St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm Sunday

Weekday Mass times

Monday to Saturday 9.10am (preceded by Rosary at 8:40am Thursday 7.00pm (preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm)

Reconciliation: Thursday 6.15pm - 6.45pm (during Adoration)

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month

Baptism bookings only via our website

Masses livestreamed to Facebook:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 9.10am, Thu 7:00pm, Sun 9:30am

Message from our Priest

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Greetings with the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ

Within our Diocese, Chaplaincies exist in support of discrete groups, eg Hospitals, Prisons and Youth. There is also a Migrant (Ethnic) Chaplaincy, one of which is the Filipino Chaplaincy established in 2003. In late 2022, I was appointed as Filipino Chaplain Coordinator for our Diocese for a period of five years.

The main activity of the chaplaincy is to administer to, and support, the spiritual and pastoral needs of the Filipino Catholics. To better support everyone, Mass times across the Diocese have been designation based on the weeks of the month ie 2SM (2nd Sunday of the Month) will be Winston Hills, 3SM Emu Plains, and 4SM Blacktown. 2SM was previously here at Winston Hills from 2012 until 2021 and in wonderful news we are blessed that it is back here again in our parish!

The Mass is celebrated in Tagalog to give its predominantly Filipino congregation a personal experience | 24 hour adoration | in living their faith back in the Philippines.

On behalf of the Filipino community, I invite you, your family and friends to come and join us in our liturgical celebrations with the first of our monthly Masses here at Winston Hills on Sunday 13th Aug at 11:00am. Each of these 2SM Masses will be followed by fellowship.

I encourage anyone within our parish interested in getting involved in any way to please let me know. We are blessed in so many ways, and this is an opportunity for our parishioners to humbly support this important ministry. If you want to know more about the Filipino Chaplaincy in our Diocese, please feel free to contact me or visit our facebook page for other news and updates: www.facebook.com/filchap/

St Paul the Apostle; pray for us! May God bless our parish always!

Father John Paul

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

Helen Alam, Maroun Ayoub, Helene Barker, Renata Beck, Elly Bejma, Bridget Boldt, Gabrielle Boldt, Danielle Brown, Paul & Veronica Brown, John Buggy, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Emmy Cox, Gary Cullen, Francis D'Abrera, Gus DelVillar, Tracy Derugo, Helen Dillon, 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, Fred Krastek, 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, Iyrika 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, Elizabeth Kenny, Paul Ford, Charlotte Dos Remedios.

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Prayed during our morning Mass every Wednesday.

Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel after every Thursday morning Mass

Thursday Adoration Every Thursday at 6:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday 3:30pm in the Marian Chapel. All welcome to attend and join in solemn and intimate prayer.

Held the first Friday through to Saturday morning every month.

Moments of Mercy

I want you to become like a knight experienced in battle, who can give orders to others amid the exploding shells. In the same way, My child, you should know how to master vourself amid the greatest difficulties and let nothing drive you away from Me, not even your falls (Diary 1823).

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus said to his disciples. "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Catholic Weekly

Website also has a wide range of news, articles and information: https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/

- God is calling: Vocations 2023
- Universities & Colleges Open Days
- Phone ban in Catholic Schools
- WYD: engaged and renew vows Sinead O'Connor remembered

Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online: www.catholicoutlook.org/

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Holy Day of Obligation and Mass times: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday 15th August: 6:30am, 9:10am and 7:00pm

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year and a Holy Day of Obligation observed August 15th. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decreed (unchanged since 2001) the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year.

IMPORTANT: Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying

Our clergy, together with a number of parishioners, have been vital in ensuring that those who are sick or dying are provided with the Blessed Eucharist. Our parish recognises the significance of this ministry, and we will be reinstating the blessing of ministers at our weekend masses. Commencing next weekend, please note the following procedures for those taking out Communion:

- Present your empty pyx to the Acolyte in the Sacristy (ideally no later than ten minutes) before commencement of Mass.
- After Communion has ended, Father will come down the steps with filled pyxes and present them to those assembled.
- There will be announcement so please come forward when you see Father coming down the stairs, and assemble on the floor at the base of the steps. This will take place after Communion, ie during purification.
- Father will give you a blessing as he commissions you to bring our Lord Jesus Christ to our sick parishioners.

If you know anyone requiring Communion, have any enquiries on the above, or wish to join this ministry please contact the parish office.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit their website to download an enrolment form at https://officeforworship.org.au/

Please pray for section in this bulletin - changes to publishing of names

Each week this bulletin includes names in our *Please pray for* section, which allows us, as a parish, to acknowledge those who are in need of our prayers. As much as we recognise the intentions of our parishioners to include everyone's names, in practical terms this presents a challenge both in terms of ensuring it is up to date and also due to space limitations. Commencing next weekend, names submitted will be published only for a period two weeks, understanding this is a significant change to this longstanding process.

St Paul the Apostle Parish Youth Ministry — you're invited!

Pope Francis beautifully said during the 2019 World Youth Day 'You, dear young people, are not the future but the now of God'. Father John Paul is inviting our parish youth aged 18-30 to join a group of young parishioners for a consultation gathering. As highlighted last weekend, the objective for this initial gathering is to talk about and discern together about our parish youth ministry, which we are hoping and praying that we can launch within this year.

The consultation gathering will be held on Friday, 18th August 2023 at 7:00pm at Father David Scott Parish Centre. If you are interested in coming along, please kindly inform Father John Paul or contact the parish office.

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.

Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal—thank you

When you donate to Vinnies you are helping rebuild lives this winter. As always, Vinnies appreciates the wonderful generosity of our parishioners. If you were unable to donate at last weekend's Masses for the Vinnies Winter Appeal Donations can be made online at: https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way-conference/svdp-winston-hills-vinnies-conference-2023-winter-appeal-1

Dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish

- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November at 7pm.
- Online registration (via our website) opens Tuesday 8th at 9am and closes Tuesday 29th August at 4pm.
- Children Confirmed at Baptism are invited to take part in the program and receive a Blessing at one of the Confirmation Masses, and will still need to be registered and attend the preparation and practice sessions.
- . If you wish to know more about the Sacramental Program in our parish, or have any questions please feel free to contact our Sacramental Coordinator Sandra Sheehan via the parish office.

Reminder of changes to Mass times

- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated at 9:10am instead of 9:00am (and still livestreamed).
- Thursday evenings at 6:00pm will be Adoration followed by Mass at 7:00pm (livestreamed).
- Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6:15pm to 6:45pm during Thursday Adoration.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

7th Saints Sixtus Ii And Companions, Saint Cajetan | 8th Saint Mary Of The Cross | 9th Saint Teresa Benedicta Of The Cross 10th Saint Lawrence | 11th Saint Clare | 14th Saint Maximilian Kolbe