

# 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)*

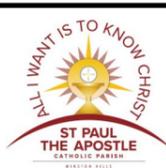
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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

John Newton, wrote the hymn Amazing Grace in 1779. He identified himself with the prodigal son, the son who wasted his inheritance. As a young man he left home and went to sea and there lived wildly and free.

Like many people who abandon God, he was highly critical of the Christian faith, and spent much time tearing down the faith of the people he met as he went from place to place. It was only in later years that he realised that he had wasted his young life, and indeed not only wasted it - but in all that time he had been offensive to God and to all God-fearing people. And like the young prodigal, he repented and sought, in humility and submissiveness, to serve God for the rest of his days.

His experience of God's forgiveness, of God's grace, is not only described well in the emotion packed words of the song he wrote, it is also to be found in his epitaph he himself wrote shortly before his death in 1807. He describes himself and his experience of God this way: "John Newton, clerk, once an infidel and libertine, was by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had long laboured to destroy."

First Reading: The Israelites worship a golden calf instead of the god they cannot see.  
*To what do I give my attention that lures me away from God?*

Second Reading: Paul knows that he has been treated mercifully despite his sinfulness.  
*How have I shown mercy to others as God did to Paul?*

Gospel: Jesus searches out those who are lost and need help.  
*How can I be part of finding and helping those who are lost and in need of help today?*

## Fathers Day Appeal—thank you

Thank you to our generous parishioners for your support and contributions in last weekends appeal.

For those that were unable to give, you can donate online at: <https://parracatholic.org/csf/>

## Morning Tea this weekend

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses this weekend please join us outside for morning tea.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with our fellow parishioners. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

## 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 and Michael Sherman, George Khodeir, Jim Lynch, Tom Dennis, Priscilla Bennett, Siobhain Power, Phyllis Hayes, Nancy Radocchia, Andrew Scott, Frederick de Silva, Ludie Iruillbandra, 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

God of unfathomable mercy, embrace the whole world and pour Yourself out upon us through the merciful Heart of Jesus. (*Diary, 1183*)

## Prayer for Vocations

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness! Re-live 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—

- Suffering in the suburbs. Cost of living drives record numbers to Lifeline.
- Elephant in the room. Behind the Knox scandal.
- Screwtape Letters on stage.
- One step closer. Couple nearer to seeing children.
- Movie review: Mother Teresa: No Greater Love
- Books: Recovering lost wisdom

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

Thank you to everyone for informing of their unavailability for next quarter. Rosters will be made available next weekend.

## St Padre Pio relic procession

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for their parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. The parish will be holding a Triduum Novena and Mass to St Padre Pio from 22 – 24 September. On 25 September at 10am, there will be a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass, Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio and other festivities. There are numerous blessings received by the intercession of St Padre Pio. Enquiries call the parish office on 4789 2232 or email [glenmorepark@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org).

## Parish Youth —save the date: Sunday 25th September

Next weekend we will be inviting our parish youth to a meet & greet event. This commences with 5pm Mass and followed by fellowship. This event will allow us to collaborate and engage with our teenagers and young adults in establishing a vibrant and inclusive Youth Ministry.

## Pastoral Formation Sacraments Short Course

Are you passionate about deepening your appreciation of the sacraments? Want to enhance your sacramental vision of life? Over two Thursday nights (6th and 13th October), discover with Sr Mary Louise Walsh from the Diocese of Parramatta's Worship team. Face-to-face from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Please register by September 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

## Season of Creation and Diocesan Mass

Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops invite all Catholics to join the ecumenical Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October. You are invited to a Diocesan Season of Creation Mass on Sunday 18 September at 10.30am at Holy Family Parish 252-254 Luxford Rd, Emerton, followed by morning tea. To RSVP and for any inquiries, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org). Make this a special time of prayer and action in caring for our common home. Learn more and find events and resources at [www.parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation](http://www.parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation).

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees - “Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees”

The Diocese of Parramatta's “Diocesan Journey...Walking with Refugees” Team invites you to a family friendly event on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday 25 September in Blacktown. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Vincent Long at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown, followed by an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. To register: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-celebrations-tickets-404463821177](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-celebrations-tickets-404463821177) or call 0476 873 519.

## Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. For enquires please visit [www.caqliero.org.au](http://www.caqliero.org.au) or email [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

## Safeguarding Sunday

**Let's work together to ensure the children and adults at risk in our Parish feel safe and supported.**

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September -- at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. It is a reminder to us to make a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. You can find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

This Sunday please say a special prayer for our Parish communities in Parramatta Diocese: *May we seek to follow the example of Christ and the teachings of his Church: that we will work collaboratively to ensure that policies and procedures are implemented to protect children, young people and the vulnerable in our society. We pray our safeguarding practices will ensure the happiness and confidence of every child, and foster a supportive parish environment of safety and protection where children flourish.*

## Feast Days this week

12th The Most Holy Name of Mary, 13th Saint John Chrysostom, 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 15th Our Lady of Sorrows, 16th Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, 17th Saint Robert Bellarmine, Saint Hildegard of Bingen.

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows falls on the 15th because the day before is the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross; tied to an event in the life of her Son. On the 14th, we celebrate the instrument of Christ's victory over death; and the next day, we remember the suffering of Mary as she stood at the foot of the Cross and witnessed the torture and death of her Son. This suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolours or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary: this child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35). These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, *let it be done unto me according to Thy word*, first uttered at the Annunciation. Through these prayers for September, we can unite ourselves to Mary in her sorrow, in the hope that we will one day also share her joy in the triumph of her Son.