

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



Funeral service this week in our Parish

☩ Wednesday 25th (11:00am) the late Alfred Sfirse.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness: the best way to start your weekend

For many years we have been blessed by the generosity of those with time and talents, especially when it comes to Church cleaning. These tireless volunteers serve as good stewards of the facility that God has entrusted to all of us through cleaning of the church and ensuring it is presentable. Our Church relies on volunteers for cleaning, and sadly the numbers of cleaners has slowly declined.

We are reaching out and asking for help for more cleaners. Simply put, the more cleaners we have, the less an individual has to do.

Please consider your availability to assist, and here is some further information:

- Cleaners are placed in groups and rostered once per month, on the same day each month eg 1st Saturday, 2nd Saturday ...
- All equipment is supplied and no experience is necessary; the time spent cleaning is usually no more than one hour
- Cleaning is performed every Saturday immediately after the morning Mass has ended
- You are not required to undertake all cleaning tasks and only those you are comfortable in performing

If you're available to assist, or to find out more, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office on 9639 6516.



Ordination to the Priesthood: Thursday 2nd February

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 Thursday 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.

Hearing Loop in the Church

Our Church building for many years has had installed and operational a hearing loop, or audio induction loop. It is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids. The hearing loop provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil) setting. We are keen to get any feedback on the effectiveness of this, especially if there is scope for improvement. Please feel free to email or contact the parish office with any feedback or concerns.

Rouse Hill Parish Lunar New Year celebrations: Sunday 29th January

The Chinese community of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, invite you to their Lunar New Year celebrations on Sunday 29th January from 11.30am at the parish hall. Join them for lion dances, cultural performances, karaoke and yummy food.

Mass will be celebrated at the parish Church at 3pm. RSVP to Jaclyn at jacjiang77@hotmail.com

Annual Legal Red Mass: Monday 6th February

Members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families are cordially invited to the annual Legal Red Mass on Monday 6th February at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm. The Red Mass is an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith in the new year. For catering purposes, please RSVP by 3 February to enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or 8839 8400.

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: Saturday 11th February

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, is 11:00am Saturday 11th 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 required by 6th February to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Faith and formation session for Catholic Healthcare professionals: Saturday 11th February

You are invited to faith and formation for those who work and volunteer in Church health care ministries on Saturday 11th February, from 9am to 10.30am at All Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Join us afterwards for World Day of the Sick Mass at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. RSVP for catering by 6th February met@parracatholic.org. For enquiries Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org

Glenbrook Parish Shroud of Turin Presentation and Talk: Tuesday 21st February

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a presentation by local parishioner and former journalist William West on the Shroud of Turin on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm. William will discuss the history of the Shroud, which he explores in his book Riddles of the Shroud – Questions Science Can't Answer. Entry is via gold coin donation. RSVP and enquiries to secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view upcoming dates and other preparation resources. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin 0403 305 431 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

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

Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces that they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to my compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. (Diary 1146)

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

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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From Father Raning

Someone said there is a huge difference between having a job at church and having a ministry at church.

- ◆ if you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job. If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.
- ◆ if you're doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job. If doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.
- ◆ if you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job.
- ◆ If you're committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.
- ◆ it's hard to get excited about a job - it's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

An average church is filled with people doing jobs. A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.

First Reading: God's presence is often recognised in what has been over-looked or neglected.
What sources of God's presence might I not have noticed?

Second Reading: Paul warns against divisions in our Christian community.
What might be a source of division that I can help resolve?

Gospel: Jesus challenges us to repent – to change our lives.
What changes might I need to make in order to follow Jesus today?

Baptisms welcome

To Elijah, Elle, Mia and Mia who were baptised here recently.

We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Australia Day Mass - January 26th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:10am and preceded by the Rosary at 8:40am.

Upcoming Feast Days

24th Saint Francis de Sales | 25th The Conversion of Saint Paul | 27th Saints Timothy and Titus, Saint Angela Merici | 28th Saint Thomas Aquinas | 31st Saint John Bosco

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, 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 Busutil, 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, Bea Therese, Joanna Luz Ococa, Iyrika D'Cruz, Teresa Borg, Arch Askew, John Bush, Nazeer Rasheed .