

# 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)

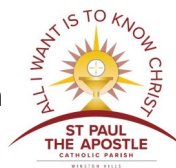
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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 story is told that at the start of a New Year, a high school principal posted his teachers' New Year's resolutions on the bulletin board. As the teachers gathered around the board, a great commotion started. One of the teachers was complaining. "Why weren't my resolutions posted?" She was throwing such a tantrum, the principal hurried to his office to see if he overlooked her resolutions. Sure enough, he had mislaid them on his desk. As he read her resolutions he was astounded. This teacher's first resolution was not to let little things upset her in the New Year.

Or, how about this one...A son called his parents to wish them 'A Happy New Year' and when his Dad answered the phone, he asked his dad, "Well Dad, what's your New Year's resolution?" His dad replied, "To make your mother as happy as I can all year," When his mum got on the phone he asked her the same question and she replied, "To see that your dad keeps his New Year's resolution."

Well, we too often make resolutions when the New Year comes. Sometimes we are able to keep them, other times we may fail. But that should never discourage us. We all must have "a new beginning for a new year."

First Reading: God reminds Moses to make blessing a regular practice.  
*To whom can I offer a blessing today?*

Second Reading: Paul encourages us to remember that God has adopted us.  
*How can I thank God for the gift of being God's child?*

Gospel: Everyone was amazed to learn about Jesus' birth.  
*What has most amazed me about Jesus during this Christmas season?*

## Upcoming Feast Days

1st Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God | 2nd Saint Basil and Gregory

3rd Most Holy Name of Jesus | 7th Saint Raymond of Penyafort

8th The Epiphany Of The Lord | 9th The Baptism of the Lord

## 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, John Bush, Vicente Calonia, Peter Casey, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Emmy Cox, Francis D'Abbrera, 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, 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 Smpliciano, 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 Iruillbandra, Maria Di Marzo, Joseph Ebejer, Leone Minahan, Jim Lynch, Billy Leonard, Bea Therese, Joanna Luz Ococa, Iyrika D'Cruz.

## 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 asked him, "Do you have among our students any who are a comfort to your heart?" The Lord answered (that) he has, but their live is weak, and so I put then in your special care - Pray for them. (Diary #288).

## Prayer for Vocations

Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christian.

## Catholic Weekly

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

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## Christmas thank you

WOW! Thank you to everyone who prepared and assisted in ensuring that our Christmas Masses were both solemn and truly joyous. A special message of gratitude to those involved in the music ministry for taking our liturgy to the next level and setting a high standard! May the Lord make the New Year a happy one: not by shielding you from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes.

*Father Raning & Father Marcus wish everyone a happy and safe New Year and God's blessings on you and yours.*

## Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the year that has passed and the many blessing you have showered us in time. We beg you pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year be a more fruitful one. We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and we call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, his guidance and his light to shine our path. Amen.

## Ordination to the Priesthood

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Deacon Adam Carlow and Deacon Jack El Kazzi will be ordained to the presbyterate (priesthood), after being ordained to the Diaconate during 2022. Deacon Adam was in our parish as a Seminarian placement for about 18 months until mid 2021 and since then has been at Guildford. Deacon Jack was also in our parish briefly in late 2020, and is at Castle Hill. As we know more details they will be published in our bulletin.

## January 1st - World Day of Peace

Pope Paul VI announced in 1967 the world needs to be sensitised and oriented for peace and understanding, and recommended the church play a greater role in search for world peace, and this day, was appointed to celebrate these efforts. Pope Francis released his message "There is light even in our darkest hour" and recalls all crises are interconnected and that we must not forget any of them, but work for the good of humanity. "No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace." Pope Francis asks that in the coming New Year that "we journey together, valuing the lessons that history has to teach us." Link to full article: [www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-12/pope-francis-message-world-day-for-peace-light-even-in-darkest.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-12/pope-francis-message-world-day-for-peace-light-even-in-darkest.html)

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January - For educators

*We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.*

## 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.

## Invitation from Pregnancy Help Sydney (PHS)

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.

## Sister Nathalie Becquart is visiting Parramatta Diocese

Listed on [BBC's 100 Women for 2022](#), Sr Nathalie, a French nun, is one of the most prominent and significant women in the Vatican. She was appointed by Pope Francis as Consultor and Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops, being the first woman to ever hold this position and first woman to have voting rights in the Synod of Bishops. Sr Nathalie will be in Sydney on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and you're invited to attend one, or both of her free public events held at St Patrick's Cathedral. Places are limited and on a first come, first-serve basis by registering here: <https://parracatholic.org/smathalie/>. The public lecture will be livestreamed, but you will also need to register.

## Getting married in 2023?

Diocese of Parramatta can help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view and book courses. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked. For more details email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin 0403 305 431 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

## 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.

## Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held 11:00am Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6<sup>th</sup> February to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

## "QUO VADIS?" Pilgrimage to Israel and Rome: 5<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

At the request of many of his previous pilgrims, Father Wim Hoekstra is leading a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome in September 2023. The pilgrimage will follow in the footsteps of Saint Peter. For more info contact Fr Wim [wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org](mailto:wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org) or 0409 908 361. PDF link: <https://www.olivetretravel.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Flyer-for-Fr-Wim-Hoekstra-QUO-VADIS-Pilgrimage-in-Sep-2023-low96.pdf>