

# 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)

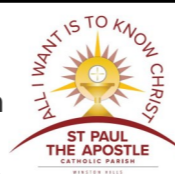
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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



## 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - June

**Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 3<sup>rd</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 all invited! Parish Feast Day Celebration on Sunday 25th June

The feast of Saints Peter and Paul falls in late June and we use the occasion of this solemnity to hold our annual parish feast day celebrations. The central focus will be the 9:30am Mass celebrated by The Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen. Everyone is welcome to attend and to also join us after Mass for a meal and activities in our parish grounds to gather and celebrate as a parish community.

### We do however need your help!

We are expecting quite a large turnout on the day and cannot make this happen without your help. There are many ways and areas where you can volunteer your efforts and please consider how you may be able to assist this celebration in the following areas:

- ♦ **Catering** – we encourage where possible (and of course deeply grateful) if you could consider bringing a plate. Please find a list in the Church foyer to indicate your intentions (so we get an idea of how we're positioned with overall catering).
- ♦ **Helpers on the day** – to assist in any way on the day (set up, cleaning, serving food, BBQing, packing up, etc). Please find a list in the Church foyer to record your name and any area where you would like to assist.
- ♦ **Transport** – please reach out to those who may not have transport and consider offering them a lift.

As you may appreciate planning and preparation is important and why we are approaching for help at this early stage.

If you want to know more, or there are other ways you would like to support and assist, please contact the parish office. **THANK YOU!**

## 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 these following 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](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023)

## Save Calvary Hospital in Canberra

There is a petition to ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital. This removes ownership and management from Calvary Health Care (a Catholic operator) and instead gives ownership to the non-faith based government-run Canberra Health Services. Find out more about implications of this, or to sign the petition: [savecalvary.com.au](http://savecalvary.com.au)

## Planned Giving, Weekly Envelopes and Direct Debit (2023/24 Financial Year preparation)

Before the start of the next financial year, we are asking parishioners to consider changing to direct debit option, which also assists in reducing expenses for printing and supply of planned giving envelopes. If you are in a position to change from 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.

## National Reconciliation Week (27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June) - Be A Voice for Generations

Following National Sorry Day on 26 May, we observe National Reconciliation Week; an opportunity for Australians to take part in the process of reconciliation. At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. Please visit ACBC website: [socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

## Pentecost Scripture Evening: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May (6:30pm to 8:30pm)

*Pentecost 2023: Be Empowered by the Spirit* an evening reflection on the Word of God and season of Pentecost with Br Barry Donaghue! You are most welcome to attend downstairs at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. RSVP <https://pfparra.org.au/pentecost2023/>

## Safeguarding and Safe Parishes Week: 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June [and follow up on Safeguarding Training]

From 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June we celebrate Safe Parishes Week in the Diocese, and is a tangible reminder of our shared commitment to having a zero tolerance of abuse across our Diocese. Information about the Diocese's response and supports about safeguarding children and vulnerable people are available at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au). An email was sent to all parish volunteers on May 17<sup>th</sup> about completing Mandatory Safeguarding Training. If you did not get this email, it is important to please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.

## Free English and Citizenship Classes (as offered by Catholic Care)

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 please contact Nepean Community College 4724 9000.

## Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton - thank you

Thank you for your compassionate generosity and prayers. These will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share culture and knowledge within our community, access support and development opportunities, and make connections. If you were unable to donate last week please do so at your convenience at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you.

## 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

Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces that they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to my compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. (*Diary 1146*)

## Prayer for Vocations

"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit.

## Catholic Weekly

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

- Dempsey medal winners celebrated for parish service
- Grace saved me from addiction
- Remembering Sisters of Our Lady Help of Christians
- Archbishop Fisher: How leaders today can be inspired by St Paul
- Catholics unleash spiritual gifts

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## From Father Raning

Several hundred years before the birth of Jesus, a crucial battle occurred between the Greeks and Persians on the Marathon plains. The battle raged for hours. In many respects it was a fight to the finish. Finally the numerically inferior Greeks, the underdogs, managed a tremendous tactical win, but there was a problem. Soon the Senate, many miles away in Athens, was to vote and would most certainly ratify a treaty of appeasement. In desperation they sent a runner in full battle gear to go the 27 miles to tell of the news. By the time the young boy got to Athens he had run a Marathon.

It is said he was totally spent, that he literally ran himself to death.

In his exhaustion he was able to utter only one word to the Athenians: "Victory."

We have been to the empty tomb, heard the glad news of resurrection, and now it is time for the church to send a message back to the world. What should that message be? It could be a single word: Victory.

Sadly, that single truth is not so self-evident to many today even as it was not initially to the first century disciples. We fall short of victorious living and learn anew to live out the reality of the resurrection.

First Reading: The disciples are changed by their contact with God's Holy Spirit.

*What changes has God brought about in me during this Easter season?*

Second reading: The Holy Spirit bestows gifts of service on us to build up the community.

*How am I using my spiritual gifts for the benefits of others?*

Gospel: Jesus offers peace and reconciliation to us and sends us to do the same.

*How can I extend peace and reconciliation to those from whom I am estranged?*

## Upcoming Feast Days

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

June 1st Saint Justin | 2nd Saints Marcellinus and Peter | 3rd Saint Charles Lwanga |

4th The Most Holy Trinity | 5th Saint Boniface | 6th Saint Norbert and Saint Marcellin Champagnat

## 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 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, 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.