

# 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)

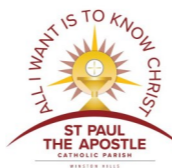
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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



## 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

Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You."  
(Diary, 186 and 187)

## Prayer for Vocations

We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

## Catholic Weekly

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

- A Cross fit for a King
- Podcast of faith for students
- Father Bob, a beloved Iarrikin
- Gifts that renew parishes
- Remembering Anzac
- Why I became Catholic

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## 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - May

**Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 5<sup>th</sup> | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

**Come ... spend some time with Him**



## You're Invited ! SYNOD 2023

A Synod is where clergy, religious, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life. But before the "main event" in October, there is a big process of collating feedback from as many people as possible. It's a big task, but an important one as we want to hear everyone's perspective on the future and life of our Church within our Diocese of Parramatta.

This is the first ever Synod for our Diocese and it's time for us as a Diocese to come together and be part of this transformative process and event that leads to renewal in the Church's life.

The Diocese of Parramatta contains 47 Parishes separated into six groups known as Deaneries. For the SYNOD consultations, each Deanery will have their own session. The Northern Deanery (in which our parish of St Paul's belongs) will be the first Deanery to begin SYNOD consultations with the Bishop.

Everyone in our parish has the opportunity to get involved and ideally our parish needs to be represented with at least 30 participants.

Session details: Saturday May 13th 6:30 pm at St John XXIII Parish (Performance Hub), 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Please add your name to the register on the table as you enter the church. Refreshments will be provided on the evening.

Want to know more? Please visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023/](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023/) for a wide range of resources and information.

## Remembering our Mothers who are no longer with us

At all Masses on Mothers Day, a scroll will be placed on the Altar where Mass will be offered for all those listed. You are invited to include names of those mothers who are no longer with us on the scroll which is on the table as you enter the Church.

## Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Our parish extends 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 will commence serving) and regularly attend mass. Please refer to the sheet with all dates and information on the table as you enter the Church and for any enquiries email [altarservers2153@gmail.com](mailto:altarservers2153@gmail.com)

## Faith in Marriage Seminar: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm here at St Paul the Apostle Parish. To register: [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

All parishioners and friends are invited. This initiative is to give couples an opportunity to spend time to enrich their marriage. This free event will be of interest who want 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.

## Young Adult Faith Formation: 7<sup>th</sup> May

Next session is 7:00pm Sunday 7 May at The Hustle 4 Purdy Rd Minchinbury. Tim O'Shea will be discussing 'What is a human being?'. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark 0477 004 678 for more details.

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## Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day from 10.30am to 3pm, with registration from 10am. Venue is St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Morning tea provided and BYO picnic lunch. No need to register. Donations welcome.

Enquiries please contact Ann Bergman on [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas on [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or phone 9653 2637

## Mary Help of Christians Procession: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Join The Servants of Mary Help of Christians for an annual procession prior to Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia.

Mass commences 10am St Peter's Surry Hills, followed by street procession to St Mary's Cathedral and Mass at 12pm. All are welcome.

## When I pass in front of the Altar and Tabernacle, do I genuflect or bow?

Church's laws state one is supposed to make the appropriate sign of reverence whenever one passes in front of the Altar or Tabernacle.

The Altar is Christ, it is the sacred table being the place of sacrifice. The Tabernacle contains the Blessed Sacrament, the real presence of Jesus, and is a point of dedicated reflection, meditation and prayer. Therefore, one would genuflect to our Lord (Blessed Sacrament) in the Tabernacle, and bow to the Altar. As the configuration of our Church has the Altar directly in front of the Tabernacle, in effect when one passes in front of the Altar one should genuflect (as this takes precedence). Before and after Mass, one would genuflect as they enter and leave their seats. During Mass, the Celebrant on the Sanctuary will bow to the Altar every time he passes across it.

It is also understood and known that not everyone may have the mobility or ability to genuflect and/or bow, and in these instances it is entirely appropriate and acceptable to acknowledge the Altar or Tabernacle in their own reverent and solemn manner.

## From Father Raning

During World War I, some Turkish soldiers tried to steal a flock of sheep from a hillside near Jerusalem. The shepherd, who had been sleeping, suddenly awakened to see his sheep being driven off on the other side of the ravine. He could not hope to recapture his flock by force single-handedly, but suddenly he had a thought. Standing up on his side of the ravine, he put his hands to his mouth and gave his own peculiar call, which he used each day to gather his sheep to him. The sheep heard the familiar sound. For a moment they listened and then, hearing it again, they turned and rushed down one side of the ravine and up the other toward their shepherd. It was impossible for the soldiers to stop the animals. The shepherd was away with them to a place of safety before the soldiers could make up their minds to pursue them—and all because his sheep knew their master's voice.

First Reading: Personal conversion and baptism into the community are expected of new followers.  
*What changes in my life do I seek during this Easter season?*

Second Reading: Peter uses Christ's behaviour during his suffering as an example for us.  
*Which characteristic of Christ's example do I find most difficult?*

Gospel: We hear the voice of Jesus, our shepherd calling us by name.  
*When have I experienced Jesus calling me to a deeper relationship with him?*

## Upcoming Feast Days

May 1<sup>st</sup> Saint Joseph the Worker | 2<sup>nd</sup> Saint Athanasius | 3<sup>rd</sup> Saints Philip and James

## ANZAC Day Dawn Mass - thank you

Thank you to everyone involved for their efforts both liturgically and with the morning tea that followed.

## Baptisms welcome

To Emmeline and John-Gabriel who were baptised here recently.

We pray their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## 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, 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 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, Angeliqne Jumeau, Claude Jumeau, George White.

