

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month
Baptism bookings only via our website

Weekend Mass times

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

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*)
First Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (*during Adoration*)
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Adoration: Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

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.

Every Catholic parish around the world largely relies on many volunteers, especially as the Church continues the Mission of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis beautifully said, "Volunteering is a grace from God," and urging volunteers to "please accept it with strength" and "not be afraid". The Pope further added that "volunteers are the strength of the Church" as they are "a dimension of the Church's mission because you go there with your volunteering and maintain so many actions of the Church."

Since arriving to our parish two months ago, I have been sincerely amazed and truly humbled by the extent and spirit of volunteerism among our parishioners.

In our parish, we are establishing three new parish ministries composed of mainly volunteers: Parish Adornment Ministry, Parish Children's Choir, and Parish YAH (Young At Heart) Choir.

The Adornment Ministry's main task is for beautifying the church with flowers, plants, etc. helping us to adore and worship our Triune God during our Liturgical celebrations, especially during the Holy Mass, when we fully encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.

Sacred music is an important part in enhancing our Liturgical celebrations. Two choirs are being formed that will be officially known as the Parish Children's Choir and the Parish YAH Choir. The Children's Choir will be open to those in primarily school age and the YAH Choir for our parishioners who are senior citizens or over 60s.

If you are interested of joining these above-mentioned ministries, please contact the following:

- Parish Adornment Ministry - text Minda Palomares on 0422 930 466
- Parish Children's Choir - contact Lydia Byun 0419 011 260 or lydiajung@live.com
- Parish Young At Heart Choir - contact Jan Francis on 0410 684 838

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

John Buggy, George El-Bayeh, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Paul & Veronica Brown, Karen and Lucas Le Huray.

Please pray for ... *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen*

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Charles & Josephine Clayton, George Steele, Ellen Thornton, Thelma Reyes, Patricia Halloran, Hazel Halloran, Marie Cunningham, Eileen Thornton, Robert Willemssen, Neil Alleyne, Ajay Kallukalam, Aaron Apikotoa, Maryanne Allan, William Dick, Loreto Zerafa, Sebastian & Lena Pereira, Myriam Jumeau, Maryanne Lane, Marie Cunningham and Iluminada Gibson.



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.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

2SM Filipino Mass

Second Sunday at 11:00am

"Ephpheta" Mass

Third Sunday at 9:30am

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 yourself amid the greatest difficulties and let nothing drive you away from Me, not even your falls (Diary 1823)

Prayer for Vocations

Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online: www.catholicoutlook.org/

Catholic Weekly

Their website also has a range of news, articles and information: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

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Hearing Loop

For signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil).

Updates to our reconciliation times

Commencing next month, reconciliation will also be available on the First Friday of every month and held during Adoration.

Please refer to the following for the latest reconciliation times:

- Thursday 6.15pm - 6.45pm (*during Adoration*)
- First Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (*during Adoration*)
- Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Parish Office: Availability and Accessibility

Visit: Office hours are Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.
Phone: Call 9639 6516 where you have menu options to speak to the parish secretary, priests, hear mass times, etc.
Office unattended: In instances where your call goes unanswered we encourage you to leave a voicemail. If your matter is time critical, phone 9639 6516 and press 5 and your call will be diverted to a mobile.
Email: Our parish email address is not published (to reduce spam) and can be obtained by phoning the parish office, or feel free to use the Contact Us page from our website: www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus

Church (and toilet) Access

Church access: To better support parishioners and visitors in knowing when the church will be open, the following will apply until further notice: May to September - 8:00am until 5:00pm, October to April - 8:00am until 6:00pm
Church toilet: Effective Friday 1st September the toilet inside the church will be locked Monday to Friday 2:00pm onwards.
Driveway gates: These have now been repaired and will lock automatically at 10:00pm every evening.

WhatsApp groups now active for Readers & Commentators, Ministers of the Eucharist

Earlier this week, all ministers involved in these Ministries were sent an invitation to join a WhatsApp group for their respective Ministry. There has been a solid response with many joining in the groups and this supports timely and highly effective messaging and roster swaps amongst the members. Thank you for your support and if you have any queries, please contact the parish office.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course commencing in September

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. For more information please contact the parish office.

Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod

This began last weekend and concludes the week of Sunday 8th October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: 13th to 15th October. You are invited to pray once a week as group or during personal prayer. More details: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

(Diocese of Parramatta) Retrouvaille Marriage Program Information Session: 25 August

The program is aimed towards couples having difficulties in their marriage, and seeking married couples who are committed to helping others heal their marriage relationships. You will be trained to facilitate this program. An information evening will be held this Friday 25th August at 7.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact Karin on 8838 3460 or register at marriage@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Adult Confirmation: 5 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. 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. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

21st Saint Pius X | 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 23rd Saint Rose of Lima | 24th Saint Bartholomew | 25th Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz

Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in our parish November 16th and 17th

- Online registration (via our website) is open 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,
- If you wish to know more please feel free to contact our Sacramental Coordinator Sandra Sheehan via the parish office.

St Marys Parish Don Bosco Relic Visit: 23 – 27 August

The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be visiting Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, as part of the centenary celebrations of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic and celebrate Mass, Adoration and Confessions. For more information the parish office on 9623 1962 or email secretaryolrchurch@inet.net.au

You're invited: World Day of Migrant and Refugees celebration

This family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Saturday 16 September, 2:00pm to 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills. Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

World Rosary Day in our Church - please save the date

All Catholics around the world are invited to pray the Holy Rosary together Oct 13th at 3:00pm (Sydney time). The date marks the 106th Anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three children. Please join us in the church at this time and to know more please visit worldrosaryhour.com. Although this is two months away, this it to ensure as many as possible can set aside this time.