

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)

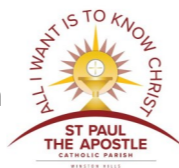
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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 young soldier was humiliated by his senior officer. The officer had gone beyond the bounds of acceptable behaviour in disciplining the young soldier and knew it, so he said nothing as the younger man said through clenched teeth, "I'll make you regret this if it is the last thing I ever do." A few days later their company was under heavy fire and the officer was wounded and cut off from his troops. Through the haze of the battlefield he saw a figure coming to his rescue. It was the young soldier. At the risk of his own life, the young soldier dragged the officer to safety. The officer said, apologetically, "Son, I owe you my life." The young man laughed and said, "I told you that I would make you regret humiliating me if it was the last thing I ever did."

That is God's kind of revenge. "Behold the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world..."

Something happened on Calvary that bridged the gap between a holy God and unholy humanity.

We see Christ in his majesty but also in his mercy.

First Reading: We are called to share in the task of bringing everyone to God.
What can I do today to draw someone closer to God?

Second Reading: Paul extends greetings of grace and peace to his community.
To whom might I extend a special greeting of peace today?

Gospel: John's task is to make Jesus known to others.
How can I share my knowledge of Christ today?

Mass Intentions requests and envelopes

To prevent any confusion, assumptions or errors it would be greatly appreciated if parishioners are able to indicate on the envelopes:

- full and specific details, including dates where relevant
- if the intentions are for illness, anniversary, deceased or recently deceased
- names to be written clearly and distinctly.

Please feel free to use the back of the envelope if you need the extra space. Thank you.

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, David Joseph, 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 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 Iruillbandra, Maria Di Marzo, Joseph Ebejer, Leone Minahan, Jim Lynch, Billy Leonard, Bea Therese, Joanna Luz Ococha, Iyrika D'Cruz, Teresa Borg, Arch Askew, His Eminence Cardinal George Pell.



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

No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away unconsolated. (Diary of St. Faustina, 1777)

Prayer for Vocations

A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

Catholic Weekly

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

Catholic Outlook

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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Ordination to the Priesthood

Deacons Adam Carlow and Jack El Kazzi will shortly 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 in our parish in late 2020, and is at Castle Hill. Adam and Jack will be ordained along with Matthew Dimian. The Ordination Ceremony will be celebrated 7:30pm Friday 2nd February at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All are welcome to attend, however you will need to RSVP to secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au by Wednesday 25th January.

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, some parishioners prefer to hold their own groups e.g. with family or friends at home, where they may feel more comfortable.

Triumph is perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten groups, and contains short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday). 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/>

Booklets will be provided free of charge. To place your order, please add your details on the register as you enter the Church. We are placing our order on Friday 3rd February and any requests after this date cannot be accepted.

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.

Baptisms welcome

To Axel and Elois who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us oh holy mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

You may have heard this prayer being said at the end of especially our weekday and Saturday morning masses. This has been a tradition and part of our masses here at Saint Pauls for many, many years. The only time it is not prayed is if there is a recessional hymn. Following is some information and background about this prayer:

The origin of the prayer "Hail, Holy Queen" (its Latin title is "Salve Regina") is uncertain, but many historians ascribe it to an 11th-century German monk and scholar, Hermann of Reichenau. It is a Marian hymn and one of four Marian antiphons sung at different seasons within the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. It is traditionally said or sung after night prayer, before going to bed and commonly recited or sung in monastic communities. Hail Holy Queen expresses beautifully our faith in the Mother of God who extends her love and mercy to all of us. Being a powerful and inspiring prayer, and a plea of such heartfelt trust in the motherly love of Mary, it was added to the concluding prayers of the Rosary by the laity and clergy.

Upcoming Feast Days

17th Saint Anthony | 20th Saint Fabian, Saint Sebastian | 21st Saint Agnes

Position Vacant - Toongabbie Parish

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is seeking a Sacramental/SRE Coordinator. The successful applicant will be in charge of the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education (SRE) Program and provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and Parish Secretary. The position will be for 18 hours per week, worked over three days. Please forward applications and resumes by Wednesday 1st February by email to secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Parish of St Paul's Richmond Feast: Saturday 21st January

Come join the celebrations at the 2023 Annual St Paul's Feast. Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's at 5.30pm, followed by a procession. Other activities include the Our Lady Queen of Peace Band, food and drinks, chocolate wheel and kids amusement rides.

Parramatta Pongal Tamil Harvest Festival: Saturday 21st January

You are invited to celebrate the annual Tamil Farmers' Festival (Thai Pongal), signifying the end of the traditional farming season at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 11am to 2pm. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Mass, followed by entertainment and lunch. Entry is free and all are welcome. Enquiries please contact James Atanasios from the Mission Enhancement Team on 047 873 519.

Stamps for Charity

A big thank you for your donation of used stamps. For a long time now, our parish proudly supports the Mary MacKillop International Mission through the collection of used stamps. At any time, if you have any unused stamps, please place them in the box in the Church foyer else drop off to the Parish office. These stamps are forwarded to the Mission which are sold to support their charitable works. It doesn't matter if it's a small amount of stamps and they are all gratefully welcomed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.