

# 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 Raning

St. Jerome was a great Scripture scholar. He also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop, and pope.

He translated the Ancient Greek manuscripts into Latin to help put the Bible in the language of the people. He wanted the people to read and know the Bible. He lived in the actual town of Bethlehem for a time to get a feel of how Jesus lived during his earthly journey among us. St. Jerome, while living in Bethlehem, had a dream that Jesus visited him. The dream was so powerful and convincing St. Jerome rounded up all his material blessings and offered them to Jesus. He heard the Lord declare "I do not want your possessions." So being a good church leader, he offered all his money to Jesus. Jesus once again declared, "I do not want your money." Finally, in desperation, St. Jerome cried out "Jesus, what do you want from me?" Jesus simply replied, "Give me your sins. That is what I came for I came to take away your sin. Give me your sin."

First Reading: David is God's choice for leading God's people.  
*How can I help to lead others to God?*

Second Reading: God has brought us into Christ's kingdom community.  
*How can I thank God for this wonderful gift?*

Gospel: Jesus' kingly role is not for himself but to help others.  
*How can I imitate Jesus by thinking and acting for others instead of for myself?*

## Sacrament Of Confirmation - Congratulations!

Nearly 50 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and we extend to them our congratulations. A big thank you to all the volunteers and those who assisted and made it all possible.

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

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

## 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, Francis D'Abrera, Gus DeVillar, 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 McLnerney, Rhiannon McLnerney-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 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 and John Ford, John Ford Junior, Donald Ramage, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Thelma Nalliah, Richard Cassin, Julia and Michael Sherman, George Khodeir, Priscilla Bennett, Siobhain Power, Frederick de Silva, Gillian Shannon, Nancy Radocchia, Andrew Scott, Tom Dennis, Ludie Irrullbandra, Maria Di Marzo, Joseph Ebejer, Leone Minahan, Jim Lynch, 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

Transform me into Yourself, O Jesus, that I may be a living sacrifice and pleasing to You. I desire to atone at each moment for poor sinners." (Diary, 908)

## Prayer for Vocations

Christ is King the faithful Witness. He loved us ... and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father. Who are we to call forth as the priests of tomorrow - prayerful men - leaders, ready to preach the Word of God?

## Catholic Weekly

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

- Yes, Minister? Election: Labor and Faith Affairs Council
- 'Cardinal was Framed'
- Christmas at the Cathedral
- Theology of the Body. THIS WILL BE BIG.
- A Maronite-powered mission
- Philosophers surprised by God

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## Christmas / New Year Eve Mass and Reconciliation times

Starting next weekend, these times will be published in the bulletin, displayed in the Church and available online.

## End of Year Mass for our Volunteers and Ministers

All volunteers who assist in our parish, and anyone involved in any of our various ministries are invited to attend a special Mass on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity to reflect on the efforts and contributions, individually and collectively, especially throughout this year, and for those present to assemble and share in the celebration of the Mass. The parish office will also attempt to contact all volunteers by email, however, if you know of any volunteers or anyone involved in any of our parish ministries that may not have email or access to the bulletin, we would be most grateful if you can please inform them of this Mass. No RSVP required.

## November Scroll and Month Of The Holy Souls

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. 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 record their names on 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.

## Feast Days this week

20<sup>th</sup> Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe | 21<sup>st</sup> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 22<sup>nd</sup> Saint Cecilia | 23<sup>rd</sup> Saint Clement I, Saint Columban | 24<sup>th</sup> Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions | 25<sup>th</sup> Saint Catherine of Alexandria

## Invitation to light our Advent Wreath candles - starts next weekend!

As part of our tradition at Christmas time, an Advent wreath is placed on the Altar. At the beginning of each Mass, these candles are lit by members of our congregation. If you would like to take part, please record your details on the roster located in the foyer.

## And something just for the children

With the season of Advent starting next weekend, it is important for children as they grow to get a better understanding of what Advent represents and especially it's significance in relation to Christmas. There is an online resource used by our Catechists who teach Special Religious Education which is easy to follow and also contains a number of activities (for children of all ages!). How to access this Advent resource: [https://issuu.com/ccressnsw/docs/2021\\_adventchristmas\\_sre\\_family\\_resource\\_parramatt](https://issuu.com/ccressnsw/docs/2021_adventchristmas_sre_family_resource_parramatt)

## Guest Speaker at Mass this weekend - Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

Our parishioners have generously supported the Little White Box for many years, and donations allow Pregnancy Help Sydney to continue supporting women and their families. At all Masses this weekend Pregnancy Help will speak and provide an update on the ways our parishioners support has enabled their work to be carried out. Please note there will not be an collection at this Mass. As always, you can donate using "The Little White Box" on the first Sunday or for more info visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>.

## 2023 Daily Mass Books have arrived

As Advent is the start of a new Church year, copies of the 2023 Daily Mass Book will be available in the Mass Books drawer next to the Holy Water font. Feel free to use these and as they are shared, we kindly ask they are kept clean and returned to the drawer after Mass.

## Red Wednesday - 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to pray for and be in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. You may wish to go to Mass for those who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol, remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith. To find out what is happening at a Cathedral near you and other ways to get involved visit [www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday](http://www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday).

## International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Overwhelmingly the victims of domestic violence are women. Violence against females also takes many forms. Responsibility for prevention and responding to victims cannot solely be left to our social services. It is important we understand to stay silent in the face of violence against females is antithetical to the teachings of Christ. As Christians, we strive to respond with compassion to those who have been harmed. We can work towards the elimination of violence against females by providing affirming, safe support for victims to disclose abuse, advocate for justice and ensure victims have means and confidence to be heard and believed.

## Marayong Parish Social Justice Fundraiser - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November (7:00pm)

St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, will be holding a concert to raise funds for their Social Justice initiatives to mentor refugees and help them settle in Australia. Tickets are \$10 each and are available by contacting their parish office on 9622 0817.

## Mass for those Bereaved by Suicide - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November (7.15pm for 7.30pm start)

Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains and Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a celebration of Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Light refreshments follow after Mass. For more details and to **RSVP for catering purposes** please contact Rita at Catholic Care on 8843 2500 or [rita.chater@ccss.org.au](mailto:rita.chater@ccss.org.au)

## Bishop's Christmas Appeal next weekend

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service will be held next weekend at all Masses. No one should be homeless or without support. Your gift will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes or online [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for stretching out your hand in compassion for our homeless.