

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

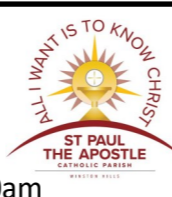
(Rosary is prayed at 8:40 am before each weekday Mass)

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 is an email going round that warns of a very powerful virus spreading in epidemic proportions. You might want to make sure your Antivirus is up to date. The virus is called "Inner Peace." Be on the alert, it says, for symptoms of inner peace could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world. Some signs and symptoms of inner peace:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increased susceptibility to love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

First Reading: The crowds respond with joy to the words and signs that reveal Christ.
What has caused me to rejoice during this Easter season?

Second Reading: Peter encourages us to be ready to share the reason for our hope.
With whom might I share my hope today?

Gospel: Jesus reminds us that he dwells in us and will reveal himself to us.
How have I been more aware of Christ's presence in me and my life?

Upcoming Feast Days

18th Saint John I | 20th Saint Bernadine of Siena | 21st The Ascension of the Lord

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, 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 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, Iyrika D'Cruz, Teresa Borg, Arch Askew, John Bush, Nazeer Rasheed, Christopher Oxby, Angelique Jumeau, Claude Jumeau, George White, Marcel and Claire Maya, Paul, Angelique, Claude and Myriam Jumeau, Sally Lowe.



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

Know, My daughter, that the ardour of your heart is pleasing to Me. And just as you desire ardently to become united with Me in Holy Communion, so too do I desire to give Myself wholly to you; and as a reward for your zeal, rest on My heart.
(Diary, 826)

Prayer for Vocations

That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.

Catholic Weekly

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

Save the date!

Parish Feast Day

Celebration

Sunday 25th June

All welcome to attend!

More details to follow in coming weeks

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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.

National Volunteer Week

This week is National Volunteer Week. We thank, celebrate and acknowledge our dedicated volunteers for their significant contributions and their tremendous work and thank God for their generous patience, persistence and efforts. For without them we would not be where we are, and clearly enable us to function as a thriving parish. If you are interested in assisting in our Parish, in any capacity or ministry, no matter how small it may be, we invite you to contact the Parish office. We are always grateful for any support and assistance!

Safeguarding and Diocese of Parramatta (including Mandatory Safeguarding Training)

The Parish and Diocese of Parramatta takes the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. This includes past or present forms of abuse. Safeguarding those who are vulnerable is part of the mission that Jesus Christ entrusts to our Church. We all have a role to play in safeguarding those who are vulnerable.

As part of this, all Staff and Volunteers of the Diocese of Parramatta (including Parishes, Chaplaincies, Deanery and Diocesan ministries and councils) who (at a minimum) work with children and adults at risk are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training focused on protecting the most vulnerable in our communities. Over the coming days we will be contacting our volunteers in respect of this training and what is required.

If you have any concerns about someone's immediate safety, or you suspect a crime may have or is likely to occur, please contact NSW Police on Triple Zero (000). Concerns about safeguarding in the Diocese may be referred to your Parish Priest, or directly to the: Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards by phone 8838 3419 or email: safeguarding@parracatholic.org

Information about the Diocese's response and supports about safeguarding children and vulnerable people are available at www.safeguarding.org.au

Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at one of four locations to have your say. Events start at 6.30pm with light refreshments:

- May 18th 7pm West HQ, Rooty Hill (youth-focussed), 20th at St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood.
- June 3rd St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 17th St Andrew the Apostle School, Marayong. 24th at Holy Spirit Primary, St Clair.

To register for your local consultation and to learn more about the Diocesan synod, visit parracatholic.org/synod2023

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. 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

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal 2023 next weekend

The appeal being held next weekend is to raise awareness and funds for our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton, supporting First Nations people, and anyone in need. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support.

Baptisms welcome

To Isla, Kevin, Marcus and Odie who were baptised here recently. We pray their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Catholic Care Community Refugee Sponsorship Information Session: Sunday 21st May

Learn more about this Refugee Sponsorship program. Make a difference and help a refugee family start a new life in Australia. Mamre House at Orchard Hills, 2pm May 21st. RSVP Rita 0477 952 024 or Rita.Hakkoum@catholiccarewsbm.org.au to join via Zoom.

Happy Mothers Day with a reflection from Saint John Paul II

In every stage of the march through history, the Church has benefited from the prayer and protection of the Virgin Mary. Holy Scripture and the experience of the faithful see the Mother of God as the one who is united with the Church at the most difficult moments in her history, when attacks on the Church become most threatening. Precisely in periods when Christ, and therefore his Church, provokes premeditated contradiction, Mary appears particularly close to the Church, because for her the Church is always her beloved Christ.

Quakers Hill Parish Bingo Fundraiser: 3rd June

Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill, is hosting a Bingo night fundraiser for their Youth Groups on Saturday 3rd June from 7pm. Bookings now open to secure a seat/table (6 people). Limited seats so get in early. Email their office at parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea: Friday 26th May, 11am (Father David Scott Parish Centre)

Most of us know of or have had a loved one touched by Cancer. A group of local Mums and friends are getting together to help host this years event and would love you to come and join us and help raise funds for the Cancer Council. There will be fun games, raffle and a High Tea of delicious homemade goodies, tea, coffee, juice with take away option also available. All tickets purchased for a sit-down High Tea will also go into the draw for a lucky door prize. Please bring your friends and family and help make it a fun and friendly event. For High Tea tickets, raffle tickets, donations please contact Jennean Bates 0429 817 393 or by email honyjb@hotmail.com or even if you can't make it and would like to make a tax-deductible donation. Thank you for your support.