# **St Paul the Apostle Parish**

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## Message from our Priest

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I hope and pray that you and your family are well.

I wish to humbly express my heartfelt gratitude for your warm welcome as I begin my ministry as your new parish priest. Bishop Vincent has appointed me for 6 years from the 16th of June 2023. I am looking forward to lead and serve you as your parish priest and to journey with you as your fellow Christian.

I wish to thank Bishop Vincent for celebrating the 9:30am Holy Mass in celebrating our parish feast day of St Paul the Apostle this weekend. And congratulations to our new altar servers who are being commissioned by Bishop Vincent.

Please keep Fr Abraham in your prayers as he will be going back to India for his annual leave from 27 June to 27 July. We wish him for a safe and relaxing holiday together with his family and friends. May God bless and guide our parish always.

Father John Paul

#### Mass of Rite of Installation of Father John Paul - Saturday 15th July

There will be a Mass of Rite of Installation of Father John Paul Escarlan as our new Parish Priest to be celebrated here by the Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen at our 5:00pm Vigil Mass, Saturday 15 July. Everyone is invited to this special event and light refreshments will follow in our Parish Centre. You will need to RSVP just for catering purposes via this link: www.trybooking.com/CJDNH

## Your are invited - Our Lady of Fatima Devotion Group Mass and Dinner

This devotion group is celebrating 20 years of Formation in our parish! You are all invited to attend the following on Saturday July 1st: 4:30pm Holy Rosary, 5:00pm Holy Mass, followed at 6:00pm with a complimentary Dinner and fellowship in our Parish Hall. Please join and celebrate their 20th year of devotion to Mama Mary, Our Lady of Fatima. RSVP by Monday 26th June to Lita Murray 0403 203 954

# 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, Veronica 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 lannuzzi, 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 Busuttil, 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, Arch Askew, John Bush, Nazeer Rasheed, Christopher Oxby, George White, Marcel and Claire Maya, Paul, Angelique, Claude and Myriam Jumeau, Sally Lowe, Louis Saliba.

# 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

See I have left My heavenly throne to become united with you. What you see is just a tiny part and already your soul swoons with love. (Diary 1810)

## **Prayer for Vocations**

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

## Catholic Weekly

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

 Catholic Cemeteries CEO Peter O'Meara laid to rest Sydney's trending saints: 2023's popular confirmation names Intercultural Mass Aussie spirit Why do Australia's young mass going Catholics keep coming? Monica Doumit: Has gender ideology reached turning point? Hunter Vallev bush crash

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# Important Planned Giving update and requesting receipts for all collections

- As we prepare to rollover our systems to the next financial year, please note the following important information:
- Receipts for the 2022/23 year will be emailed, else posted, in early July to those who have requested these.
- Printed envelopes for the new year are available in the Church foyer and please throw away any leftover 2022/23 envelopes. Thank you again for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

# Families called to share their stories with the first Diocesan Synod

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church into the future through what is known as a synod. Our Diocesan Synod is both an event and a process where people gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative experiences that lead to renewal in the Church's life. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources 'Synod at Home' found here: https://parracatholic.org/synod2023\_resources/

# Diocesan Liturgical Conference: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July

The 2023 Diocesan Liturgy Conference to be held at St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong. Keynote speaker is Fr Peter Williams AM VG. The conference will include a variety of workshops and will also be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. To register, please visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, or email mary.gale@parracatholic.org

#### **Upcoming Feast Days**

27th Saint Cyril of Alexandria | 28th Saint Irenaeus | 29th Saints Peter and Paul | 30th The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

## Diocesan Adult Confirmation: 5<sup>th</sup> September

Adult Confirmation 2023 will be held on Tuesday 5 September at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 2 September at 9:30am – 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

## Watch Bishop Vincent on ABC's Compass

There is a documentary on Bishop Vincent and our Church on the ABC Compass program "Sacred Space" Sunday 25 June at 6.30pm. Accompanied by Geraldine Dooque, he will show you important places in his life, and you'll hear about his remarkable story and ministry. Can also be viewed later on ABC iView.

## **Receiving Communion for those unable to attend Mass**

We recognise and understand members of our parish community are unable to physically attend Mass as they may be sick, elderly etc. If you, or anyone you know, seeks to receive the blessed Eucharist at their home, please contact the parish office.

## **Coeliac disease and Communion Hosts**

If you have been diagnosed with Coeliac disease, you have the option of receiving low gluten hosts for Communion (at Mass or home). These are always available upon request and before Mass, visit the Sacristy and speak to the Acolyte or Father to make arrangements. Canon law states that bread used for Holy Communion must be made from wheat and water in order for transubstantiation to occur. Bread used for communion must contain enough gluten to attain the "confection of bread" and have to be made by wheat. Hosts that are completely gluten-free are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist however the gluten content is guite small.

# Liturgical Ministry Formation Course enrolment and courses

Courses are again available for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Communion to the Sick and Dying. Although these courses are not until September, they fill quickly and if you are interested please contact the parish office.

Safeguarding, Training and Rosters: Important update for our volunteers and ministers

Safeguarding Training is a way of "ensuring children and vulnerable adults under our care are safe, protected and enabled to flourish". It is a requirement volunteers across our ministries are to complete this training in order to perform and continue in their role. This is a Diocesan directive and necessary in order to fulfill just some of the obligations across all parishes to ensure appropriate efforts are being made in this area. A big thank you to everyone who has responded and completed their Mandatory Safeguarding Training. If you have not already started this training, it is imperative to commence as a matter of priority. Please refer to an email dated May 17<sup>th</sup> providing all necessary information to get you started, including available help and support.

For those unable to complete training on a computer, or prefer to do it in a group environment, our parish has organised face to face sessions to be held in the Father David Scott Parish Centre during the month of July. There are no computers, and there is nothing to bring with you on the day, and light refreshments will be provided. **Daytime session #1:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 12:00pm to 4:45pm (Covers all three mandatory modules) OR

**Daytime session #2:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 12:00pm to 4:45pm (Covers all three mandatory modules) OR Evening session(s): Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Modules 1 and 3) AND Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm to 8:00pm (Module 2) Please note both evenings are to be attended to complete all three Mandatory modules.

You will need to register by emailing safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org and include your full name, parish and choice of session. If you do not have access to a computer or email to register, please phone the parish office on 9639 6516. For any gueries or clarification in respect of any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.





