

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)

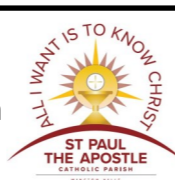
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

Alfred Momerie (famous British professor from a century ago) says it has often been concluded that murder is the worst crime. "But this will not do. The murderer is generally executed for their crime and that is the end of them. But the sins of the temper, speech and of thought, the sins of un-neighbourliness, or unkindness, are sins that we can go on committing without fear of punishment, every day, every hour, every moment. The amount of suffering, therefore, which can be inflicted by them is practically infinite."

The Professor goes on to ask "Which has caused the greater amount of human misery theft or irritability? Suppose that a member of your family, with whom you are compelled to live, is incessantly annoying, incessantly torturing you by his moroseness, by his fits of rage will you say that this man who has made your home a veritable hell is more righteous than the man who steals from your purse?"

Momerie goes on to conclude that the world has suffered infinitely greater by those who are guilty of the sins of temperament which arise ultimately from the sin of pride.

Perhaps this is Jesus' meaning when he said hatred of the heart is the same as murder with the hand (Matthew 5).

First Reading: Keeping God's commandments is a choice that we must make.
What helps me to keep the commandments of God?

Second Reading: Paul cautions us about distinguishing worldly wisdom from God's wisdom.
How has following God's wisdom helped me in my life?

Gospel: Jesus invites us to go beyond the letter of the law.
To what might Jesus be inviting me today?

Stay after Mass for Morning Tea

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass this 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'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 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 .

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 need sacrifice lovingly accomplished, because that alone has meaning for Me. Enormous indeed are the debts of the world which are due to Me; pure souls can pay them by their sacrifice, exercising mercy in spirit. (Diary 1316)

Prayer for Vocations

"The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness." He can only bring that light if you will be his hands and his feet and his heart in the world. Be people of light.

Catholic Weekly

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

- Cardinal Pell Funeral
- Sr Nathalie Becquart: the Pope and the Synod
- From Grace to Grief
- God's chosen people
- Project Compassion

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Newly Ordained to the Priesthood in Parramatta Diocese

Fathers Adam Carlow, Matthew Dimian and Jack Elkazzi were recently ordained to the priesthood. In terms of placements, Father Jack has been appointed to Greystanes, Father Adam to Kenthurst and Father Matthew to Castle Hill. Please continue to keep them in your prayers and also pray for those contemplating joining the priesthood as a ministry. We especially thank Father Jack Elkazzi for celebrating 9:30am Mass this weekend. Father Adam will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving at our parish on Sunday 12th March and will also be joining us for both morning teas, so please come along, say hi and congratulations!

Ash Wednesday - 22nd February

Masses, including distribution of Ashes, will be held at 6:30am, 9:10am and 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head and symbolise the dust from which God made us. Ashes also symbolise grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Stations of the Cross - commences Friday 24th February

Stations of the Cross will be held 7:00pm every Friday evening during Lent. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Additional Reconciliation times - after Stations of the Cross

Reconciliation will be held after the completion of Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent.

Wednesday evening Lenten Discussion Groups - commences 1st March

These will be held every Wednesday during Lent in the Marian Chapel at 7:00pm There is no need to register your attendance and everyone is invited to attend any or all of these sessions. Each week there will be a different theme. For those who pre-ordered the Lenten Program booklets, we will advise when these become available for pickup.

An Invitation To All Parish Ministry Members and Volunteers - Friday 17th February

Early last year our Parish adopted a mission statement seeking to answer the questions, *Who are we* and *What are we called to be?* It identifies four ways in which we live out our faith – through our regular worship, the ongoing formation of our community, how we invite and welcome all to serve the needs of our community, and how we can effectively reach out to others, sharing our many blessings and the Good News with them. On Friday 17th February starting at 6:30 pm in the Parish Centre, Father Raning and the Parish Pastoral Council invite members of all of our ministry and volunteer groups to come together to affirm all of the good that we do as a community, and to identify ways that we can build on our strengths to meet our changing needs. It is not about a small group deciding what everyone else should be doing, but our community planning for our future together. We look forward to seeing you all at this meeting and kindly request that you please RSVP ideally by email to the Parish Office before Wednesday 15th to confirm your attendance.

Please pray for our RCIA members

Last Sunday at 5:00PM mass, we formally welcomed three new catechumens, Vivian, Michelle and James, who have declared their intention to receive Sacraments of Initiation in our parish at the Easter vigil. Over recent months, the catechumens have been building knowledge and deepening their faith through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Please pray for our catechumens and if you or someone you know would like more information about becoming a Catholic, please contact the office.

Upcoming Feast Days

11th Our Lady of Lourdes | 14th Saints Cyril and Methodius | 17th Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Baptisms welcome

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

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for February - For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Positions Vacant:

- Parish Office Administration Assistant – St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood.
- People and Culture Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Monday 20 February
- Sacramental Coordinator – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville – Applications close Monday 20 February
- More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Lenten Scripture Reflection Night: 21st February

Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods. Tuesday 21 February – 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfarra.org.au/lent2023>

FaithLIFE Scripture Course

Want to learn more about the Bible? 3-night course on Scripture with Dr Michele Connolly rsj, 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Thursdays: 23rd Feb, 2nd and 9th March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP <https://pfarra.org.au/faithlife/>

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 25 – 26 February

Next Encounter Weekend will be held on 25-26 February. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/