

# 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)

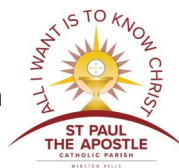
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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

A husband and wife were having some problems at home. They had argued and now they were giving each other the silent treatment. It lasted all weekend long, it was miserable. On Monday, the husband had an important appointment and had to be at the airport on time to catch a flight. However, he didn't want to be the first to break the silence. He was just too stubborn to do that. But he needed his wife's help. So, he finally wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me up at 5.00 a.m." The next morning the man woke up, looked at the clock and discovered it was 9.00 a.m. He completely missed his flight. He was furious. And he was about the hunt his wife down and read her the riot act for not waking him up. But then he noticed a piece of paper on the bed. There, in his wife's handwriting written: "It is 5.00 am, wake up!" This couple had some problems. They needed help. But what they needed most was reconciliation. And that is exactly what we all need.

- First Reading: The spirit-filled messiah will bring about greater justice and peace.  
*How is the Holy Spirit drawing me to create better relationships in my life now?*
- Second Reading: The Scriptures offer us encouragement.  
*Which Scripture readings have given me greater hope this advent?*
- Gospel: Jesus encourages us to change our lives to prepare for Jesus' coming.  
*What changes do I need to make this Advent?*

## Morning Tea next weekend - see you there !

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass next weekend please join us for morning tea. Last one for 2022! Stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with our fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

## Leisure Group Christmas get together and afternoon tea

Elly Bejma invites all Leisure Group members, partners and friends to afternoon tea at her home for a Christmas get together on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Please bring a donation for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Food and drinks provided. You will need to RSVP by 8<sup>th</sup> December to Elly 9686 9020 or her daughter Stephania on 0404 961 393.

## 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, Iyrika D'Cruz, 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 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

It is not always within your power to control your feelings. You will recognise that you have love if, after having experienced annoyance and contradiction, you do not lose your peace, but pray for those who have made you suffer and wish them well. (Diary 1628)

## Prayer for Vocations

Isaiah: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?

## Catholic Weekly

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

- Back on the Streets: Fr Chris Riley opens up about recovery
- Our game plan is Heaven
- Gynea: Labouré lecture
- Atheist who entered the Church
- Faith in the marketplace
- The Catechism in a Year
- The goodness of wine

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## Special Weekday Mass (Thu Dec 8<sup>th</sup>) - the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend Mass for this solemnity on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7:00 pm. It is one of the most important Marian feasts in our liturgical calendar, and centres on the belief Jesus' mother, the Virgin Mary, was conceived without sin.

## End of Year Mass for our Volunteers and Ministers - Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

All volunteers who assist in our parish, or involved in any of our ministries are invited to attend this special Mass. This is an opportunity to reflect on the efforts and contributions, individually and collectively, especially throughout this year. There is no need to RSVP.

## Christmas / New Years Eve Mass and Reconciliation times

- **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> (vigil):** 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, (Carols 11:45 pm), 12:00 pm midnight. **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am [no evening Mass]
- **Reconciliation** is held every Saturday in December 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm (except Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm)
- **New Years Eve / Day** (usual Weekend Mass times apply) Saturday vigil 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 5:00 pm
- The only Christmas Mass streamed to Facebook is Sunday 9:30 am. Please note there is no dedicated children's Christmas Mass
- Mass and Reconciliation times across the Diocese: [catholicoutlook.org/christmasmasstimes/](http://catholicoutlook.org/christmasmasstimes/)

## Everyone is invited to light our Advent Wreath candles

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.

## Feast Days week

6<sup>th</sup> Saint Nicholas | 7<sup>th</sup> Saint Ambrose | 8<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9<sup>th</sup> Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin | 10<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Loreto

## Baptisms welcome

To Joseph who was baptised here recently. We pray that his faith will be an important and integral part of his life.

## Rosters and availability for the next quarter (January - March)

Rosters for the next quarter are about to be prepared. Your advice regarding your unavailable dates is required at the parish office by this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to enable them to be circulated in a timely manner. As always, thank you to the many who assist in our various ministries.

## St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal next weekend

This year the conference has decided to again purchase hampers from Foodbank NSW which is why they are seeking financial support. Hampers cost \$20 each and are funded through your generous donations; and be distributed to needy families in the Mount Druitt area. If you are unable to contribute next weekend, you can still donate via the Winston Hills Conference weblink:

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/winston-hills-conference-christmas-appeal>

Note that again due to COVID restrictions they are unable to accept your generous donations of food previously collected in the red bins.

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December - Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organisations

*"We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation."*

## 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.

## Thank you, and invitation, from Pregnancy Help Sydney (PHS)

The following message is from Mary Weaver, President, Pregnancy Help Sydney: *"Our team would like to say thank you for recently hosting Karin and Mary, and to reiterate their invitation that if anyone is interested in finding out more about joining PHS as a volunteer, please reach out to Mary on 0417 867 148. Training is completed at home, as are the weekly volunteer shifts (with a training in-service to be held in the last weekend in July 2023). It would be lovely to build groups in key parishes to ensure that this work can continue."*

## Bishop's Christmas Appeal - thank you

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service was held last weekend.

Thank you for stretching out your hand in a deeply generous way with compassion for our homeless.

If you were unable to donate, you can contribute at any time online via this link: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

## Positions Vacant

- Parish Office Coordinator (P/T) St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong – Applications close 10pm Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Parish Bookkeeper (P/T) Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville – Applications close 10pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- More details at [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Christmas Carols across the Diocese

- St Luke's, Marsden Park, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30 to 8.30pm. Food and drinks for sale, games for kids, and a visit from the man in red!
- St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. For more info, phone their parish office 8883 5981.