

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)

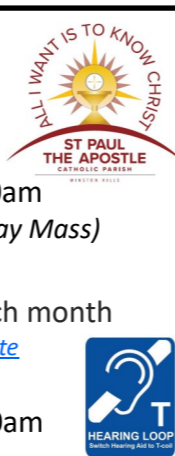
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

We have all learned to live with voicemail as a necessary part of modern life. But, have you wondered, what if God decided to install voicemail? Imagine praying and hearing this:

Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options:

Press 1 for Requests, Press 2 for Thanksgiving, Press 3 for Complaints, Press 4 for All Other Inquiries.

What if God used the familiar excuse ...

"I'm sorry; all of our angels are busy helping others right now. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order it was received, so please stay on the line."

Can you imagine getting this as you call God in Prayer? If you would like to speak to:

Press 1 for Gabriel, Press 2 for Michael, Press 3 for a directory of other angels

Press 4 if you'd like to hear King David sing a psalm while you are holding

Press 5 to find out if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive here.

Thank God (today) that He doesn't have voice mail and He listens whenever we pray!

First Reading: The twelve call others to service in the community.

What new service can I offer to my community?

Second Reading: The rejected stone becomes useful in the eyes of God?

When did I fail to see the value of others?

Gospel: Jesus is both the image of and the way to God.

How has Jesus led me to God during this holy season?

Upcoming Feast Days

10th Saint John De Avila | 12th Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Saint Pancras | 13th Our Lady of Fatima

Mother's Day Morning Tea next weekend

Morning tea will be held after both morning Masses. Please stay awhile after Mass and share in a cuppa.

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'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, Branko Justic, 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. Amen

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Lourdes Zaballa, Dex Habito, Charlie Micallef, Jim Rowan, Brian Ba 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 Iruillbandra, 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, Angeliq 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

Meditate frequently on the sufferings which for your sake I have undergone, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you. You please Me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion. Join your little sufferings to My Sorrowful Passion, so that they may have infinite value before My Majesty. (Diary 1512)

Prayer for Vocations

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

Catholic Weekly

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

- Vaping crackdown welcomed
- Four hundred and fifty men take to streets for St Joseph's Camino
- King Charles' coronation service
- New baptism resource
- Fr Dan: bring back family rosary
- Fatima and Corpus Christi doco

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Update on Clergy in our Parish

In wonderful news, Bishop Vincent has appointed Fr John Paul Escarlan as the third Parish Priest here at St Paul's. Father John Paul is currently Parish Administrator at Lalor Park, and since his ordination in 2013, has served in a number of ministries and parishes including Director of Priestly Vocations for the Diocese of Parramatta. Welcome Fr John Paul!! As you are also aware, Father Raning will be relocating to Saint Matthew's Parish in Windsor before the end of June. As Father Raning will be absent on an overseas pilgrimage for most of this month (and until Father John Paul arrives) some of our weekend Masses will be celebrated by visiting clergy.

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/ for a wide range of resources and information.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for May:

For church movements and groups - We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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

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. To register: 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.

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.

Come and join our fortnightly Leisure Group

A social group where the young at heart share a laugh and a cuppa every second Wednesday 10am - 12pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre. The next get together is Wednesday 10th May. Want to find out more? Please phone Elly Bejma on 9686 9028.

Planned Giving, Weekly Envelopes and Direct Debit

To assist in reducing expenses for printing and supply of planned giving envelopes, we are asking parishioners to consider changing to direct debit option before the start of the next financial year. If you are in a position to change from paper envelopes to direct debit, or wish to know more about this option, please contact the parish office. Direct debits are applied on the first Thursday of every month. It is important to note that although direct debit is a monthly deduction, the amount can be changed at any time during the financial year. Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

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

Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. 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 20th May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Register or info: catherine.boume@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.

Camillian Disaster (CADIS) Dinner Dance Fundraiser

This is one night that we can be as the Good Samaritan did. Know it's your turn to open our hearts and assist those most in need. Help people in Turkiye and Syria who are in desperate needs of daily living requirements that we take for granted here in Australia. Friday 26th May at 6:00pm at Westella Renaissance Lidcombe and \$80 per person. Details please contact Bob McMillan 0469 898 620.