

# 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

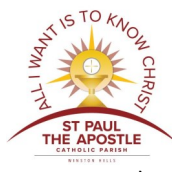
## Weekday Mass times

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 Parishioner

Approaching this Father's Day, two feelings strongly come to mind: gratitude and a sense of purpose.

Gratitude to my own father who raised me and is a model of quiet loving service, guidance and a close friend to this day. Gratitude to my wife for bringing our children into this world and for helping me grow and be a better father (learning every day!) Gratitude for all the wonderful Dads and father figures I know and our dedicated priests. I thank our Lord for giving me the opportunity to be a father, a gift that continues to change me, making me less self-centred every day, redirecting my gaze to the needs of my family and others.

Fatherhood gives me purpose, responsibility and leadership. My young children often stare wide-eyed at me and try to understand a large and complex world. I know that my task of building the domestic church and directing my children towards the truth that is Christ is not easy but is a challenge which I must embrace. I know that this can only be achieved with God's grace.

Sometimes fatherhood can feel like a burden, but I know I can look to St Joseph for my inspiration: faithful, selfless, courageous and loving protector of the Holy Family, fathers don't come better! It is right that fathers and father figures should be acknowledged on this day for all they do but they also need our constant prayers and support.

St Joseph, pray for us.

from Pablo Vila  
Parish Pastoral Council member

## 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.

## 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*  
Danielle Brown, George El-Bayeh, Iranie Perumal, John Buggy, Nick Galea.

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

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Albert Koikaran, Arturo Ferrer, Bernard Sullivan, Beth Kenny, Charolotte Dos Remedios, Chris Valiontis, David Khoury, Elias Haddad, Filippa Spata, George Khodeir, George Steele, Giuseppe Di Mauro, Joan and Joseph Athaide, Joseph Bonello Senior, Kerry Loyola Cini, Laurence James Scott, Lorraine Roberson, Lou and Amy Burbidge, Maureen Haddad, Mervyn Davies, Michael Grech, Paul, Angelique, Claude and Myriam Jumeau, Raymond Younis, Rosalie Tan-Pascual, Sydney Patrick Dalton, deceased members of the McInerney family, deceased members of the Perumal family, Father Eric Burton, and for our beloved fathers and grandfathers.

## 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

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

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!"

## 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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## Happy Fathers' Day!

"Dear fathers, follow the example of Saint Joseph when caring for your children as they grow up in wisdom and grace." Pope Francis

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023 - September

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. *September: For people living on the margins - We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane living conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

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

Our priests never stop giving their lives in community service, dedicating 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 their lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation helps 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). Thank you.

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

3<sup>rd</sup> Saint Gregory the Great | 5<sup>th</sup> Saint Teresa of Calcutta | 8<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9<sup>th</sup> Saint Peter Claver

## Month of September - Dedicated to Seven Sorrows of Mary

This devotion focuses on the sorrows Mary faced and on the imperfect life Mary was forced to endure, even as someone spared from sin by God's grace. Despite being free from the stain of Original Sin, she still bore pain, humiliation and sorrow throughout her life.

## 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.

## National Child Protection Week (4-10 September) - "Where we start matters"

There are many things we can do to create a supportive Parish environment and show that we do give a fair go for all the children of our faith community. This week begins Child Protection Week across the country and during this week we are reminded that:

- Children benefit when we bring people together to create connected communities.
- Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture.
- They have a right to grow up in environments that support them now and into their future.

Our Parish life is known by its connectedness and by its shared beliefs and values to be Christ-like in all we do. At our very heart we want our Catholic Parish community to be inclusive and safe for all to come and worship and to share their baptismal gifts for the good of all – especially for our children and for adults who may be at risk. (*Office for Safeguarding, Building Safe Parishes Together*).

For more information please visit <https://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2023>

## Thank you from Sisters of Belarus

We had the pleasure of visiting your church with a display of religious articles and a brief presentation of our community that we did after mass. I have very good memories of our visit and hope that some time all the new friends that we have made and all the people who support us might get a chance to come to our convent and see the work that is being done here. We would then do our best to make everyone feel very welcome. With love in Christ, Sister Maria and other sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent

## Reminder about using the School Carpark

We kindly request that anyone parking down in the school grounds to remove their vehicles in a reasonable time frame. Especially for the evening and 9:30am masses, those responsible for securing the premises, cannot lock the school carpark until all cars have exited.

## Morning Tea next weekend - see you there !

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass next weekend please join us for morning tea. Stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with our fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

## Masterclass for Sponsor Married Couples: 19 October

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than five years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Thursday 19 October at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Sponsoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance in-person or via Zoom, or to ask further questions, please email [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa on 8838 3460.

## Are you interested in bringing the Gospel message to prisoners and their families?

Kairos Prison Ministry is hosting an information session on Saturday 16th September at 2.30pm-4.30pm at Blacktown Uniting Church, 59 Bungarribee Road, Blacktown. Come and hear how you can join other Christians in dramatically changing lives. RSVP to [kidillwyniasec@kairos.org.au](mailto:kidillwyniasec@kairos.org.au) or phone Yvonne on 0419 284 128.

## Season of Creation "Let Justice and Peace Flow": 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October

This is an ecumenical celebration, starting on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis reminds us the next chapter in the Church's synodal journey will begin at the conclusion of the Season of Creation, and hoping this synodal journey fosters deeper communion enriched by greater dialogue. To learn more, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)