

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)

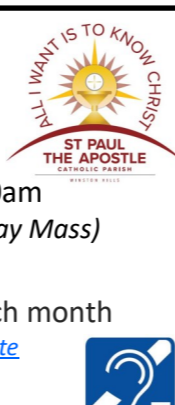
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

An old story tells of how Jesus, after his ascension into Heaven, was surrounded by the Holy Angels who began to question him as to how his work on earth had gone. Jesus then told them about His birth, life, death and resurrection, and how he accomplished the salvation of the world.

One of the angels asked "Well, now that you are back in Heaven, who will continue your work on earth?"

Jesus said, "While I was on earth, I gathered a group of people around me who believed in me and loved me. They will continue to spread the Gospel and carry on the work of the Church."

The angels were perplexed. "You mean Peter, who betrayed you and all the rest who ran away when you were crucified? You mean to tell us that you left them to carry on your work?"

"And what will you do if this plan doesn't work?" Jesus said, "I have no other plan -- it must work."

First Reading: Though Jesus departs, he promises empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

When have I felt most empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Second Reading: Paul prays that our hearts be enlightened to know God and God's actions for us.

What new insight have I had during this Easter season?

Gospel: Jesus sends us to make disciples of others.

What can I do to bring someone closer to Christ today?

Upcoming Feast Days

22nd Saint Rita of Cascia | 24th Our Lady, Help Of Christians | 25th Saint Gregory VII, Saint Mary

Magdalene de Pazzi, Saint Bede | 26th Saint Philip Neri | 27th Saint Augustine of Canterbury

28th Pentecost | 29th Mary, Mother of the Church | 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Save the date! Parish Feast Day Celebration
Sunday 25th June - All welcome to attend!
More details next weekend**



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, Kevin Herft, Steven Hitchings, Anthony Iannuzzi, David Joseph, Branko Justic, Joe 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 Ococha, 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, Louis Saliba.



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

In order that you may know at least some of My pain, imagine the most tender of mothers who has great love for her children, while those children spurn her love. Consider her pain. No one is in a position to console her. This is but a feeble image and likeness of My love.

Prayer for Vocations

Through His death, resurrection, and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and hear your prayers.

Catholic Weekly

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

- St Mary's Fatima procession
 - Shutting hospitals and schools won't keep them Catholic
 - Sainly spray: Danny Mulyono brightens up Catholic schools
 - Tassie Benedictine final vows
 - Hands outstretched for Our Father
- Overheads for hymns used in the Church are used with permission under ONE LICENCE No A-642251

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May - month of Mary

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pray] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Pope Paul VI). **Especially in May, please join us as we pray the daily Rosary Mon to Sat at 8:40am.** Prayers and resources: catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05_1.cfm

Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!

Over the coming 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:

- 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

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections.

If you are unable to donate at this time please do so at your convenience at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you.

You are invited to meet and support visiting Sisters from Belarus

The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth in Minsk, Belarus (which borders Poland and Ukraine) is a Christian community that supports a large psychiatric hospital; takes care of an orphanage for children with mental and physical disabilities and runs a rehabilitation centre and a shelter for the homeless. Inspired by their Heavenly Patroness Saint Elisabeth, their Sisters have always been trying to emulate both St. Mary who sat at the feet of Jesus and St. Martha who praised the Lord with the work of her hands. This is why there are over forty workshops and studios that operate within the frameworks of the Sisterhood. People who were previously unable to realise their potential due to various illnesses now make beautiful articles together with the Sisters. Our parishioners have proudly and generously supported the works of these Sisters over several years. You are encouraged and invited to meet with these Sisters and support their ministries where they will be present after the morning Masses on Monday 5th, 12th and 19th. You will have the opportunity to purchase a wide variety of hand made religious items and goods or feel free to make a donation. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Blessings and Sacrament of Holy Communion

During the month of June, children will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time and may we continue to pray for them on their journey. Let us also remember to lead by example during Mass as we prepare, receive and reflect upon receiving the blessed Eucharist and do so in a solemn and reverent manner. These children are also witness to our actions, and let us also remember how we are truly blessed each and every time we receive our Lord in Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – registrations now open

If your family are parishioners of St Paul the Apostle, and your child is in Year 3 or above, you are invited to register for this Sacrament. Registrations are made via our website (noting the close off date is 6th June): stpaultheapostleparish.org/faith-sacraments/

Free English and Citizenship Classes (Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains)

English and Citizenship classes at All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Courses subsidised by the NSW Government. Please register to participate in the program by contacting 0477 952 024 else contact Nepean Community College 4724 9000.

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 24th May. Want to find out more? Please phone Elly Bejma on 9686 9028.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Pentecost Celebration: Saturday 27th May

Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Parramatta Communities are having an uplifting, inspiring, encouraging afternoon of listening to the Word of God, testimonies, worship and prayer at Servants of Jesus, 15 Park Rd Seven Hills, 2 to 5pm. Register trybooking.com/CHJKP

Our Lady Help of Christians—Feast Day Wednesday May 24th

Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop, together with Our Lady, under the title "Help of Christians", are our spiritual patrons. Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, has always had a special place in the devotions of Australian Catholics. In 1844, Mary, under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians was chosen as the patroness of Australia at the First Provincial Synod of Sydney. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians. St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour.

When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title. Following are two prayers to Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians:

Prayer to Mary, Help of Christians: Australia's Patroness

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Safety of Australia as a Christian Nation

Almighty God, we Thy people cry out in our affliction. Do not scorn us but for the glory of Thy name come to our rescue. Look mercifully upon us in our tribulation, and, though we have justly deserved punishment, turn away Thy wrath. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary, Help of Christians, bring succour and peace to Australia.