

# 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)*

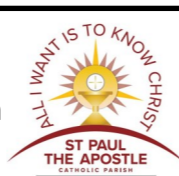
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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

While Jesus is compassionate, he is also very demanding on those who want to follow him.

The Italian freedom fighter Garibaldi offered his men only hunger and death to free Italy.

Winston Churchill told the English people that he had nothing to offer them but "blood, sweat, toil, and tears" in their fight against the enemies of England.

- Jesus demanded that his followers carry a cross. A sign of death.
- Andrew died on a cross
- Simon was crucified
- Bartholomew was flayed alive
- James (son of Zebedee) was beheaded
- The other James (son of Alphaeus) was beaten to death
- Thomas was run through with a lance
- Matthias was stoned and then beheaded
- Matthew was slain by the sword
- Peter was crucified upside down
- Thaddeus was shot to death with arrows
- Philip was hanged

The demands that Jesus makes upon those who would follow him are extreme.

Christianity is not a Sunday morning religion. It is a hungering after God to the point of death if need be.

It shakes our foundations, topples our priorities, pits us against friend and family, making us strangers in this world.

First Reading: Without God's help, our minds, no matter how sharp, always fall short of understanding God's ways and plans.  
*What help do I most need from God today?*

Second Reading: Paul would like to hold on to Onesimus but knows he must send him back to his master.  
*What makes me want to hold on tightly to persons I need to let go of?*

Gospel: Jesus demands we not let our family or possessions or crosses alter our dedication to him.  
*What is my most persistent challenge in trying to follow Jesus more closely?*

## 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, Ransford Cowasjee, Emmy Cox, Gus DelVillar, 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

There are souls with whom I can do nothing. They are souls that are continuously observing others, but know nothing of what is going on within their own selves. They talk about others continually. Poor souls, they do not hear My words; their interior remains empty. They do not look for Me within their own hearts, but in idle talk, where I am never to be found. (1717)

## Prayer for Vocations

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them!

## 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—

- Making better dads
- Conversion everyone is talking about
- Blackmailing parents
- WYD 2023: 12 months to go
- Movie review: *She-Hulk*
- Discover your faith: New online resource

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## Happy Fathers' Day!

Dear fathers, follow the example of Saint Joseph when caring for your children as they grow up in wisdom and grace. *Pope Francis*

## Fathers Day Appeal this 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/>

## 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.

## Morning Tea next weekend

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass next weekend we will be holding morning tea. Everyone is welcome to attend (especially fathers!). Please stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with our fellow parishioners. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

## Rosters and availability for the next quarter (October - December)

Rosters for the next quarter are about to be finalised. Please advise the parish office of any unavailability by this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to enable the timely printing of the rosters. This also applies to Altar Server Ministry. Thank you to the many who assist in our various ministries.

## Stay tuned - Parish Youth Formation

Our Parish Pastoral Council will shortly be announcing a youth formation evening for our parish. This is a foundation to build upon as we reengage with our teenagers and young adults and support them in establishing a vibrant and inclusive Youth Ministry.

## Italian religious greeting cards

Our parish has been gifted a large number of Italian religious greeting cards. These are free and available in the Church foyer.

## Saint Mary MacKillop resources

Written by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, 'Flourish with Mary's heart' prayer book has a dedicated prayer for each day of the week, and reflections in this booklet offer an opportunity to share in Scripture and understand the values that are key to the heart of Saint Mary of the Cross. Free copies can be requested from this weblink: [www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book)

## National Child Protection Week (4-10 September)

### Every Child in Every Community Needs a Fair Go

There are many things we can do to create a supportive Parish environment and show that we do give a fair go for all the children of our faith community. This week begins Child Protection Week across the country and during this week we are reminded that:

- Children benefit when we bring people together to create connected communities.
- Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture.
- They have a right to grow up in environments that support them now and into their future.

Our Parish life is known by its connectedness and by its shared beliefs and values to be Christ-like in all we do. At our very heart we want our Catholic Parish community to be inclusive and safe for all to come and worship and to share their baptismal gifts for the good of all – especially for our children and for adults who may be at risk. *(Office for Safeguarding, Building Safe Parishes Together in 2022)*

## Feast Days this week

5<sup>th</sup> September *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

On a train ride in 1946, in a way she would never explain, Jesus' thirst for love and for souls took hold of her heart and the desire to satiate His thirst became the driving force of her life. "Come be My light," He begged her. "I cannot go alone." Jesus revealed His pain at the neglect of the poor, His sorrow at their ignorance of Him and His longing for their love. He asked Mother Teresa to establish a religious community, Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor. For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love or energy knew no bounds and in 1979 was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

8<sup>th</sup> September *Birthday (Nativity) of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8<sup>th</sup>, nine months after the December 8<sup>th</sup> celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. Saint Augustine tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

9<sup>th</sup> September *Saint Peter Claver*

Jesuit Peter Claver left Spain to be a missionary in Cartagena (Caribbean); ordained there in 1615. Slaves poured into Cartagena each year from West Africa and he moved amongst the slaves to minister and provide medicines, food, etc. He assured them of their human dignity and God's love and during the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptised an estimated 300,000 slaves. He also preached and gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, and chose to lodge in the slave quarters when travelling.