattractive stone in the centre of his lawn, so decided to take advantage of it and turn it into an object of art. He went to work on it with hammer and chisel, and chipped away at the huge boulder until it became a beautiful stone elephant. When he finished, it was gorgeous and breathtaking.

A neighbour asked, "How did you ever carve such a marvellous likeness of an elephant?"

The man answered, "I just chipped away everything that didn't look like an elephant!"

If you have anything in your life right now that doesn't look like love, then, with the help of God, chip it away!

If you have anything in your life that doesn't look like compassion or mercy or empathy, then, with the help of God, chip it away! If you have hatred or prejudice or vengeance or envy in your heart, for God's sake, and the for the other person's sake, and for your sake, get rid of it!

Let God chip everything out of your life that doesn't look like tender-heartedness.

First Reading: Moses knows it is much easier to know God's commandments that to keep them.
Which commandment is most problematic for me now?

Second Reading: Jesus' presence throughout creation allows him to reconcile all things in himself.
How might I imitate Jesus' reconciling work today?

Gospel: *Jesus praises the one who overcame his prejudices and acted out of compassion. How can I recognize and overcome my prejudices in order to help someone in need?*

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 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>

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, 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 Busuttil, 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, Ludie Irrullbandra.

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

May praise and glory for this Image. Never cease to stream from man's soul. May praise of God's mercy pour from every heart. Now, and at every hour, and forever and ever. (*Diary, 1*)

Prayer for Vocations

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

Catholic Weekly

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

Featured this week—

- Plenary 2022: what happened
- Rosaries in the Rain: Sydney video goes viral
- St Thomas' children: Vibrant Indian Catholics
- Lazarus in Darwin
- Movie Review: Minions: The Rise of Gru
- Get with Francis on Liturgy

Overheads for hymns used in the Church are used with permission under ONE LICENCE No A-642251

COVID: this bulletin cannot be reused and must be taken home with you.

Parish Feast Day feature article in Catholic Outlook

When you get a chance, please visit Parramatta Catholic Outlook online where there is a great article and photo of our Parish Feast Day, with a special focus on our Altar Server Ministry: <https://catholicoutlook.org/st-pauls-feast-day-a-true-celebration-for-winston-hills/>

Vinnies 2022 Winter Appeal next weekend

At all masses next weekend there will be a third collection for the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

When you donate to Vinnies you are helping our volunteers rebuild lives this winter.

Your contributions can provide warm blankets for men and women experiencing homelessness or prevent a family from being evicted from their home this winter. Vinnies can also help pay a family's utility bills and provide essential groceries to maintain health and strength during these cold months.

As always, we appreciate the wonderful generosity of the parishioners of St Paul the Apostle Parish.

Donations can be made via the envelopes on your seat during Mass; or by scanning this QR code by EFTPOS after each Mass; or online at our fund-raising page via the following link:

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/winston-hills-vinnies-conference-winter-appeal>



Release of ABS 2021 Census Data

For the first time ever, fewer than half of Australia identifies as Christian, with "no religion" likely to overtake Christianity by next Census. Christianity remains the largest faith, with 43.9% of Australians identifying as Christian. Catholics comprise 20% of the Australian population, down from 22.6% in 2016. Refer to more details here: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/census-atheism-on-the-rise/>

2021 Census data for the *Suburb of Winston Hills* reported:

- 12,123 Usual Residents (up from 11,674 in 2016)
- a 4.7% increase in the both the number of Families and Private Dwellings
- total number of persons reporting Christianity (in terms of Religious Affiliation) decreased to 7,404 or 61.1% of our suburb's population ~ within that, those specifically reporting Catholic increased to 4,084 (from 3,959 in 2016) ~ as a percentage of all Usual Residents, Catholics were 33.7% (compared to 33.9% in 2016).

Data for Diocesan Parish boundaries won't be available for some time, however for 2021 Census results on the *Suburb of Winston Hills*, please refer to <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL14353>.

Baptisms welcome

To Emilia, who was baptised here recently. We pray that her faith will be an important and integral part of her life.

Carpark update: fencing works and access restrictions

Due to the recent heavy rains, work on replacing the boundary fence between our Church and neighbouring properties has been delayed. Parishioners will be advised in terms of impact and detours prior to work commencing.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Mr Jack Elkazzi

The Ordination to the Diaconate of Mr Jack Elkazzi will be held Saturday 23rd July at 5pm at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill. Enquiries can be directed to the St Bernadette's parish team on 9634 2622 or castlehill@parracatholic.org

Office for Worship RCIA Seminar Series: Beginning 3rd August

The Office For Worship will be running a series for RCIA coordinators and 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 our parish office.

FaithFeed Conversations Event: 15 July (Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown)

The FaithFeed is a diocese-wide networking opportunity, offering an organic initial connection for those in their mid 20s-40s in life and faith conversation. To register or find out more: <https://fb.me/e/1PAVFKal7> or email met@parracatholic.org

Distributing Bibles and Religious Books throughout the world

In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives. Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles for more information.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust (Applications close 29th July)

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html

Catholic Theological College Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care Unit: Beginning 30 July

The Catholic Theological College is offering a unit on Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care over six Saturday sessions beginning 30 July. Commencing with the ancient Christian understanding of the "care of souls" the course unit explores the evolution of pastoral and spiritual care to the present day as they contribute to the personal, mental and social wellbeing of ageing persons in our society. Contact the Academic Records Office for enrolment information and appointments on (03) 9412 3309 or registrar@ctc.edu.au