

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

One day, a tailor visits his pastor and asks, "I have a problem with my prayers. If someone comes to me and says, 'Mendel, you're a wonderful tailor,' that makes me feel good. I feel appreciated. I can go on feeling good for a whole week, even longer on the strength of one compliment like that.

But if people came to me every day, one after another, hour after hour, and kept saying to me 'Mendel, you're a wonderful tailor,' over and over again it would drive me crazy. It would soon get to the point where I wouldn't want to listen to them anymore. I would tell them to go away and let me do my work in peace.

This is what bothers me about prayer. It seems to me that if we told God how wonderful He is once a week, even once every few weeks, and just one or two of us at a time, that's all He would need. Is God so insecure that He needs us praising him every day? Three times a day, morning, noon, and night? It seems to me it would drive Him crazy.

The pastor smiled and said, "Mendel, you're absolutely right. You have no idea how hard it is for God to listen to all of our praises, hour after hour, day after day. But God knows how important it is for us to utter that praise, so in His great love for us, He tolerates all of our prayers."

First Reading: Moses needs help to hold up his staff, the sign of God's power, to conquer his enemies.
To whom do I look for help in overcoming the spiritual difficulties that I face?

Second Reading: Paul knows that familiarity with the Scriptures equips us for doing good works.
How has reading and reflecting on Scripture made a difference in my life recently?

Gospel: Jesus wants us to be persistent in our prayer.
For what do I continually ask God for myself? For others?

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2022

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month.

For October 2022, we join the Holy Father in praying for: [A Church Open to Everyone](#) - *We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.*

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, 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 and Lucas Le Huray, Carolyn Martin, Ely Mathew, Leanne Maree McInerney, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, 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, Robert Webb, 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 and 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 and John Ford, John Ford Junior, Donald Ramage, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Julia and Michael Sherman, George Khodeir, Jim Lynch, Priscilla Bennett, Siobhain Power, Frederick de Silva, Gillian Shannon, Nancy Radocchia, Andrew Scott, Tom Dennis, Ludie Irrullbandra, Maria Di Marzo, Joseph Ebejer.

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

I am more generous toward sinners than toward the just. It was for their sake that I came down from heaven; it was for their sake that My Blood was spilled. Let them not fear to approach Me; they are most in need of My mercy. (Diary 1275)

Prayer for Vocations

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News?

Catholic Weekly

As always you can visit their website for a wide range of news, articles and information: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

Please note as the Catholic Weekly was not delivered in time, it will not be available until after Monday.

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October - dedicated to the Rosary

The Church has long set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, and the month of October being dedicated to the rosary.

Please join us for our daily rosary: Prayed before Mass, Monday to Saturday at 8:40am, or feel free to join in via Facebook.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary: All over the world, children will be praying the rosary on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. Please refer to this link for more details: <https://acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/>

Men's Worldwide Rosary Crusade: Men are gathering all around the world in growing numbers to pray the rosary in public.

The Men's Rosary Crusade in Sydney takes place at 1pm on the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral on the first Saturday of each month. Mass is available at 12pm and confession from 11.30am in St Mary's Cathedral.

Feast Days this week

15th Saint Teresa of Jesus | 16th Saint Gerard Majella | 17th Saint Ignatius of Antioch | 18th Saint Luke | 19th Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Saint Paul of the Cross | 22nd Saint John Paul II

Saint Teresa was one of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and author of spiritual classics. She was the originator of the Carmelite Reform, which restored and emphasized the austerity and contemplative character of primitive Carmelite life. St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.

Father Raining away on a pilgrimage

Father Raining will be on leave from 13th October to 5th November to lead a pilgrimage group following in the footsteps of Saint Paul. Please keep Father and everyone in their group in your prayers for a safe and blessed pilgrimage.

We are hopeful that Father Raining will be providing updates on our parish Facebook page: facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish

Sacrament Of Confirmation in November

Children are currently preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation which will be held on 17th and 18th November. This is also an opportune time for parents, families and friends to nurture their children's faith. Please remember in your prayers these Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and their families.

Saturday Reconciliation - changes to seating arrangements

Please note that during Reconciliation on Saturdays, there will be signage to indicate which pews are to be left empty whilst waiting. These empty rows are reserved to provide an appropriately respectful space between those waiting and those inside the confessional.

Positions Vacant: Project Coordinator (P/T)

Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta. Applications close Monday 7th November: parracatholic.org/employment

The Dinner Table

Gathering at the dinner table provides an opportunity to connect with your family. Sometimes it may be difficult to start a conversation, but asking questions can help your family members to connect on a deeper level. Sitting together as a family for a meal is also one of the most important things you can do daily. Majellan Media recently launched an initiative 'The Dinner Table', an attempt to encourage families to sit together and communicate, to bring you closer together, create an environment where love and sharing happens. especially as fewer families regularly eat together. Please refer to the link for discussion topics to help start lively conversation, mealtime prayers and even recipes that will help set the scene and make coming to the table a joy: majellan.media/the-dinner-table/

Register now for the National Evangelise Conference: 20th – 22nd October

Catholics around Australia are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! With presentations and workshops hosted by some of Australia's most renowned Catholic speakers, 'Evangelise' will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and Sacraments. This is an event you do not want to miss! To view the event program, keynote speakers, and to register, head to www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 28th – 30th October

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter team are hosting an in-person Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 28th to 30th October at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wvme.org.au

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 30th October

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30th October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org by 21st October. Family and friends are welcome.

Christ the King Parish North Rocks - Golden Jubilee Celebrations: 19th November

The 50th anniversary Mass will be presided by Bishop Vincent on Saturday 19 November, the Feast of Christ the King, at 5.30pm. All are welcome to celebrate this significant parish milestone, with former parishioners particularly invited to the celebration. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance with their parish office on northrocks@parracatholic.org.