

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)

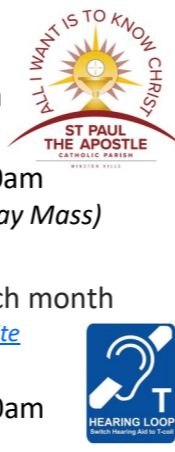
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



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 greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy. (Diary 1182)

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/>

- Migration rules will separate Catholic family
- 'Existential threat' to religious schools
- Museum to honour sisters' service during HIV epidemic
- NSW won't ban prayer says Perrottet, Minns
- A doctors call to discernment
- Hundreds of RCIA candidates to become Catholic

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From Father Raning

A brilliant magician was performing on an ocean liner. But every time he did a trick, the Captain's parrot would yell, "It's a trick. He's a phony. That's not magic." Then one evening during a storm, the ship sank while the magician was performing. The parrot and the magician ended up in the same lifeboat.

For several days they just glared at each other, neither saying a word to the other.

Finally the parrot said, "OK, I give up. What did you do with the ship?"

The parrot couldn't explain that last trick! It was too much to comprehend, even for a smart parrot.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He simply could not comprehend what was happening.

In life, moments occur that are incomprehensible. There are mountaintop and valley moments throughout life. We are never ready for them, arriving unannounced changing us in irreversible ways. But there is one thing they all have in common. They demand that we be silent and listen.

These moments have something to say to us, to teach us.

Too often our response is like that of Peter, babbling absurdities because we cannot understand the significant, the meaningful moment. When Peter does finally quit talking a cloud appears, envelopes them, and the voice of God gives this instruction to Peter, James, and John:

"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

First Reading: Abram gave up much in order to do as the Lord commanded.
What must I give up this Lent to let God take up more space in my life?

Second Reading: Paul reminds us that we are called to a holy life.
How can I respond more generously to this call now?

Gospel: At the transfiguration, God approved Jesus and his mission.
With what about me and my ministry would God be most pleased?

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, Gary Cullen, 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, 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, Nancy Radocchia, Andrew Scott, Tom Dennis, Ludie Irrullbandra, Maria Di Marzo, Joseph Ebejer, Leone Minahan, Joanna Luz Ococa, Jim Lynch, Billy Leonard, Bea Therese, Iyrika D'Cruz, Teresa Borg, Arch Askew, John Bush, Nazeer Rasheed, Christopher Oxby.

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

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

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.

Morning Tea 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.

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.

Coeliac disease and Communion Hosts

If you have been diagnosed with Coeliac disease, you have the option of receiving low gluten hosts for Communion (at Mass or home). These are always available upon request and before Mass, visit the Sacristy and speak to the Acolyte or Father to make arrangements. Canon law states that bread used for Holy Communion must be made from wheat and water in order for transubstantiation to occur. Bread used for communion must contain enough gluten to attain the "confection of bread" and have to be made by wheat. Hosts that are completely gluten-free are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist however the gluten content is quite small.

Rosters and availability for the next quarter (April - June)

Rosters for the next quarter are about to be prepared. Your advice regarding your unavailable dates is required at the parish office by this Friday 10th to enable them to be circulated in a timely manner. As always, thank you to the many who assist in our various ministries. As always, we encourage and invite anyone interested to join our various ministries and please contact the parish office for more details.

We are in need of volunteers for Presentation of Gifts

Would you like to help with our Presentation of Gifts (Offertory Procession)? We are seeking volunteers to take up the gifts of water, wine and bread for each Mass. To ensure that we have people at each Mass to assist, please record your name on the list at you leave the Church for any of the upcoming Masses you are available. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. Thank you.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for March - For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes is hiring

Two employment positions are available for 8-10 hours a week, or the possibility of combining both roles.

(1) Maintenance and improvement works in buildings/grounds; requires proven handy-person skills with trade experience or equivalent.

(2) Cleaning and hygiene care for offices, bathrooms and meeting areas – Requires practical experience and pride in work.

Role descriptions are available and for more information please contact Christine 9631 8135 or parishoffice@olqp.org.au

Multi-faith Prayer Service – A Prayerful Call to Divest from Fossil Fuels: 9th March

You are invited to join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and people of various faith traditions to reflect on our shared responsibility for our common home on Thursday 9 March from 9.30am to 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Together will pray that faith-based organisations may commit to divesting from fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas) to address the climate crisis.

After the service, you are welcome to stay for morning tea. For more information, please contact met@parracatholic.org

St Patrick's Day Business Breakfast: Friday 17th March

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, are hosting the St Patrick's Day Business Breakfast, an annual event acknowledging faith and nation building and connecting Not-For-Profit organisations with business communities. The Breakfast will be held at the Cathedral Hall, on Friday 17th March from 7am to 9am with guest speaker Dr Andrew Charlton MP, Federal Member for Parramatta.

Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1012636>

Divine Retreat Centre offerings in March

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend retreats throughout March, including a Lenten Growth retreat and its monthly one-day pilgrimage. For more information and bookings, please contact 0468 486 782 or email drcsydney@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.