

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Other Clergy: Father Philip Alesin

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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)

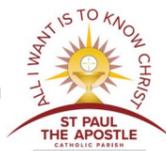
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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



## Farewell message from Father Marcus Hazelman

Greetings, G'day and Talofa Lava to the Parish and community family of beautiful Winston Hills. I say "Hello" from Sacred Heart Parish!

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1: 3-5 NRSV)*

The scripture verse from St Paul's letter to Philippians shows his expression of thankfulness and joy to the people because they shared with him the Gospel of Christ. I share with the apostle Paul this joy as we all indeed "shared" the Gospel in so many ways.

From my very first day at St Paul's in August 2019 and to the last, I have been blessed with so much because all of you.

Our journey together had it's challenges, such as COVID, and as much as there was sadness and distress, there was triumph and joy.

Thank especially for your patience and understanding as I was settling in, and all along the way.

So many memories came back intensely as I began here at Sacred Heart.

I celebrated my first mass on January 25<sup>th</sup> as the new Assistant Parish Priest, being the feast of the conversion of St Paul.

I said to the parishioners *"I was with St Paul the Apostle Winston Hills, hmmm ok ok ok...I am glad my first mass with you is all about St Paul, so Mt Druitt is my Damascus."* My heart was lifted up when the people giggled to my 'not so funny remark'.

As I now start my new ministry here, I take this opportunity to express my vast gratitude to your Parish family and school, and to the many and countless parishioners across all ministries and who tirelessly volunteered and enabled me to perform my ministry.

Thank you very much to Fr Raning for your brotherly love; your role as parish priest is indeed full of great responsibility which is shown through your ministry. I commence my new role similarly for both this parish and the Samoan community and greatly honoured to have served with you. I also wish to thank also to Fr Tovia Lui, Fr Bernard and Fr Adam who we have shared our ministry at St Paul's.

I thank the Diocese of Parramatta, our Bishop Vincent and Church for your calling for me at St Paul the Apostle.

Thank you very much everyone for the wonderful messages, I continue to be overwhelmed from your support and prayers.

Your kind words are very important as I start my new role and also to reflect on my years with you all.

So I wish to give my well wishes to you all with the divine blessings from our Lord. I do really miss St Paul the Apostle Winston Hills but we all know this is not a goodbye. We all share the mission of the Gospel. God bless you all and Love you always may the words of our Church "All I want is to know Christ" gives us great strength physically and spiritually.

And yes, you would be deeply pleased and relieved that there are also many die hard Parramatta Eels supporters in my new parish!

If anyone hasn't had a chance to pass on their messages of farewell, please do so via the office or feel free to add your well wishes to Father Marcus on our parish facebook page on the post dated 24<sup>th</sup> January: [www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish](https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish)

## ... and welcome to Father Philip Alesin

Father Philip Alesin will be assisting in our parish over the coming months. Originally from Nigeria, Father Philip started his priestly formation in 1997 and was ordained to the Priesthood in 2005. During this period, completed degrees in Ibadan and Rome. After over a decade of parish ministry and other roles in Nigeria, came in 2017 to Australia for further studies in Queensland, and later appointed as a priest-in-residence until May 2022. Father Philip has also shared *"...I am excited for the chance to support Father Ranillo Creta in his sacred duty of pastoring at St Paul the Apostle Parish. Thank you and God bless."*

## Ordination to the Priesthood

In wonderful news, Fathers Adam Carlow, Matthew Dimian and Jack Elkazzi were ordained to the presbyterate (priesthood) last Thursday evening. If you wish to view the ceremony, it is available at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLEmwJZmOLc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLEmwJZmOLc)

## Father Jack Elkazzi's first Mass at St Paul's here next Sunday

Newly ordained Father Jack Elkazzi will be celebrating our 9:30am Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February. This is a Mass of Thanksgiving and a tradition whereby newly ordained celebrate one of their first Masses at the parishes in which they were placed as a Seminarian. Father Jack will in fact also be here at both morning teas next Sunday so please come along, say hi and congratulations!

## Thank you for your response for church cleaners

A big thank you to those who responded to our recent call out to join our team of Church cleaners! We are grateful to you, and to all those who make our Church and facilities so presentable and clean every week. We are always happy to take on more volunteers and if anyone is available to assist, or to find out more, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office on 9639 6516.

## Lenten Program 2023

Next weekend we are expecting to announce details about our Church based Lenten groups and there will be an opportunity to register your interest. For those who requested a copy of the Lenten booklet, a notice will be placed in this bulletin once these arrive.

## 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.

## Upcoming Feast Days

6th Saints Paul Miki and Companions | 8th Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita |

10th Saint Scholastica | 11th Our Lady of Lourdes

## 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

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter that this prayer is always heard and answered. (Diary 1397)

## Prayer for Vocations

We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

## Catholic Weekly

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

- Playing Apostle to the Apostles
  - The face on the Shroud
  - Gender dysphoria
  - Young marriage foundations
  - Cardinal who loved Lebanon
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## From Father Raning

In an article "Reflect the Light," Robie Nebres tells of the time he drove to the summit of Mount Haleakala. After seeing the sunset it became dark and he became anxious about the descent down the steep winding road. When he left the parking lot the median strips on the road suddenly came alive with reflectorized lights. They provided a much needed directional guide on the mountain road.

The reflectors illuminated the way for Nebres, as he descended safely down the treacherous mountain road. Without his headlights shining on them, the reflectors were useless. The light they gave depended on the light from another source. Otherwise they could not help him see.

When Jesus told his disciples they were the "light of the world," he meant they were to be reflectors of the light of God. God is the illuminating source. God provides the light that is reflected from us. And God needs us to be reflectors of God's light to a world of darkness.

First Reading: God commands us to feed the hungry and satisfy the afflicted.  
*In what ways am I meeting the needs of my community?*

Second Reading: Under the influence of the Spirit, Paul preaches Christ crucified.  
*When have I felt the Spirit influence the way I witness to my faith?*

Gospel: Jesus calls his disciples the salt of the earth and light of the world.  
*In what ways can I follow Jesus' teachings and be salt of the earth and light for the world?*



## First Morning Tea for 2023 next Sunday - see you there !

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass next weekend please join us for morning tea. 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, 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 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 .