

# 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)

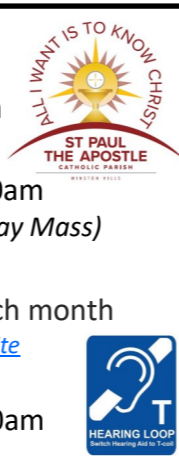
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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

In his book Directions, author James Hamilton shares this insight about listening to God: "Before refrigerators, people used icehouses to preserve their food. Icehouses had thick walls, no windows, and a tightly fitted door. In winter, when streams and lakes were frozen, large blocks of ice were cut, hauled to the icehouses, and covered with sawdust. Often the ice would last well into summer.

A man lost a valuable watch while working in an icehouse. He searched diligently for it, carefully raking through the sawdust, but didn't find it. His fellow workers also looked, but their efforts, too, proved futile. A small boy who heard about the fruitless search slipped into the icehouse during the noon hour and soon emerged with the watch. Amazed, the men asked him how he found it. "I closed the door," the boy replied, "lay in the sawdust, and kept still. Soon I heard the watch ticking."

Often the question is not whether God is speaking, but whether we are being still enough, and quiet enough, to hear. Yes, Jesus assures us that our heavenly Father always listens to us, but do we really listen to God? Do we follow the instructions of Psalm 46, "Be still, and know that I am God"?

First Reading: God looks into the heart of each person.  
*How can I get beyond appearances when dealing with others?*

Second Reading: Paul encourages us to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.  
*What can I do today that would be most pleasing to God?*

Gospel: The blind man learns to recognize Jesus through faith.  
*What would most help me to "see" Jesus in a new way today?*

## Hearing Loop in the Church

Our Church has an operational audio induction loop, and to receive the signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil).

## 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 Oxy.

## 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

You will not be alone because I am with you always and everywhere. Near to my Heart, fear nothing ... Know that My eyes follow every move of your heart with great attention. I am bringing you into seclusion so that I Myself may form your heart according to My future plans. (Diary 797)

## Prayer for Vocations

Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.

## Catholic Weekly

- God's Bootlegger:
- Housing crisis & evictions rethink
- Parish support for suffering family
- Celebrating women's achievements
- Election Guide 2023
- Women's survey's flawed focus

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## Lent, Holy Week and Easter Triduum services at our Church - everyone is welcome to attend

For a complete list of all upcoming services and additional reconciliation times, please refer to the handout as you leave the Church. Feel free to take as many as you need to pass on to your families and friends for their awareness.

- 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 (except for March 24th when Reconciliation will take place at 6pm)
- 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.

## Thank you to newly ordained Father Adam Carlow

Last Sunday we were blessed with Father Adam being the main celebrant of the 9:30am Mass, and an opportunity to give thanks for his time in formation in our community. It was a unique moment for those receiving a special blessing from Father Adam. A special grace may be gained from receiving a "first blessing" of a newly ordained priest. First blessings are customarily given when first Masses are celebrated, but they may be given up to a full year after ordination. May God bring him joy and sustain him in his new priestly ministry. To view the Mass: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish/videos/third-sunday-of-lent-year-a/521674730151542>.

## Novena to St Pedro Calungsod in our Parish

Everyone is welcome to attend a special Novena Mass here at St Pauls at 7:30pm Friday 24th March. It is one of nine Masses being celebrated across the Diocese in honour of St Pedro Calungsod. Calungsod died at only 17 years of age and was canonized in 2012. He is the second Filipino to be declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. At his canonization Mass, Calungsod was the only saint without a first class relic exposed for veneration, as his body had been thrown into the sea and lost. Please refer to the notice in the Church foyer for all details about this important Novena.

## Thank you and farewell to Saint Pedro Calungsod Choir

With sadness we bid farewell to the wonderful Saint Pedro Calungsod Choir whose members have blessed our parish for many years with their beautiful music and singing. The Choir primarily sang at our evening Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Their last performance will be singing at a special Novena Mass on Friday 24th March at 7:30pm. We are deeply grateful for their service and thank them for their generosity and contributions and will miss their presence. As always, if you wish to join our music ministry, in any capacity, please contact the parish office.



## Bishop's Good Samaritan (Lenten) Appeal next weekend

*Help equip the men called by God to humbly serve His people*

Priestly vocations don't happen in a vacuum. They are born, nurtured, and formed in the womb of the family. As Catholics, it is our joyful duty to support our seminarians as they grow in faithful love of God and prepare for humble service as priests for His people. As our Diocese grows, we need to prepare more seminarians for the priesthood. I invite you to support them through your prayers, by encouraging young men at home and in your parish or community to discern the call to the priesthood, and by your financial support – without which, our Seminary would not function. There are currently 11 men being formed at our Holy Spirit Seminary. With your support, they can continue to discern their vocation and prepare to devote the rest of their lives in service as Jesus Christ's disciples and good shepherds of His flock. Thank you for your prayerful support and for helping to form the future of our Church.

The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for 2023 will be held next weekend raising funds for preparing seminarians for the priesthood. If you are unable to donate in person, or to find our more, please visit: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-samaritan-appeal/](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-samaritan-appeal/)

## 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. At the Sunday 5:00pm Mass this weekend, our "elect", as they are now known will take part in the "Second 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 for the April - June quarter are now available

Rosters for the various ministries have been emailed. Some printed copies are always available outside the Sacristy. Many thanks for your ongoing commitment and support in these roles.

## Feast of Saint Joseph - 20<sup>th</sup> March (for 2023)

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth. Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, pregnant women, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general. We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary, and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. March 19 is the most commonly celebrated feast day for Joseph, and it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" to be celebrated on May 1.

## Caritas - Project Compassion

If not already, please remember to take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia and help support vulnerable people around the world. You can also donate by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or calling 1800 024 413. Thank you.