

# 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)

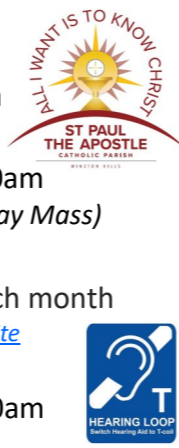
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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 a certain church marketing newsletter, called the Church's Advertising Network, a campaign has been developed to attract people to church during the season of Easter. In this public relations campaign, it is suggested that the cross be removed from the altar. According to the author, a survey has revealed that the cross is one of those symbols the new generation of church goers considered too "churchy." One pastor interviewed for the campaign gave his wholehearted endorsement. "We are going to attempt to concentrate on the resurrection, and not the death of Jesus.

Easter without the cross. Rather an interesting thought. Is it possible to have resurrection without crucifixion? No. It distorts the entire gospel if crucifixion is separated from resurrection.

The road to the empty tomb will forever pass by a cross. The one who is raised from the dead is none other than the crucified Christ. Easter without a cross is a hoax.

The catholic priest Erasmus two centuries ago wrote these powerful words. Listen:

*"How much more wonderful the work of redemption is, in comparison with creation.*

*It is more marvellous that God was made man than that He created the angels;*

*that He wailed in a stable than that He reigns in the heavens.*

*The creation of the world was a work of power, but the redemption of the world was a work of mercy."*

## A FRUITFUL EASTER to all!

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for April:

For a culture of peace and non-violence

*We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.*

## Easter message from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

Bishop Vincent Long has released his video message for Easter which can be viewed on the Diocese of Parramatta's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33IB1hZSWo>

## 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,

## 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 Ococa, Jim Lynch, Billy Leonard, Bea Therese, Lyrika D'Cruz, Teresa Borg, Arch Askew, John Bush, Nazeer Rasheed, Christopher Oxby, Angelique Jumeau, Claude Jumeau, George White.

## 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 flames of mercy are burning Me—clamouring to be spent; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness (Diary, 177).

## Prayer for Vocations

Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

## Catholic Weekly

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

- How Sydney's Catholics have made Easter a feast of faith.
- Archbishop's Easter message.
- The evidence for the Shroud.
- Healing, faith & relics.
- Maronites mark 50 years.
- Christ the tiger.
- Prayer is like glue, make it stick.

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## Lenten and Easter thank you!

Throughout Lent and culminating with Easter, the generosity of our many parish volunteers and ministers, has allowed us to celebrate and undertake our liturgical services, prayer groups and RCIA program with tremendous success and beautiful presentation. The parish is beyond grateful and deeply humbled by this generosity, and please continue to pray for our volunteers and ministers. There are many roles and ministries, and if there is any area or role where you are able to spare some time to help out, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office to make enquiries. May the blessings of the risen Lord be with you and yours.

## Divine Mercy Sunday - next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April

On that day the Gospel reading is about the appearance of the Risen Christ in the Upper Room, and the institution of the sacrament of Reconciliation. The rays of blood and water flowing from the Saviour's pierced Heart and the wounds on His hands and feet recall the events of Good Friday. Saint Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains many passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established. At the canonisation of Saint Faustina, Pope John Paul II announced "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter (first Sunday after Easter), which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'."

## Divine Mercy Novena

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

## Receiving Communion for those unable to attend Mass

We recognise and understand members of our parish community are unable to physically attend Mass as they may be sick, elderly etc. If you, or anyone you know, seeks to receive the blessed Eucharist at their home, please contact the parish office to arrange.

## Caritas Project Compassion boxes

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection. Your boxes can be returned in the containers as you enter the Church.

## Catholic Outlook Magazine: Lent and Easter 2023 edition now available

Please grab a copy of this bumper edition free magazine as you leave Church today containing a wide range of interesting articles.

## ANZAC Day Mass 2023

A special Dawn Mass will be celebrated on ANZAC Day at 6:00am. Please also note that:

- you are invited to bring a photo and place it on the Sanctuary steps prior to Mass.
- a scroll will be placed on the Altar during this Mass and will be offered for all those listed, and indeed for all service, men and women, and you are invited to include names on the scroll which is on the table as you enter the Church.
- morning tea will follow Mass and feel free to bring a plate.
- the Monday morning Mass at 9.10am (and preceding Rosary) will be celebrated as usual

## St Matthew's Gospel Series: Starting 28<sup>th</sup> April

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) is hosting Dr Laurie Woods, who is presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Five consecutive Fridays from April 28 to May 26. To book email Maree Collis [ccd.training@parrcatholic.org](mailto:ccd.training@parrcatholic.org)

## FaithLIFE Scripture Course: Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three consecutive Tuesdays: May 2<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

## Mission: One Heart, Many Voices Conference: 3-5 May

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission. For more information, visit [www.mohmv.com.au](http://www.mohmv.com.au).

## Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 6-7 May

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 6 – 7 May. For further information and to register, visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au/](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au/)

## Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp). An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked. For details email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org), phone Karin 0419 242 435 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

## Stamps for Charity

A big thank you for your donation of used stamps. For a long time now, our parish proudly supports the Mary MacKillop International Mission through the collection of used stamps. At any time, if you have unused stamps, please place them in the box in the Church foyer else drop off to the Parish office. These stamps are forwarded to the Mission which are sold to support their charitable works. It doesn't matter if you have a small amount of stamps, they are all gratefully welcomed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.