

# 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

There is an Italian legend about a master and his servant who was not very smart. The master was exasperated with him. Finally, one day, in a fit of temper, the master said: "You really are the stupidest man I know. Here, I want you to carry this staff wherever you go. If you ever meet a person stupider than yourself, give them this staff."

So time went by, and often in the marketplace the servant would encounter some pretty stupid people, but he never found someone appropriate for the staff.

Years later, he returned to his master's home and was shown into a bedroom, for he was very ill and in bed. In the course of their conversation the master said: "I'm going on a journey soon."

"When will you return?" asked the servant. "This is a journey from which I will not return" the master replied,

The servant asked: "Have you made all the necessary arrangements?" "No, I guess I have not."

"Well, could you have made all the arrangements?"

"Oh yes, I guess I've had time. I've had all my life. But I've been busy with other things."

The servant said: "Let me be sure about this. You're going on a journey from which you will never return, and you've had all your life to make arrangements, but you haven't." The master said: "Yes, I guess that's right."

The servant replied: "Master, take this staff. For at last I have truly found someone stupider than myself."

First Reading: The martyrs die hoping they will be raised to new life.  
*What most encourages my hope for new life after death?*

Second Reading: Paul knows that God gives us strength in times of temptation.  
*What strength has God given me recently to resist my temptations?*

Gospel: Jesus affirms that God takes special care of us even beyond our death.  
*How have I experienced "the God of the living" taking special care of me?*

## Morning Tea next weekend - see you there !

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass next weekend we will be holding our monthly morning tea. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with 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, Emmy Cox, Gus DelVillar, Tracy Derugo, Helen Dillon, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Adam Duncum, 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, Leone Minahan, 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 Simpliciano, Annette Herft, Andrew Busutil, 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 Iruillbandra, Maria Di Marzo, Joseph Ebejer, Billy Leonard.

## 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

Entrust everything to Me and do nothing on your own and you will always have great freedom of spirit. No circumstances or events will ever be able to upset you. (Diary, 1685)

## Prayer for Vocations

You know that at the end of earth-time, every thing will be stubble. Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven. Listen to Jesus.

## Catholic Weekly

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

- Families set to struggle with the cost of Christmas, charities say: WE'RE HERE TO HELP!
- Conscientious objection: Seminar for healthcare workers
- The Art of Spiritual Combat
- Christmas at the Cathedral!
- Saints Galore!
- An Aria for Mascot

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## 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.

## November Scroll and Month Of The Holy Souls

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope...For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven...and the dead who are in Christ shall rise." The November Scroll for the Holy Souls is placed on the Altar as has been our custom. All Masses offered in November will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in the collection baskets or dropped in to the Sacristy.

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

The beautiful Columban calendars for 2023 are available to be purchased (still only \$8) from the piety stall as well as a wide selection of religious Christmas cards. Please continue to keep Christ in Christmas.

## Thank you to our volunteers

There are many people both behind the scenes and amongst us who give of their time and talents to ensure that our parish continues to thrive and flourish. We extend a special thank you to two of our volunteers for their recent and generous efforts as follows:

- Denis McKeon continues to make his mark as can be seen by the grandeur of our gardens. This is a result of his tireless and selfless works. Especially noticeable for those travelling past the school, Denis has gone above and beyond to plant and tend to the entire frontage of the school fence bringing much needed colour and life, and without doubt enjoyment to many.
- John Younis has made much needed improvements and solved a few problems in our Church and sacristy. John has improved our preparation area for Mass and more importantly solved the dilemma in how to store our Church banners. John has converted and installed much needed storage space to store these banners and in a way to ensure they will be looked after for many years to come.

## Sacrament Of Confirmation in November

Children are currently preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation which will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## The World Day of the Poor - next Sunday

This is a Roman Catholic observance, celebrated on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. It was established by Pope Francis in 2017. "Jesus Christ... for your sakes became poor" (cf. 2 Cor 8:9) with these words, the Apostle Paul addresses the first Christians of Corinth in order to encourage their efforts to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need. The World Day of the Poor comes this year as a healthy challenge, helping us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us. May the day be for us a moment of grace, enable us to make a personal and communal examination of conscience .

## Open invitation to the Parramatta Street Feast: 12<sup>th</sup> November

Parishioners in the Diocese are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November to commemorate World Day of the Poor. Come and share a meal and company with members of our community who are on the margins of society. All are welcome. This free event will be held at Prince Alfred Square in Parramatta from 12pm to 2pm. For details contact [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## Christ the King Parish North Rocks - Golden Jubilee Celebrations: 19<sup>th</sup> November

The 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org).

## Positions Vacant - Diocese of Parramatta (Applications close Monday 7<sup>th</sup>)

(1) Project Coordinator (part-time) Catholic Youth Parramatta (2) Diocesan Centre Receptionist. Details: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Feast Days this week

9<sup>th</sup> The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 10<sup>th</sup> Saint Leo the Great | 11<sup>th</sup> Saint Martin of Tours | 12<sup>th</sup> Saint Josaphat

## November 9<sup>th</sup> — The Dedication of the (St John) Lateran Basilica in Rome

This basilica is considered the mother church of all Catholic churches in the Western world. It not only gave the Christians of Rome an exclusive place for worship, but architecturally equalled or exceeded all monuments previously raised to pagan gods which some claim held 10,000 people. This was a momentous period not only in Rome but in both the history of the world and history of Christianity. In 1726, Pope Benedict XIII ordered a worldwide commemoration of the basilica as a sign of universal Catholic unity. This was to encourage Catholics to keep strong ties to our past and to the universal Catholic Church. This feast reminds us of our Catholic heritage, the significant role the dedication of the Lateran Basilica played in that heritage and the courage of those first followers of Christ and the importance of uniting ourselves to the Holy See. As the Pope is our universal pastor, the Lateran is our universal church.