

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



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - September 2022

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 2nd | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 3rd

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

If you are able to be in attendance 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



Prayers and Contemplations during Eucharistic Adoration

There are many ways one can spend their time during Adoration. A number of prayers and readings are also available from the drawers at the rear of the Church. We also extend a special thank you to the generosity of a parishioner who recently donated copies of the booklet "I Am with You Always, Until the End of this World".

Baptisms welcome

To Daisy and Theodore who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Fathers Day Appeal—next weekend

Our Priests devote their lives in service to God and our faith community. Will you care for them in their retirement as they cared for us? On Father's Day, we're reminded of the infinite blessings received through the caring, unconditional love of the father figures in our lives. This includes our family and priests, whose steadfast support and kind-hearted love has guided and shaped us into who we are today. With your kind support, our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing will be nurtured, and they will receive the practical support needed to transition to a comfortable and well-deserved retirement. Please give generously and thank you for your support.

You can also donate online at anytime time: <https://parracatholic.org/csf/>

HSC Mass 2022

We are pleased to announce that our parish will celebrate a special Mass for HSC students in early to mid October. More details to follow.

Catholic Church celebrates Social Justice Sunday: 28th August

The Australian Catholic Church celebrates Social Justice Sunday on 28 August. It is a special day to engage with the Australian Bishops' new Social Justice Statement for 2022-23: *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. The statement invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of domestic and family violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives "marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control." The Australian Bishops call for all people to take part in the individual and social transformation needed so all people can live in safety. Download the statement and additional resources at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

Mount Druitt South Parish Fete: 11th September

Sacred Heart Parish fete will be held on Sunday 11th September at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt Druitt, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Activities include a While Elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. For more information, please contact 9832 3896.

Feast Days this week

29th August *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honours the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated. He had the courage to blame Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison him to take advantage of an opportunity to (obtain through her daughter Salome) behead the saint.

2nd September *Ember Day*

Ember Days corresponded roughly with the beginning of each of the four seasons. The second Vatican Council retained Ember Days in principle and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays in Autumn and Spring each year as special days of prayer and penance. It is a great way of acknowledging the abundance we often take for granted, thanking God for it, and consciously striving to live virtuously instead of simply as consumers. Pope Francis has encouraged us to take up a new asceticism, where we 'replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing'.

3rd September *Saint Gregory the Great*

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30 and after five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk. He was content to be a monk, but willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when called to be Bishop of Rome. Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons. At the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome. Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church. An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

From Father Raining

As we gather around the table of the Lord, we're all sinners in need of salvation, beggars needing bread. We are "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind." Maybe not literally poor, crippled, lame, and blind, but spiritually poor, crippled, lame, and blind. Yet God graciously includes us as guests at His Table. Good communion table manners include coming to the table without thinking too much of ourselves. And, finally, good communion table manners include coming without looking down on any other guest, for all of us are God's equally beloved guests.

King George IV desired Communion and sent a servant to bring the Bishop of Winchester. When the servant arrived with the Bishop, the King was angry. He felt his servant had taken too long. The King upbraided the man and fired him on the spot. Having done that, he turned to the Bishop for Communion. But the Bishop refused to proceed. He saw that the King was still angry. Realising the Bishop was right, the King called for his servant, apologised, and restored the man's job. Only then could Communion proceed.

Part of good table manners is extending graciousness to the other guests.

As we have been forgiven and welcomed by God, let us forgive and welcome each other.

First Reading: Sirach encourages us to be content with our limits; strive to act humbly instead of arrogantly.
What tends to make me think more of myself and act in a haughty way toward others?

Second Reading: God no longer appears amidst the fire, thunder, and great signs as on Mt. Sinai.
What gentle (or not so gentle) signs has God used to get my attention?

Gospel: Jesus urges us to break out of our circle of friends to help those who might be neglected.
How can I reach out to help the poor, the sick, or the lonely who cannot repay me?

Father Raining will be on leave

Please note Father Raining will be on leave from 31st August and return on 17th September.

Ordination to the Priesthood

The Diocese of Parramatta congratulates Father Andrew Rooney on his ordination to the priesthood on Friday 26th. This was the first priestly ordination in the Diocese of Parramatta since 2018. The event can be viewed anytime on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksCathedralParramatta>

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 DeVillar, Tracy Derugo, Helen Dillon, Charlotte Dos Remedios, 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 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 straight after Mass.

Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel every Thursday morning 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

Look into My Merciful Heart and reflect its compassion in your own heart and in your deeds, so that you, who proclaim my mercy to the world, may yourself be aflame with it. (Diary 1688).

Prayer for Vocations

Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

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—

- Parish Renewal a hit
- "Get behind Champion"
- When Catholic schools drop the ball
- Anglican divisions grow
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