

# 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)

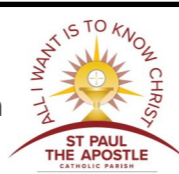
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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 were two unmarried sisters who had such a bitter fight that they stopped speaking to each other. Unable or unwilling to leave their small home, still shared the same rooms and sleep in the same bedroom. A chalk line divided the sleeping area into two halves. The chalk divided rooms so that both sisters could come and go and get her own meals without trespassing on their sister's space. In the black of night, each could hear the breathing and snoring of the foe. For years they coexisted in grinding silence. Neither was willing to take the first step to reconciliation.

Then one night one sister got up to go to the bathroom and fell, breaking her hip. The other sister awakened by the fall and the scream of pain jumped out of bed crossed the chalk line and came to her sister's side. After a few typical sister jabs at why she would do such a foolish thing as trip on her own feet, the sister held her foe of the past few years until the paramedics came and carried her to the hospital with her sister at her side. In those moments of darkness came the truth and power of love and light.

It was Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who told this story, adding these words: "The legal system can force open doors, and sometimes even knock down walls, but it cannot build bridges. That job belongs to you and me."

First Reading: The princess of Judah would not accept Jeremiah's message.  
*What is Jesus saying to me today that I am having trouble accepting?*

Second Reading: "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."  
*Who in my life right now is witnessing to the power and goodness of God?*

Gospel: Jesus tells us his life and message will bring division.  
*What side of divide am I choosing? How do I know?*

## 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)

## 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, Helene Barker, Renata Beck, Elly Bejma, Bridget Boldt, Gabrielle Boldt, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, 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, Lourdes Leenders, 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 Sempliciano, Annette Herft, Andrew Busuttill, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Wasley and Madeleine Adolphe, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Patricia Minahan, Lena Pereira, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Geraldine Senewiratne, Frank Borg, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Donald Ramage, 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, Maria Di Marzo.

## 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

If souls would put themselves completely in My care, I Myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me. I hurry to their aid, shielding them with My mercy, and I give them the first place in My compassionate Heart. (Diary 1682)

### Prayer for Vocations

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

### 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—

- Five more for the vineyard.
- Scott Hahn. Don't lose heart.
- Seventy years married
- Women in the church
- Movie review: DB Cooper: Where Are You?
- Who's a priest? You are!

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## 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.

## Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of August

Pope Francis has chosen to pray for and thank small and medium sized businesses in his intentions for the month of August: "As a consequence of the pandemic and the wars, the world is facing a grave socio-economic crisis. We still don't realize it! And among those most affected are small and medium-sized businesses. Stores, workshops, cleaning businesses, transportation businesses, and so many others. The ones that don't appear on the lists of the richest and most powerful, and despite the difficulties, they create jobs, fulfilling their social responsibility. The ones that invest in the common good instead of hiding their money in tax havens. They all dedicate an immense creative capacity to changing things from the bottom up, from where the best creativity always comes. With courage, with effort, with sacrifice, they invest in life creating wellbeing, opportunities, and work. Let us pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities."

## Baptisms welcome

To Fox, Jack and Leonardo who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## Stay back for a cuppa after Mass this morning

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass this weekend please join us for morning tea. Stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with our fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

## Pastoral Formation Mission and Evangelisation Short Course: Starts 8 September

Looking for confidence to share your faith? Want to evangelise through life-giving faith conversations? Held over three Thursday nights (Sept 8, 15, 22) journey together with Maddy Forde, a life and faith leader in our Australian Church and representative to the Vatican in the area of youth. Face-to-face from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by August 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or <https://pfparr.org.au/signup/>

## Australian Young Christians: Plenary Council and Census Data

You are invited to join the Zoom meeting organised by Australian Young Christian Workers (YCW) to hear reflections from the members of the Plenary Council on its achievement and also hear reflections on the national census data on 'No Religion' being the second highest religious group and what it means for YCW and Young Christian Students (YCS). The meeting will be held Wednesday 17 August 7pm. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/2c5cdafk> or for more information please contact YCW on [info@ycw.org.au](mailto:info@ycw.org.au) or call (02) 7806 8334.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 19 – 21 August

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter team are hosting a Virtual Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 19 August at 7pm to 21 August at around 4pm via Zoom. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or contact Mercy and James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 or [vicbookings@wvme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wvme.org.au)

## Archdiocese of Sydney Restorative Reproductive Medicine seminar: 20 August

People interested in wanting to conceive naturally or those studying or working in healthcare or bioethics are invited to a Restorative Reproductive Medicine event on Saturday 20 August at the University of Notre Dame, Broadway, Sydney. This event will be delivered by two Catholic doctors working in this field and will tackle some issues surrounding IVF and the great alternative we have as a result of Humanae Vitae. Natural Fertility – Diocese of Parramatta supports these events and welcomes anyone interested in Restorative Reproductive Medicine to contact Catherine Bourne on 0400 427 605 or [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org)

## Positions Vacant

- ICT Service Desk Analyst (full-time, 6-12 initial contract) – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Sunday 14 August.
- Credo Youth Groups Coordinator – St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – Applications close Friday 19 August at 5pm.
- Accounts Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Sunday 21 August 2022.
- Chaplaincy Coordinator – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – Applications close 10pm Sunday 28 August

To apply or for more details please visit: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Feast Days this week

15<sup>th</sup> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The commemoration of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Dormition, or falling asleep, as it was known in the East) is known as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; by the beginning of the twentieth century it was widespread; and after consulting the views of bishops all over the world, the Pope formally and infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient doctrine of the universal Church.

16<sup>th</sup> Saint Stephen of Hungary

19<sup>th</sup> Saint John Eudes, Saint Ezekiel Moreno

20<sup>th</sup> Saint Bernard