

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)

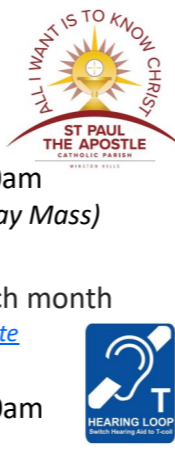
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

There was once a little boy who decided he wanted to find God. He knew it would be a long trip, so he decided to pack a lunch - four packs of Twinkies and two drinks and set out on his journey. He went a few blocks until he came to a park, where on one of the park benches sat an old woman looking at the pigeons. The boy sat down beside her and watched the pigeons with her. As he was hungry he pulled out some Twinkies. As he ate, he noticed the woman watching him, so he offered her one. She accepted it gratefully and smiled at him. He thought she had the most beautiful smile in the world. Wanting to see it again, he opened one drink and offered her the other one. Once again she smiled that beautiful smile.

For a long time the two sat on that park bench eating Twinkies, drinking, smiling at each other, and watching the pigeons. Neither said a word. Finally, the little boy realised that it was getting late and he needed to go home. He started to leave, took a few steps, turned back and gave the woman a big hug. Her smile was brighter than ever. When he came home, his mother noticed he was happy but strangely quiet. "What did you do today?" she asked. "Oh, I had lunch in the park with God," he said. Before his mother replied he added "You know, she has the most beautiful smile in the world." Meanwhile, the old woman left the park and returned to her home. Her son noticed something different about her. "What did you do today, Mom?" he asked. "Oh, I ate Twinkies and drank in the park with God." And before her son could say anything, she added, "You know, God's a lot younger than I imagined."

First Reading: Peter speaks to witness to what God has done for us through Jesus.

What can I do today to give this same kind of witness?

Second Reading: Peter urges us to conduct ourselves with reverence.

What can I do to show my reverence for God and others?

Gospel: The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

What can I do to discover Christ in these same realities today?

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.



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, 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

With My mercy, I pursue sinners along all their paths, and My Heart rejoices when they return to Me. I forget all the bitterness with which they fed My Heart and rejoice in their return. ...

What joy fills My Heart when you return to Me. Because you are weak, I take you in My arms and carry you to the home of My Father. (Diary 1728 and 1486)

Prayer for Vocations

It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

Catholic Weekly

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

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ANZAC Day Dawn Mass 6:00am

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

Baptisms welcome

To Marko, Valentina, Vallin and Vienna who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Please pray for our sick section in this bulletin — some questions answered

Each week this bulletin includes names in our *Please pray for our sick* section. Following are answers to commonly asked questions: How do I include someone's name? Contact the parish office by phone/email/visit or approach an Acolyte or Clergy after Mass. Do they have to be a parishioner? No. Even though the majority of those named are parish based, we understand that there are friends or family members who are not actually in our parish and in need of (our) prayers. How sick do they have to be? There is no specific criteria. In general terms if you feel that they will benefit from parishioners prayers, then certainly feel free to request their names for inclusion. How long do their names remain published? When you request a name to be included, ideally also indicate if possible how long you would like their name to be published. In addition, if someone has since recovered or sadly passed away, please contact the parish office so their name can be removed to allow the list to remain up to date and also allow others to be included due to space limitations.

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 19th May at 7:30pm here at St Paul the Apostle Parish.

All parishioners and friends are invited to this year's seminar. To register please email: marriage@parracatholic.org

The 'Faith in Marriage' seminar is an annual event in the Diocese of Parramatta. This initiative is to give couples an opportunity to spend time to enrich their marriage. This free event will be of interest to all that want some practical strategies to renew and strengthen their marital relationship. These evenings help to remind couples of the beauty of Catholic marriage which challenges couples among other things to express God's truth and love to the world. Pope Francis during his address at the Vatican's Paul VI Hall in December 2016 encouraged couples to "take care of their marriage and never take it for granted". "A marriage is like a plant" he went onto say, "it is not like a cabinet that you put over there, in a room and dust it every now and then. It's a living plant to take care of everyday. In fact, the best gift parents can give their children is to show the kids how much they love and care for each other".

MET Natural Fertility Seminar 20th May: Couples Hoping to Conceive

Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. This is of particular interest to those trying to conceive a child where they may have infertility issues and seeking medical intervention to assist. Hear from trained professionals about women's health science, the Creighton Model used in conjunction with NaProTechnology www.fccau.org. A free event at 1pm Saturday 20 May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Register or info: catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.

REACH - Wellbeing program for people over the age of 18 years

Reach Recovery Program, designed by the Black Dog Institute. There are two rounds available, with each being nine weeks in duration:

- Tuesdays: 10am to 12pm, starting May 2nd at Bank Bazaar and Bank Bar & Cafe, 290/294 Windsor Street, Richmond
- Thursdays: 10am to 12pm, starting May 4th at The Carrington Hotel, 15-47 Katoomba St, Katoomba

Presenter is Virginia Field and morning tea is provided. RSVP by calling 8843 2500 or email enquiries@ccss.org.au

Positions Vacant in Diocese of Parramatta

(1) Communications and Digital Manager (3) Communications Assistant (3) Synod Lead Support. Details: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

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 26th 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.

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

All are welcome to join us at the end of Mass Wednesday mornings for our weekly Novena. It is also livestreamed for those unable to attend. When we pray this Novena we are not choosing to worship her over her Divine Son. She is "our Mother on the order of grace," and all the graces Mary gives us come directly from our Lord. She is always ready to intercede with Him on our behalf, but never for anything contrary to His wishes. As long as we approach her as we do Him, with sincerely humble and contrite hearts, we can count on her aid and guidance. If we persevere in our intentions to do Christ's will for us, we are doing hers as well.