

# 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



## 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - September

**Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 1<sup>st</sup> | Concludes: 9:00am Mass Saturday 2<sup>nd</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**



## Eucharistic Adoration - safety and security

How wonderful it is to feel safe and secure in the presence of the Lord! As much as this is true, we kindly request that there be at least two people present for each time slot to provide that added reassurance. This is important for everyone's peace of mind and safety, knowing that we have someone present especially if others can't make it. In addition, the sign on sheet will contain emergency parish contact details in the event that urgent attention is required especially overnight when the parish office is unattended.

## It's not just 24 hours of silent Adoration

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways one can participate in prayer or reflection and everyone is invited:

- 3:30pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- 6:00pm - Evening Prayer/Vespers will be held. This is also known as Liturgy Of The Hours.
- 6:00pm - Reconciliation until 7:00pm

## What is Eucharistic Adoration? Why should I attend?

The Eucharist is the source of life for the Church. Eucharistic Adoration a pious custom in the Church since time immemorial. We adore God when we worship Him in His Real Presence in the Eucharist, and being there in Adoration is a powerful and personal time to be in His presence. Our lives are filled with distractions and Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to be in silence with our Lord, to spend time with Him and where one can find deep, true joy. The Eucharist is also a call for thanksgiving, so what better way to give thanks to the Lord for what He has done in our lives and those of our loved ones!

*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."* – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

*"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."* - Saint Pope John Paul II

## Baptisms welcome

To Gracie and Matteo who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## Bishop's Father's Day Appeal next weekend: Caring for those who have cared for us

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



## Rosters now available for September

Thank you again for the generosity of everyone involved in our various ministries! If you have not received your roster by email, please contact the parish office. Also a reminder to please join the WhatsApp groups for each ministry to support changes and communication.

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

28<sup>th</sup> Saint Augustine | 29<sup>th</sup> The Passion of Saint John the Baptist | 1<sup>st</sup> Sept Ember Day | 8<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Come and join in our fortnightly Leisure Group this Wednesday

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 30<sup>th</sup> August. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Nominations open for Papal, Civil and Diocesan Awards

Until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit [parracatholic.org/awards](http://parracatholic.org/awards).

## \* Final Reminder \* Sacrament of Confirmation 2023 enrolments close this Tuesday August 29th

- 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.

## 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

Fridays 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

## Liturgy of the Hours

First Friday at 6:00pm

## 2SM Filipino Mass

Second Sunday at 11:00am

## "Ephpheta" Mass

Third Sunday at 9:30am

## Moments of Mercy

Look into My Merciful Heart and reflect its compassion in your own heart and in your deeds, so that you, would proclaim My mercy to the world, may yourself be aflame with it. (*Diary 1688*).

## Prayer for Vocations

Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

## Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online: [www.catholicoutlook.org/](http://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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## Message from our Priest

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:  
Greetings with the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In his message for World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal; Pope Francis urges the young people to "carry Jesus within our hearts, and bring him to all those whom we meet! [And] press ahead and do not postpone all the good that the Holy Spirit can accomplish in you!"

Last Friday evening, we had a gathering of some young parishioners and parents to discern and talk about our parish children, youth, and young adults' ministry. Reflecting on the message of Pope Francis and listening to our youth, I am filled with hope that our young parishioners will certainly carry Jesus in their hearts and, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, they will fulfil their purpose and mission in this world.

Thank you for those who were able to come to this consultation evening, and for those who expressed their apologies that they could not participate. I am eagerly looking forward for our future events and gatherings of young people as we launch our Parish Children, Youth, and Young Adults' ministry.

The next step we need to do is to create the Parish Youth Leadership Team (PYLT) to implement those amazing ideas mentioned in last Friday's consultation evening. I am inviting any youth from our parish ages 18 to 35 to join the PYLT. Kindly let me know if you are interested to join our PYLT.

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

Father John Paul

## Holy Mass and Rosary for the Birthday of our Mother Mary - 8<sup>th</sup> September

Cruzada Australia invites everyone to honour and celebrate the birthday of Indu (Mama Mary) here in our parish. Holy Mass will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm, preceded by the Holy Rosary at 6:30pm. You are all welcome to stay after Mass for fellowship.

Although the date of Mary's birthday is unknown, it has been celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> September, and led to the celebration of Mary's Immaculate Conception on 8<sup>th</sup> December, nine months earlier. This is one of only three birthdays in the Church Calendar - Jesus (25<sup>th</sup> Dec), John the Baptist (24<sup>th</sup> June) and Mary.

## World Rosary Day in our Church - please save the date

All Catholics around the world are invited to pray the Holy Rosary together Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm (Sydney time). The date marks the 106<sup>th</sup> 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](http://worldrosaryhour.com). Although this is many weeks away, this it to ensure as many as possible can set aside this time.

## 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, William Dick, Thelma Reyes, Patricia Halloran, Hazel Halloran, Marie Cunningham, Eilen Thornton, Robert Willemsen, Neil Alleyne, Ajay Kallukalam, Aaron Apikotoa, Maryanne Allan, Loreto Zerafa, Sebastian and Lena Pereira, Marie Cunningham, Myriam Jumeau, Maryanne Lane, Iluminada Gibson, Lorraine Roberson, Mervyn Davies, Laurence James Scott, Elias Haddad, Sydney Patrick Dalton, Raymond Younis, Kerry Loyola Cini, Filippa Spata, Giuseppe Di Mauro, Joan and Joseph Athaide, Maureen Haddad.