

# 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)

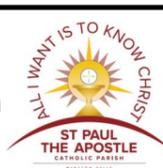
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00pm - 4:45pm

**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

Every December, Mrs. Diane Bartosik wears a little golden pin on her United Airlines uniform. It's a beautiful pin depicting the three Wise Men following the star to Bethlehem. In her work as a flight attendant, people will sometimes comment on the beauty of the pin and uses those situations as opportunities to be a witness for Christ. Wearing it on a flight to Los Angeles this past week, she came to one seat, where there were two young girls, seven and ten years old. The seven year old said, "That's a pretty pin." Diane responded, "Do you know what the pin means?" They both looked carefully at the three men on camels following a star ... and then said, "No." They didn't know what it signified. Then Diane explained, "It's the three Wise Men following the star to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus." "Do you know that story?" They both said, "No". They had never heard it before. Over the next few hours as they flew across the Pacific, many people commented on the beautiful pin; but to Diane's amazement, no one seemed to understand or at least did not acknowledge that they understood what it symbolised. Throughout the flight, people were attracted to the glitter of the pin --- but in every case, the people Diane met were either indifferent to its meaning, or did not understand its meaning, or in one case a mother did not want her little six year old son to even hear the story of the birth of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the coming of the Wise men.

First Reading: God's presence brings fulfilment and joy for all.  
*When has God seemed most present to me during this Christmas season?*

Second Reading: God's love is not limited and excludes no one.  
*How can I imitate God and include in my life someone I usually prefer to stay apart from?*

Gospel: The magi left their familiar environment to seek and honour a Jewish king.  
*How am I being drawn to discover God in new places and situations?*

## Upcoming Feast Days

8th The Epiphany Of The Lord | 9th The Baptism of the Lord | 13th Saint Hilary | 17th Saint Anthony

## 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 Colonia, 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, Teresa Borg, Arch Askew.

## 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

To comprehend, experience and offer The Divine Mercy of God we must first adore the Most Holy Trinity. If we could but fathom just a glimpse of true adoration of the Most Holy Trinity, we'd be left speechless, silent, overwhelmed with peace, contentment and joy (*Diary #5*).

## Prayer for Vocations

More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

## 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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## Funeral service this week in our Parish

† Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> (10:30am) the late Teresa Borg

## Lenten Program 2023

The theme for our Lenten Program in 2023 is *Triumph*. As much as we intend to conduct our Lenten Discussion groups within the Church we understand that some parishioners will hold their own groups e.g. with family or friends at home, where they may feel more comfortable. Next weekend we will provide details in terms the program and resources to be ordered. In the meantime, if you are interested in knowing more about the program or viewing a sample of the resources please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/shop/>

## Catholic Weekly next weekend—special commemorative magazine

Next weekend the Catholic Weekly will include a special commemorative magazine supplement featuring articles by Archbishop Fisher and Catholic Weekly contributors such as Cardinal George Pell - and others - reflecting on their association with and memories of our beloved Pope Emeritus and his significance in the life of the modern Church.

## 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.

## Father Marcus reflects on his meeting with late Pope emeritus Benedict XVI

Father Marcus has shared his connection with the late Pope emeritus Benedict XVI. At the time, Father Marcus was in Rome on a three placement as part of his studies as a Seminarian. After attending Mass of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord in 2008 at St Peter's Basilica, it was tradition for the Seminarians to have an audience with the Pope. The opportunity came after Mass whereby Seminarian Marcus, being one of three Oceanic Seminarians, had the privilege to meet the Pope and managed to speak with the Pope for a few minutes which he remembers quite fondly.

For a photo of their meeting please visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish/>  
In addition to the above, there is an Australian connection whereby the late Pope Benedict was laid to rest in vestments he used during Sydney World Youth Day: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/pope-emeritus-benedict-to-be-buried-in-sydney-wyd-2008-vestments/>

## Returning in February

- The first 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for 2023 will take place on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th
- Morning Tea will be held after both morning Masses on Sunday 12th
- Everyone is invited to attend and we encourage you to bring members of your family or friends.

## 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.

## Nothing Ordinary about Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time (colour Green) commences this week. During the season between Christmas and Lent, the readings focus on Jesus' early ministry of teaching, and healing, and the gathering of disciples. Shrove Tuesday celebrations often mark the end of this season. Ordinary Time resumes later in the year. The word "ordinary" in Ordinary Time comes from the word ordinal. "Counted Time" would be a better translation. The occurrence of Easter determines the length of this counted time. Easter falls on the 1st Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. The timing falls between March 22 and April 25. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time are days of growth and harvest -- days of hope and time to mature in one's faith. Green is the colour of ongoing life in nature: the renewal of spring grass, flowers and trees. Green signifies hope and growth. The green weeks, 1 to 34, provide time to be refreshed with the Sunday Scriptures, sequentially following the life and works of Jesus in his public ministry. The longest liturgical season is that of the weeks following Easter. The last Sunday of the liturgical year is the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King.

## Staying up to date: Catholic Outlook and Catholic Weekly

Even though the printed [Catholic Outlook](#) booklet is available quarterly, content is also available online. If you have not done so already, please visit the Catholic Outlook website where you will find regular updated content and articles of interest: <https://catholicoutlook.org/category/latest/>. You can even subscribe on their website to receive email updates.

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