

# 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)

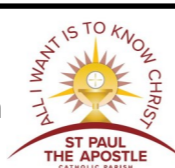
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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

An old fable tells of the colt that carried Jesus on Palm Sunday. The donkey got up next morning, his mind still savouring the afterglow of the most exciting day of his life. Never before had he felt such a rush of pleasure and pride. He walked into town and found a group of people by the well. "I'll show myself to them," he thought. But they didn't notice him. They went on drawing water and paid him no heed. "Throw your garments down," he said crossly. "Don't you know who I am?" They just looked at him in amazement. Someone slapped him across the tail and ordered him to move. "Miserable heathens!" he muttered to himself. "I'll just go to the market where people will remember me." But the same thing happened. No one paid any attention to him as he strutted down the main street. Where are the palm branches!" he shouted. "Yesterday, you threw palm branches!" The people beat him and drove him away. Hurt and confused, the donkey returned home to his mother. "Foolish child," she said gently. "Don't you realise that without Him, you are just an ordinary donkey?" Just like the donkey that carried Jesus to Jerusalem, we are only fulfilled when we are in the service of Jesus Christ. Without him, all our best efforts are like "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). When we serve Christ, however, we are no longer ordinary people, but key players in God's plan to redeem the word.

First Reading: God's servants endure much for God's sake.

*What suffering has been most challenging for me to accept recently?*

Second Reading: Christ emptied himself for others both in life and in death.

*What can I do today to imitate Jesus' generosity?*

Gospel: Jesus gave himself so we might live more fully with God.

*Which incident from Jesus' passion story do I want to pray about today?*

## Catholic Youth Parramatta Good Friday Night Walk: 7<sup>th</sup> April

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

## 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'Abbrera, 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 Smpliciano, 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, Angelique 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

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. (Diary 965)

## Prayer for Vocations

Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, loneliness, anger and depression and that it cries for people waving palm branches of resurrection and hope, proclaiming new life.

## Catholic Weekly

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

- Faith groups respond to Labor win in NSW
- What to expect from the Minns government
- Sherry Wadell to explore the power of the Holy Spirit
- Blessing of a dog's breakfast
- Reflections for Palm Sunday
- Day of the Unborn Child draws record numbers

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

Monday to Wednesday: 9:10am Morning Mass (preceded by Rosary at 8:40am)

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by Reconciliation). Church open until 10:00pm

**Good Friday:** 9:00am Liturgy of the Hours, 3:00pm Passion of the Lord (followed by Reconciliation), 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday:** 9:00am Liturgy of the Hours, 11:00am and 4:00pm Reconciliation, 5:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (includes RCIA)

**Easter Sunday** 8:00am and 9:30am Morning Masses (no evening Mass)

- Please note there is no morning Mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.
- Please also consider parking on the street to allow those less able bodied or with babies to park close to the Church. Thank you.
- For all Holy Week and Easter service times in all parishes in Parramatta Diocese visit: [catholicoutlook.org/holyweek2023/](http://catholicoutlook.org/holyweek2023/)

## 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. 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).

## Divine Mercy Novena

This is held every year and takes place in the Marian Chapel immediately after the Lord's Passion this Friday April 7th.. The Novena is prayed at 3:30pm daily until Saturday April 15th, in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16th.

## Palm Sunday crosses

Building on the popularity of the hand made palm crosses from last year, we are blessed in having these again thanks to the very patient and creative students at our primary school who took time out to create the beautiful palm leaves crosses for this weekend.

## Call out for help with moving chairs this Thursday

We are kindly seeking the help of some volunteers to carry across chairs from the Parish Centre and stack them under the Church foyer this Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 4:00pm in preparation for our Holy Week and Easter services. Many thanks!!

## Veiling Crosses and Statues in Holy Week

In general terms, crosses are removed or veiled if possible, so that the focus of the Adoration of the Holy Cross at the celebration of the Passion of the Lord, is the one cross which is processed and unveiled. The cross is the central symbol of Holy Week.

## Caritas Project Compassion boxes

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection. Project Compassion boxes can be returned on Holy Thursday and over the Easter weekend and placed in the boxes as you enter the Church. You can also donate by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

## 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.

## Congratulations to our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Elect

At the Easter Vigil this Saturday, Vivian, Michelle and James, will receive their Sacraments of Initiation. Please continue to pray for them and if someone you know would like more information about becoming a Catholic, please contact the office. We thank those of our parish community who sponsored our candidates generously with their time and support and made this all possible.

## Annual Holy Land Collection on Good Friday

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place Good Friday. This collection promotes the Church's missionary work in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the ongoing pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

## Bishop's Good Samaritan (Lenten) Appeal thank you

Thank you for your prayerful support and for helping to form the future of our Church in preparing seminarians for the priesthood. Please return any envelopes you have in the second collection else visit: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-samaritan-appeal/](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-samaritan-appeal/)

## Come and join our Leisure Group

A social group where the young at heart meet to have a laugh and a cuppa and meet in the Father David Scott Parish Centre every second Wednesday 10am - 12pm. Their next get together will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Coffee, tea and milk provided and you're encouraged to bring your own cup, though cups are available. Curious to find out more? Please phone Elly Bejma on 9686 9028.