

# 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)

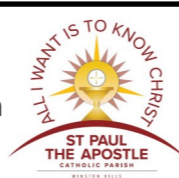
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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



## Holy Day of Obligation and Mass times: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August: 6:30am, 9:10am and 7:00pm**

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year and a Holy Day of Obligation observed August 15th.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decreed (unchanged since 2001) the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year.

## Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (8<sup>th</sup> August)

St Mary MacKillop had a saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it' and embodied characteristics that typify the best of the Australian spirit. There is that sense of "going in to bat" for the battlers of life, to give a helping hand to the needy irrespective of colour, culture or creed; it is that sense of a 'fair go for everyone'. It was the genius of Mary that in seeing Christ in every person, she was deeply appreciative of the dignity and worth of every person made in God's image and likeness. Mary MacKillop met the great challenges of her time with vision, passion and creativity. She challenged the status quo and envisioned new ways of living and sharing the Good News. St Mary MacKillop was canonised on October 17, 2010 at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome by Pope Benedict XVI and was proclaimed the Patron of the Diocese of Parramatta at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Thursday 19 May 2011.

## Funeral services this week in our Parish

✠ Wednesday 10th (10:30am) the late Maria Di Marzo

## 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.

## Safeguarding and Diocese of Parramatta (including Mandatory Safeguarding Training)

The Parish and Diocese of Parramatta takes the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. This includes past or present forms of abuse. Safeguarding those who are vulnerable is part of the mission that Jesus Christ entrusts to our Church. We all have a role to play in safeguarding those who are vulnerable.

Statement of Commitment from our Bishop, Most Reverent Vincent Long: *"The Diocese is committed to being a community of safeguarding. This means we have zero tolerance of abuse in any form. We promise to do everything we can so no child or other person in our care is harmed again. As part of this, our job is to make sure everyone who works or acts for the Church understands and recognises the Standards as an integral part of their understanding of what it means to be engaged in the life of the Church"*

As part of this, all Staff and Volunteers of the Diocese of Parramatta (including Parishes, Chaplaincies, Deanery and Diocesan ministries and councils) who work with children and adults at risk are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training focused on protecting the most vulnerable in our communities. Some of this training has already commenced in this parish. Over the coming weeks we will be contacting our volunteers in respect of this training and what is required.

If you have any concerns about someone's immediate safety, or you suspect a crime may have or is likely to occur, please contact NSW Police on Triple Zero (000). Concerns about safeguarding in the Diocese may be referred to your Parish Priest, or directly to the: Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards by phone 8838 3419 or email: [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org)

Information about the Diocese's response and supports about safeguarding children and vulnerable people are available at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)

## World Youth Day 2023 - Launch of Diocese of Parramatta pilgrimage

The next World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal July 21<sup>st</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org) and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

## Faith in Marriage Seminar: 12 August

Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss "Living marriage, living faith, ideas to inspire your children" at the Faith in Marriage Seminar hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta's MET - Marriage team. The seminar will be held on Friday 12 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7.30pm. The event is free, but booking is required. Free parking is available in the lower ground car park and on neighbouring streets. Please register your attendance to (02) 8838 3460 or [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

## Are you looking for a new way to manage your fertility?

Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods, also known as Fertility Awareness Methods (FAMs) are natural, effective, healthy and modern approaches to managing fertility. No drugs, devices, or side effects. NFP is especially helpful for couples having difficulties achieving pregnancy as well as those that feel their family is complete. For more information about your options please contact Catherine on [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or 0400 427 605 or visit <https://parralmf.org.au/fertility/>

## Free firewood

We have a reasonable amount of firewood 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.

## From Father Raining

Bishop Peter Storey from South Africa tells a story of three men in town for a convention.

They were assigned rooms on the 51st floor of the convention hotel. They had been out for an evening having had a late dinner and entertainment. When they came in, the elevator was out of order. Can you imagine that? In a room on the 51st floor and no way to get there but to climb the stairs.

It was a terrible dilemma, but they had no alternative. Being creative, they decided that they would devise a way to make that climb bearable. For 17 stories as they climbed the stairs they would tell funny stories. Then, for the next 17 stories, they would tell scary stories and the final 17 stories, they would tell sad stories.

Well, it did work. For 17 stories, they laughed and laughed as they told funny story after funny story, taking their minds off of their arduous climb. Then, for the next 17 stories there were the scary tales and that helped because it seemed to energize them. Then as they began the last trek up the steps of the last 17 stories they began to tell sad story after sad story.

When they got to the 50th floor, they had run out of stories seemingly. No one spoke up. Then it happened. One fellow broke the silence, "Fellows, here is the saddest story of all. I forgot the key at the reception desk."

The key whether a door is being opened, or a door is being closed; the key is that we stay awake. Because we never know when we are going to be surprised by a new possibility; nor, do we ever know when something important is going to be taken from us.

First Reading: The Jewish Passover was a time of hope for god's rescue from their difficult situation.  
*How have I tried to rescue someone from a situation that they thought was hopeless?*

Second Reading: By faith, we trust that God will give us new life just as God has promised.  
*How have I encouraged others to trust God more fully?*

Gospel: Jesus warns us to be vigilant; we never know when he will surprise us with his presence.  
*When has Jesus surprised me by his coming?*

## 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, Peter Casey, Vicente Calonia, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Emmy Cox, Gus DelVillar, Tracy Derugo, Helen Dillon, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Christine Lin Yew Fai, Nick Galea, Molly Griffith, Steven Hitchings, 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, Lourdes Zaballa, Dex Habito, Charlie Micallef, Jim Rowan, Brian Baker, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Kerry and Ron Cini, Vicky Mifsud, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Leon Chalker, Maggie Simpliciano, Annette Herft, Andrew Busuttil, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Patricia Minahan, Lena Pereira, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Geraldine Senewiratne, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Donald Ramage, Frank Borg, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Julia Sherman, George Khodeir, Jim Lynch, Tom Dennis, Priscilla Bennett, 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

Every movement of your heart is known to Me. Know that one glance of yours directed at someone else would wound Me more than many sins committed by another person (Diary 588).

### Prayer for Vocations

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

### 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—

- We can end homelessness
- The photographer who paints LIFE with LIGHT
- Time for the ABC to explain
- Australia's faith by the numbers
- Movie review: Building a Bridge
- Eddy Borovnjak: Man of faith

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