

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)

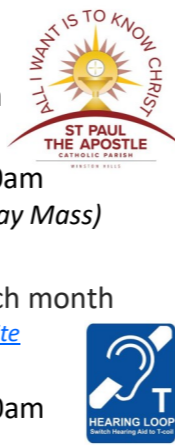
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

A mother living in a tenement house went grocery shopping. While in the store, a fire engine raced by. She wondered, "Is the fire engine going to my home?" She had left her baby asleep at home. Forgetting about the groceries, she ran toward home. Her building had fire hoses aimed at it. It was burning like a matchbox. Rushing to the chief, she cried out, "My baby is up there." He shouted back to her, "It would be suicide for anyone to go up there now; it's too late." A young fireman nearby volunteered, "Chief, I have a little baby at home, and if my house were on fire, I'd want someone to go up to save my baby. I'll go." The young fireman climbed the stairs; got the baby, threw her into the rescue net, and just as he did, the house collapsed and he was burned to death.

The scene is 20 years later at a graveside. A 20-year-old woman is sobbing softly. Before her, at the head of this grave, is the statue of a fireman. A man stopping by asks respectfully, "Was that your father?" She replies, "No." "Was that your brother?" "No," she says. "That's the man who died for me."

First Reading: God promises new life through the Holy Spirit.
What new spiritual life have I felt this Lent?

Second Reading: Christ and the Holy Spirit dwell in me to give life.
What signs of their presence have I noticed this Lent?

Gospel: Out of love, Jesus brings Lazarus back to life.
Out of love, how has Jesus been bringing me to new life this Lent?

Funeral Service this week in our Parish

Wednesday 29th (10:30am) the late Tony Marino

No 24 Hour Eucharist Adoration in April

As the first Friday is Good Friday, there will be no Adoration and the next one will be held 5th/6th May.

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'Abnera, 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 Ococha, Jim Lynch, Billy Leonard, Bea Therese, Iyrika D'Cruz, Teresa Borg, Arch Askew, John Bush, Nazeer Rasheed, Christopher Oxby, Angeliq Jumeau, Claude Jumeau.

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

My daughter, during the weeks when you neither saw Me nor felt My presence, I was more profoundly united to you than at times [when you experienced] ecstasy. And the faithfulness and fragrance of your prayer have reached Me. (Diary 1246)

Prayer for Vocations

If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

Catholic Weekly

- Violence and staff shortages triggers stress for principals
- Bishop Meagher commissions 13 young catechists for Sydney
- New York speakers: marriage renewal retreat and course
- New Bishop Newcastle diocese
- Students rally: fun, faith, family
- Schools celebrate St Patrick's Day

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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 will be held after the completion of Stations of the Cross this 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.
- As a reminder there is no morning mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday.
- Holy Week and Easter service times across the Parramatta Diocese are available here: catholicoutlook.org/holyweek2023/

Palm Sunday - next Sunday April 2nd

At all Masses next weekend palms will be blessed. If the weather is suitable please assemble outside the Parish Centre where we commence the ceremony of the Procession of Palms at 9:30am sharp. In addition, if you are intending to attend the 9:30am Mass please allow extra time beforehand for parking (and be cautious) as the congregation will be within the carpark. In addition, when parking for the 9:30am Mass we kindly ask where it is possible to consider parking outside, or in the school car park, to allow others to park closer to the Church where they may be less able bodied or have babies, etc. Thank you.

You are invited: Liturgy of the Hours

The Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) are a set of Catholic prayers and forms the official set of prayers marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. It consists primarily of psalms supplemented by hymns, readings, and other prayers and antiphons prayed and constitutes the public prayer of the Church. The chant or recitation of the Divine Office therefore forms the basis of prayer within the consecrated life. Prayer of the Divine Office is an obligation undertaken by priests and deacons intending to become priests. Within the Latin Church, the lay faithful "are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually" and may oblige themselves to pray the Liturgy of the Hours or part of it by a personal vow. *Liturgy of the Hours are held in our parish only during Holy Week and no other time of the year.* Please join us at 9:00am on Good Friday or 9:00am on Holy Saturday (noting there is no actual mass).

To avoid being late (or too early!) for Mass next Sunday ...

Daylight Saving ends next Sunday 2nd April so please remember to turn your clock back by one hour on Saturday night.



CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 7th April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

Bishop's Good Samaritan (Lenten) Appeal this weekend

As our Diocese grows, we need to prepare more seminarians for priesthood. We can support them through prayers, encouraging young men at home and in our parish or community to discern the call to the priesthood, and by financial support – without which, our Seminary would not function. There are currently 11 men being formed at our Holy Spirit Seminary. Thank you for your prayerful support and for helping to form the future of our Church. The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raises 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/

Why is there a small Crucifix on the Altar?

As per the General Instruction of the Roman Missal "There is also to be a cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, either on the altar or near it, where it is clearly visible to the assembled congregation. It is appropriate that such a cross, which calls to mind for the faithful the saving Passion of the Lord, remain near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations". More recently the expectation is that the cross should have a "corpus", meaning that it should be a crucifix rather than a bare cross. In essence, the primary reason for it's presence, is not for the private devotion of the celebrant, but rather a sign amid the Eucharistic assembly reinforcing that the Mass is the same sacrifice as Calvary. The altar crucifix is in relationship to the altar, and not just to the priest, and for this reason the "corpus" is usually turned toward the altar or Celebrant, even though it is acknowledged that reverse of the cross is only visible to the congregation.

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 Saturday morning Mass last week there was a Presentation of the (Apostles) Creed. At the Sunday 5:00pm Mass this weekend, our "elect", as they are now known will take part in the "Third 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.

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 or calling 1800 024 413. Thank you.

Position Vacant: Part-Time Policy Coordinator (Diocese of Parramatta)

Within the Chancery. If you have experience in policy writing and tertiary qualifications in Law, HR or compliance, we encourage you to apply. Call Marie lemma on 0499 874 420 or email your CV and cover letter to parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org