

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)

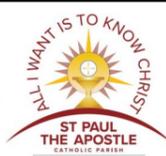
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

In an interesting cartoon in the Peanuts series, Charlie Brown wakes up one morning and looks out of the window. It has snowed all night but now the sun is shining brightly, so he decides to go out skiing. Donning all the winter gear he can find, he collects his shoes and skis and makes for the door. Unfortunately, he is unable to get through, because the clothes he has worn make it impossible to pass. He makes one unsuccessful effort after another. Finally, in desperate frustration, he screams at the top of his lungs: "Will someone please tell me what I have to do to get through this door?"

Charlie Brown typifies those who would like to make it to heaven, but reluctant to shed unnecessary attachments that impede their passage. So like Charlie, we end up standing at the front door of heaven screaming.

The door of heaven is narrow only for those who are too "bundled up."

First Reading: God gathers all nations together so they might worship.
Who might I invite to worship with me this week?

Second Reading: God gives us the strength to endure our trials.
How has God helped me endure my trials?

Gospel: Those who act rightly learn to know Jesus and will recline with him in the Kingdom of God.
What am I doing to increase my knowledge of Jesus and share it with others?

What is the difference between the first and second collections?

As you are aware, there are two collections at our weekend Masses. There is a difference between these in terms of allocation of funds, with the following information providing some clarification.

First Collection: primarily supports the clergy across our Diocese. This provides the monthly stipend for our clergy and in addition provides for care and health of clergy both current and retired.

Second Collection: provides for our specific parish (ie St Paul's) expenses. These include both our Church and Office and in respect of our various ministries, and includes all operating and maintenance costs, liturgical provisions and insurance.

As always, thank you for your ongoing and generous financial support of our Parish and if you are interested in our Planned Giving program, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish office.

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, Peter Casey, 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 Simpliciano, 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

I want you to become like a knight experienced in battle, who can give orders to others amid the exploding shells. In the same way, My child, you should know how to master yourself amid the greatest difficulties and let nothing drive you away from me, not even your falls (*Diary 1823*)

Prayer for Vocations

Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

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—

- Joseph: The greatest patriarch
- This is how you do it!
Parish's spectacular renovation
- New drought: Home ownership
- Medals honour pillars of parish
- Bob Denahy: Husband & father
- Sydney's teen beauty queen

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Please join us for Thursday Cenacles

The Cenacle is a small faith-sharing group and is as old as the Church itself. The format followed is where small groups gather to learn and share their faith. In her messages, Our Lady insistently calls upon priests, religious and faithful to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Why this insistence? What is most important in the world and in the Church today is the preparation for the Second Pentecost through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. To draw down upon us this gift of the Holy Spirit, we must enter with her into the cenacle. "Just as in the Cenacle of Jerusalem the Apostles, reunited with me in prayer, prepared for the moment of the first Pentecost, so also, in the cenacle of my Immaculate Heart – and consequently in the cenacles where you are gathered in prayer – you apostles of these last times can, with your heavenly Mother, obtain a new effusion of the Holy Spirit."

Our parish has recently introduced a weekly Cenacle prayer group and you invited to join us every week or whenever it suits you. The Cenacle is held in the Marian Chapel every Thursday morning following Mass.

Feast Days this week

22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship. The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast.

23rd Saint Rose of Lima, 24th Saint Bartholomew, 25th Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, 27th Saint Monica, 28th Saint Augustine

Lost and Found

"Dear St. Anthony, please come around: something is lost and cannot be found." If that prayer fails you then you may want to take a look in our Lost and Found. This is located in the bottom drawer of the cabinet in the centre aisle of the Church. Just a reminder that at the end of every month, anything that remains in that drawer will be removed and passed on to Vinnies.

Piety Stall

Our Piety stall carries a wide range of gifts, cards and religious items for all occasions. Stop by and browse and if there is something particular that you are after please don't hesitate to ask, especially for the upcoming Sacraments in our parish. Thank you for supporting our Piety Stall and also to those who generously volunteer their time to keep it open.

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.

2022-23 Social Justice Statement "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse"

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2022-23 has been released. It is entitled "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse" and calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation. You can download the statement and additional resources at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

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 or <https://pffarra.org.au/signup/>

Natural Fertility Awareness Week August 22 -28

Natural Fertility Awareness Week is dedicated to helping women understand their fertility and manage it without the need for drugs, devices or invasive techniques. Anyone can be challenged when it comes to creating a family. National Fertility Awareness Week unites millions of people who want to remove the stigmas and barriers that stand in the way of building a family. Once learned, fertility awareness can be used throughout a woman's reproductive life, even when her cycles are not regular. The theme for Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2022 is "Fertility Literacy – Get the Know How". Monitoring your fertility health is easy when you know how to do it accurately.

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. Visit www.billings.life

Season of Creation Camping Trip: 30 September – 2 October

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator. It will be held at Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale. Cost: Individual campers \$20; Camping couples \$40; Family camping groups \$50. For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org