

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

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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.

In joyful news, 70 children are about to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. I am grateful to their parents in continually fulfilling their solemn promise when these children were baptised; that they will bring them up to keep the two commandments: to love God, and to love another.

Parents, as part of their ongoing faith formation, need to be fully equipped in their sacred duty as the first teachers of their children's faith journey. To facilitate this process, there are parent only sessions which are a vital component and will be held on the 13th and 14th September.

The Sacrament of Confirmation, together with the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist constitute the "Sacraments of Christian Initiation". Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace (CCC 1285). The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds" (CCC 1316).

I am inviting all of you, our fellow parishioners, to keep these children and their families in our prayers so that the Holy Spirit will guide them to have a deeper and meaningful relationship with Jesus and with each other. Please also pray for those who give up generously of their time in the Sacramental team.

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

Father John Paul

## Funeral service this week in our Parish

✠ The funeral service for the late Doreen Heywood will be held this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace

## 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, Alfred Davison, Alfredo Radocchia, Arturo Ferrer, Bernard Sullivan, Beth Kenny, Cecily Jamieson, Cedric Morris, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Chris Valiontis, David Khoury, Sister Dympna O'Brien, Eric Ramage, George Khodeir, George Steele, Joseph Bonello Senior, Joseph Ebejer, Lou and Amy Burbidge, Mary Patricia Doyle, Michael Grech, Paul, Angelique, Claude and Myriam Jumeau, Rosalie Tan-Pascual, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Dr Shirlene Lim, deceased members of the McInerney family, deceased members of the Perumal family.

## 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

For the sake of his sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## Prayer for Vocations

If we can't see where we're going we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

## 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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## Hearing Loop

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

## Low gluten hosts

These are available for Communion at Mass or home upon request.

## Bishop's Father's Day Appeal—thank you

Thank you for your generous donations for last week's appeal. Your help allows for the care of our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. If you were unable to donate last week, you can do so at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)

## Father's Day keyring available for those that missed out

At our Father's Day masses last weekend, all fathers were presented with a blessed keyring. We understand that not all fathers were able to be present so if you missed out, please drop by our piety stall to pick one up and they are of course free.

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

12th The Most Holy Name of Mary | 13th Saint John Chrysostom | 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

## "Ephpheta" Mass next weekend

Next weekend, we again welcome our brothers and sisters from the Ephpheta Centre for Deaf and Hard of hearing people who will be joining our 9:30am Mass on every third Sunday of the month.

## Come and join the St Paul's Youth Choir !

The St Paul's Youth Choir will lead in singing at the 5:00pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. To join this choir, or to find out more please contact Stephen Smith [stephen.smith.vpsv@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.smith.vpsv@gmail.com) who will be the lead musician at those masses.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about our music ministry or how they may be able to assist we would love to hear from you!

## Supporting Safe Communities - Safeguarding Sunday: 10<sup>th</sup> September

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

The Parish of Saint Paul the Apostle, and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. As part of this commitment is for those active in our various ministries being required to undertake mandatory safeguarding training and for some roles to also have a current Working With Children Check.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> September. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

## Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Everyone is welcome to join us at the end of Mass Wednesday mornings for our weekly Novena which is also livestreamed for those unable to attend. When we pray this Novena we are not choosing to worship her over her Divine Son. She is "our Mother on the order of grace," and all the graces Mary gives us come directly from our Lord. She is always ready to intercede with Him on our behalf, but never for anything contrary to His wishes. As long as we approach her as we do Him, with sincerely humble and contrite hearts, we can count on her aid and guidance. If we persevere in our intentions to do Christ's will for us, we are doing hers as well.

## Glenmore Park Saint Padre Pio Solemn Feast Day Celebrations in September - everyone is invited

Numerous blessings are received by his intercession and we thank God for the gift of our patron, Saint Padre Pio.

Three Day Triduum Novena to Saint Padre Pio and Mass: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 5.30pm  
Feast Day Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>: 10:00am Solemn Procession with Relic, Solemn Feast Day Mass, Veneration and Blessing by the Relic .

Address: 34 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park. Enquiries 4789 2232 or [glenmorepark@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org)

## Parish of Richmond St Monica's Spring Fair: 16<sup>th</sup> September

All are invited to celebrate the St Monica's Spring Fair on Saturday 16 September at 32 Francis Street, Richmond. Enjoy a delightful day with kids and family, featuring an array of entertaining activities. Indulge in exciting games, delicious treats, captivating performances, and more! Mark your calendars for this joyous community event that promises laughter and memories for all. See you there!

## Arise Women's Retreat - St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook: 16<sup>th</sup> September

A day of reflection, inspiration and encounter with Christ, and includes Mass, meditation, talks, praise and worship, creative expression, and healing Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. All meals included. Please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1078404>

## Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown Parish Golf Day: 29<sup>th</sup> September

Golfers are invited to join with tee off at 7am at Stonecutter Ridge Golf Course, Colebee. Funds raised will go towards the repair of the church roof at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. For more information and to register visit: <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/golfday2023>

## Stamps for Charity

A big thank you for your donation of used stamps. For a long time now, our parish proudly supports the Mary MacKillop International Mission through the collection of used stamps. At any time, if you have any unused stamps, please place them in the box in the Church foyer else drop off to the Parish office. These are forwarded to the Mission which are sold to support their charitable works. It doesn't matter if you have a small amount of stamps and they are all gratefully welcomed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

## Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

The Parramatta Diocesan Mission Enhancement Team's *Soul Food Podcast* features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for free via our website or on Spotify: <https://pparra.org.au/soulfood/>