

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)

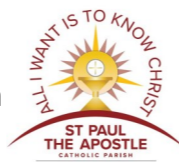
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



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.

Liturgical services in our parish during Lent - everyone is welcome to attend

- Stations of the Cross will be held 7:00pm every Friday evening.
- Additional Reconciliation sessions will be held after the completion of Stations of the Cross every Friday evening.
- Lenten discussion groups will be held every Wednesday 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please remember in your prayers 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. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about becoming a Catholic, please contact the office.

Father David Scott Parish Centre has reopened

As you may be aware, the parish centre (main hall) has been closed for an extended period whilst awaiting essential repairs of the roof. The delay was a result of the specialised work that was required to be undertaken. Now that this critical work has been completed, the parish centre is now available. Please contact the parish office in the first instance for any enquiries or availability.

They're back! Come and join our Leisure Group

The Leisure Group has been on hiatus due to COVID and closure of the parish centre, and in wonderful news they are finally back. It is fundamentally a social group where the young at heart meet every fortnight to have a laugh, have a cuppa and have a fun time. There is always something new and different happening and most activities are held in the parish centre. It's not uncommon for the time to pass quickly with the many activities, games, funny stories, readings, topical discussions, and many other pursuits. On occasion the group may meet elsewhere such as having a picnic. The group has in the past also undertaken fundraising activities for Vinnies such as raffles, trivia and plant stalls. The Leisure Group meets 10am - 12pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre every second Wednesday, and you can stay as long or as short as you want. Their first get together for 2023 will be Wednesday 1st March at 10:00am. Morning tea (coffee, tea and milk) is provided and you're encouraged to bring your own cup, though cups are always available. Want to join in? Curious to find out more? Please phone Elly Bejma on 9686 9028. Please also share this with others and invite a friend!

World Day of Social Justice – 20th February

World Day of Social Justice is an international day recognising the need to promote social justice, which includes efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment and homelessness. Building on the legacy of the St Vincent de Paul Society's founder, Frederic Ozanam, Vinnies speaks out against social injustice and continues to challenge the circumstances that stop people from enjoying the full life they, with us, should enjoy. Currently, Vinnies NSW social justice work focuses on: the cost of living; housing and homelessness; refugees and people seeking asylum and climate equity. If you want to enquire about how to create a more just and compassionate community, particularly housing, speak to one of your local Vinnies members for details on how to join, or visit this site for more information <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/winston-hills-conference-christmas-appeal>

Upcoming Feast Days

20th Saint Peter Damian | 22nd Ash Wednesday

Lenten Scripture Reflection Night: 21st February

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

Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace Indigenous Voice presentation: 23rd February

Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace is organising a discussion on the process, significance and need for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the Constitution. The session will be held Thursday 23rd 4pm to 6pm at Sisters of Mercy Centre, 6 Victoria Road, Parramatta. Free entry and parking available in the grounds or Cathedral carpark. Enquiries: ccjp@bigpond.com or call 9745 0820.

Sydney Alliance NSW Election Assembly: 28th February

Join Bishop Vincent Long and people from across the Diocese to participate in a NSW Election Assembly with NSW Treasurer Matt Kean, Shadow Treasurer Daniel Mookhey and representatives of the crossbench. It will focus on social justice issues like housing and cost of living. Held from 6:15pm to 8:15pm, Morley Centre, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead. Register: <https://bit.ly/nswelectionassembly>.

Clean up Diocese of Parramatta Day: Sunday 5th March

Catholic Youth Parramatta invite you to take action! On Clean Up Australia Day, witness to the call to take care of God's creation. Join or organise a group to clean up a site in your local area. Express your interest today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/cleanup/>

From Father Raning

Once there was an eagle which hovered over a lake and suddenly swooped down and caught a two-foot long fish in its talons. Slowly, the bird rose with its ten pound catch, but when it reached about 1,000 feet, it began to descend, until it splashed into the water. Later, both the bird and fish were found dead. Apparently the fish was too heavy for the eagle, but it could not let go, for its talons were embedded in the flesh of the fish.

The truth is that what we grab, grabs us.

When we grab alcohol, drugs, or sex, it grabs us and brings us down to death.

- First Reading: God tells us that we are to love our neighbour as ourselves.
How shall I show love toward my neighbour this week?
- Second Reading: Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.
In what ways might I take better care of my body?
- Gospel: Jesus challenges us to pray for our enemies and persecutors.
How do I respond to those who hurt or offend me?

Caritas - Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

You can also donate by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or calling 1800 024 413.



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, Christian Grant, 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, Ilyrika 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 desire that even in the smallest things, you rely on your confessor. Your greatest sacrifices do not please Me if you practice them without the confessor's permission. (Diary 639)

Prayer for Vocations

Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

Catholic Weekly

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

- Religious Education changes. Faiths and Attorney General.
- Renovation that's Divine. Sydney conference a big success.
- Archbishop Fisher OP Homily: Education for Life.
- University Chaplaincies are key.
- Love overcomes time. Remarkable nursing home experiment.
- Maronites mark 50 years.

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