

# 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)

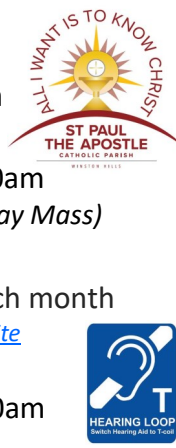
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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

During the tenure of the great orator Henry Ward Beecher, a visiting minister (Beecher's brother) once substituted for the popular pastor. A large audience had assembled to hear Beecher, and when the substitute pastor stepped to the pulpit, several disappointed listeners began to move toward the exits. That's when the minister stood and said loudly, "All who have come here today to worship Henry Ward Beecher may now withdraw from the church. All who have come to worship God keep your seats!"

First Reading: The people grumble because they think Moses and God do not care.  
*What causes me to grumble about God's care for me?*

Second Reading: Paul reminds us that God's love has been poured into our hearts.  
*When have I most felt the outpouring of God's love?*

Gospel: The Samaritan woman's knowledge of Jesus grows as she talks to him.  
*How can I increase my time in conversation with Jesus this Lent?*

## Stay after Mass for Morning Tea (and say hi to Father Adam Carlow)

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass this weekend please join us for morning tea. Stay and enjoy a hot cuppa with our fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Newly ordained Father Adam will be at both morning teas so come and say hello. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

## Does the parish have an email address?

Our parish does have an email address, however it is not published. This is in order to reduce the likelihood of spam, which is a common occurrence for publicly available email addresses. Our email address can be obtained by phoning the parish office, or if you wish to send us something feel free to use the Contact Us page from our website: [www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus](http://www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus)

## 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, Rosalie Merlino, 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, Zara Coorey, Christopher Oxby.

## 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

Do not fear anything, I am with you. These matters are in My hands and I will bring them to fruition according to My mercy, for nothing can oppose My will (Diary 573).

## Prayer for Vocations

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

## 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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## 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.

## Update on our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please remember in your prayers Vivian, Michelle and James, declaring their intention to receive Sacraments of Initiation in our parish at the Easter vigil. On Sunday 26th February in a ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral, Bishop Vincent admitted Vivian, Michelle and James to "the elect," meaning the Church accepts them as being fit to take part in the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. At the 5:00pm Mass this weekend, our "elect", as they are now known, will take part in celebration of the "First Scrutiny." The Scrutinies are three rites for self-searching and repentance and are important steps for the elect on their journey to Easter. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about becoming a Catholic, please contact the office.

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

Rosters for the next quarter are being prepared. Your advice regarding your unavailable dates is required at the parish office by this Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to enable them to be circulated in a timely manner. As always, thank you to the many who assist in our various ministries. We encourage and invite anyone interested to join our various ministries and please contact the parish office for more details.

## Seeking volunteers to provide Communion at Westmead Hospital

As part of the Chaplaincy service at Westmead Public Hospital, a Holy Communion Service is held every Sunday morning, usually from 8:45am to about 11:00am. This is only possible through the generosity of volunteers, as Clergy are not always available. This is important to those in hospital and provides the support and connection that otherwise would not be possible. There is plenty of parking available on Sunday mornings and your parking tickets are validated, so there is no cost to the volunteer. If you are interested in assisting in providing this Holy Communion Service, please contact Veronica Brown on 0418 430 468.

## Update on our Clergy

In wonderful and welcome news, Father Abraham Kunnatholy will be joining our parish on a permanent basis. Father Abraham (who belongs to the congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate) most recently served since 2020 in the Blue Mountains after time spent in Victoria. We will share more on Father Abraham closer to the time he commences his appointment here at St Paul's in mid April. In the meantime Father Philip will continue to share in celebrating our weekend Masses.

## Saint Patrick's Day - 17<sup>th</sup> March

Saint Patrick was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. where he converted many people and entire kingdoms and began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and preached for 40 years and converted all of Ireland. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. It wasn't until the 1630s that 17 March, the traditional day of his death, was added to the Catholic breviary (a book of prayers) as the Feast of St Patrick.

Breastplate of Saint Patrick (shortened version):

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.*

## Masterclass for Mentor Married Couples: 24<sup>th</sup> March

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than five years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. If you are unable to attend in-person, a follow up Zoom session will be held for interested couples on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10am. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa on 8838 3460.

## Piety Stall

Our Piety stall carries a wide range of gifts, cards and religious items for all occasions. You are welcome to stop by and browse and if there is something particular that you are after please don't hesitate to ask, especially for the upcoming Sacraments in our parish. The Piety stall is operated on a voluntary basis after the weekend masses and we acknowledge those who generously volunteer their time to keep it open. Thank you again for visiting and supporting our Piety Stall.

## Caritas - Project Compassion

Priscilla lives with her husband and two of their grandchildren in Zimbabwe. The impacts of climate change such as drought, poor quality soils and high temperatures have made it much harder to grow enough food. With the support of Caritas Australia's partner in Zimbabwe, Priscilla has learnt new ways to farm so she and her community can be more resilient to climate change and grow enough food to eat and sell. Please remember to take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. You can also donate by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or calling 1800 024 413.

