

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)

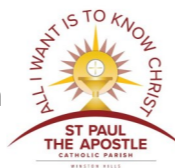
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm (Dec starts 3:30pm)

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

In Richard Foster's book Celebration of Discipline he divides discipline into three parts: Inward, Outward, and Corporate discipline. He places simplicity under the category of Outward Disciplines. Here are his ten ways to order our world so that we can create simplicity in our life.

- First - buy things for their usefulness rather than their status.
- Second - reject anything that is producing an addiction in you.
- Third - develop a habit of giving things away.
- Fourth - refuse to be propagandised by the custodians of modern gadgetry.
- Fifth - learn to enjoy things without owning them.
- Sixth - develop a deeper appreciation for the creation.
- Seventh - look at a healthy scepticism at all "buy now, pay later" schemes.
- Eighth - obey Jesus' instructions about plain, honest speech.
- Ninth - reject anything that will breed the oppression of others.
- Tenth - shun whatever would distract you from your main goal: "Seek first the kingdom of God."

First Reading: Isaiah encourages us to be strong and fear not when God comes.
What weakness and fear block my acceptance of God into my life?

Second Reading: James counsels patience as we wait for God.
What makes it hard for me to be patient this Advent?

Gospel: John prepares a way for Jesus to draw near to us.
What can I do today to smooth a way for God to come to others?

Last Morning Tea for the year—don't miss out!

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass this 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.

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

Look into My Heart and see there the love and mercy which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look, and enter into My Passion. (Diary 1663)

Prayer for Vocations

For your example, brothers, in patiently putting up with persecution, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name. (James 5:10). A vocation is responding to the call 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/>

- Bossley Park lights up for Mary
- Jane Austen: LIFE COACH?
- Disability: Welcoming everyone
- Sydney Parishes set to welcome Theology of the Body
- Territories legislation. Euthanasia spreads
- Journey through Advent

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Christmas / New Years Eve Mass and Reconciliation times

- **Saturday 24th (vigil):** 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, (Carols 11:45 pm), 12:00 pm midnight. **Sunday 25th:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am [no evening Mass]
- **Reconciliation** is held every Saturday in December 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm (*except Sat 31st 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/

Volunteers for Christmas and NYE Masses

We are in need of Readers, Commentators, Projectionists and Ministers of the Eucharist for all Masses on the last two weekends of this year, being Christmas and New Years. Please write down your availability on the list on the table as you enter the Church. Thank you!

A Christmas present for everyone !

In wonderful news, and for the first time in a very long time, we will be blessed with singers and musicians at all Christmas Masses. We are grateful for everyone involved in making this possible so please come along and support them and also sing your hearts out.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal this 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 Druiett area.

If you are unable to contribute this weekend, you can still donate at anytime via the Winston Hills Conference weblink:

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

Feast Days this week

12th Our Lady of Guadalupe | 13th Saint Lucy | 14th Saint John of the Cross

Baptisms welcome

To Harriette, Harrison, Isla, Elsie, Audrey and Louis who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Yes, he's back !

You may remember Menard Gaspi who joined us here at St Pauls this time last year. Menard is a second year seminarian from our Diocesan Holy Spirit Seminary. He'll be with us until early January and please say hi and make him feel welcome.

Catholic Mission - thank you

A special message has been passed on from Catholic Mission further to the generous response by our parishioners for their appeal in late October. "On behalf of Catholic Mission, I would be grateful if you could please thank all the parishioners who contributed to the appeal. Their generosity has provided support to families from disadvantaged backgrounds through programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Ethiopia. This Centre will provide nutritious milk for families in most need, to help reverse and prevent health problems like malnutrition. Thank you to all for warmly welcoming Margaret Vella and I know she thoroughly enjoyed speaking at the parish."

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses recommence February 2023

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Communion to the Sick and Dying, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Ministers at the Altar. For more information, or to enrol, please contact our parish office.

Advent for Children

It is important for children as they grow to get a better understanding of what Advent represents. There is an online resource used by our Catechists who teach Special Religious Education which is easy to follow and 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

Catholic Outlook Magazine

The Advent | Summer edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine will be available this week. Please take home a free copy.

Getting married in 2023? Marriage Preparation Courses available!

Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view upcoming dates and other resources. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin 0403 305 431 or Marisa 0412 280 017. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. Enrich your Marriage with The Marriage Kit by SmartLoving. An enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: smartloving.org/marriage-kit . [Discounted until 31 December and for 50% off use coupon code: **Advent**]

A great App for your smartphone

Did you know that the Diocese of Parramatta has a smartphone app? This app was designed to provide:

- Mass, Reconciliation (Confession) & Adoration Times for each Church in our Diocese
- the latest Diocesan news, events and updates including the Catholic Outlook, our Bishop and more.

It's available on both of the following operating systems (and of course totally ad free):

- Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.dcms.d2u.parra>
- Apple/iOS <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/diocese-of-parramatta/id1219557370>