

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

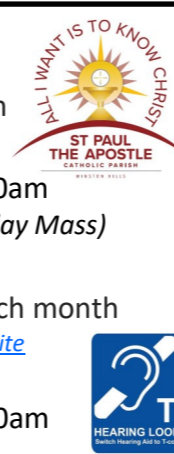
Monday to Friday 9.10am | Saturday 9.00am
(Rosary is prayed at 8:40 am before each weekday Mass)

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 phone rings and a little boy answers in a whisper: "Hello?" The caller says: "Hi, is your Mommy there?" "Yes!" "Can I talk to her?" "No!" "Why not?" "She's busy." "What about your Daddy, can I talk to him?" "No! He's busy." "Well, is there anyone else there?" "My little sister." "Is there anyone else there?" "Another adult?" "Uh, huh. The police." "Can I talk to one of them?" "No, they're busy." "Is there anyone else there?" "Yes, the firemen." "Can I talk to one of them?" "No, they're busy, too." Caller: "Good heavens, your whole family's busy, the police and firemen are there and they're busy! What's everybody doing?" The little boy giggled and whispered: "They're looking for me."

Our gospel tells us that instead of brushing off the apostles for abandoning him, Jesus appears to them in many different occasions after his resurrection. Jesus appears to them while they were hiding, to bring them out to the open so that they can witness him.

Jesus now appears to apostles and Thomas to assure them of his never ending love for them.

Divine Mercy is about God sending His only beloved Son to die for us.

It is about God searching for us to offer us His love, forgiveness, and the disciples compassion.

First Reading: The disciples used the Scriptures and prayer to deepen their community life.

What steps can I take to grow spiritually and through reading & praying the Scriptures?

Second Reading: God's mercy or compassion offers us new life.

How can my compassion for others give them new life?

Gospel: Thomas changes his doubts to firm faith when Jesus comes to him.

How has my faith grown through this Lent and Easter season?

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, Ely Bejma, Bridget Boldt, Gabrielle Boldt, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, Vicente Colonia, 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.

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 Oxby, Angélique 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

Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 1246).

Prayer for Vocations

Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full. You've been given new life in Christ.

Catholic Weekly

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Update on Clergy in our Parish

Our Parish extends a special and warm welcome to Father (Doctor) Abraham Kunnatholy who commences his appointment here at St Paul the Apostle this week. Father Abraham replaces Father Marcus as Assistant Priest. In terms of some background, Father Abraham is an Indian priest belonging to the congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate and ordained in 1996. He has also written many articles and has authored three books, including a study of history of Christianity in India, with emphasis on St. Thomas Christians in Madhya Pradesh. He has been serving in the Diocese of Parramatta since moving to Australia in late 2014.

We say thank you and farewell to Father Philip Alesin, who has been generously assisting at our weekend Masses over recent weeks. Father Philip provided much needed clergy support in the period between Father Marcus relocating and Father Abraham commencing.

Our Parish Priest Father Raning, as he recently shared with our parishioners, will be relocating to Saint Matthew's Parish in Windsor. As part of the process, the position of Parish Priest here at Winston Hills will be advertised, and until a replacement has been found, Father Raning will remain here. The overall timing of the process is unknown and we will keep everyone updated as more is known.

In terms of an opportunity for our Parish to officially farewell Father Raning (and also belatedly for Father Marcus), this will be held as part of our Parish Feast Day celebrations on the morning of Sunday June 25th.

Divine Mercy Sunday this weekend

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'."

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.
- this Mass will be live streamed via Facebook
- the regular Monday morning Mass at 9.10am (and preceding Rosary) will be celebrated as usual

Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Our parish will shortly be extending an invitation for any interested children to join our Altar Server Ministry here at St Paul's. Children must have already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion (by July when they commence) and regularly attend mass.

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.

Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper at Toongabbie Parish: A permanent part-time position at St Anthony of Padua Parish with 30 hours per week worked over five days. Resumes and applications to secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au by 18 April. Enquiries: 9631 3316.

Executive Assistant (permanent part-time): NSW Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools (CCRESS) - Applications close Friday 21st April. To apply or enquire: <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/executive-assistant-to-ccress-nsw-act/>

Calling all green thumbs

We continue to be truly blessed with the magnificent gardens throughout our Church grounds and is the result of the labours of love of our volunteer gardeners. A constant source of admiration by many and never cease to impress by their beauty and vibrancy. We've all heard the saying many hands make light work and this is especially true for our gardens. If you are able to volunteer some time to assist with our gardens, we'd love to hear from you. Any help would be greatly welcomed and please contact the Parish office to find out more.

The FaithFeed On The Move: Sunday 7th May

Have questions about life and faith? Join with others on the search at The FaithFeed live studio audience - hosted by Glenbrook in the Mountains Deanery – all are welcome! Sunday 7 May at the parish hall after the 6:00pm mass. Doors open 7:00PM for a 7:30PM start. The night will feature faith stories + live music + activities + great conversation. Book now: <https://tinyurl.com/tffrego>

Faith in Marriage Seminar: Friday 19th May (here in this parish!)

Annual Diocesan Faith in Marriage Seminar returns with Chris Padgett, American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology. This free event will be held on Friday 19 May at 7:30pm here at St Paul the Apostle Church. To register: marriage@parracatholic.org