

# 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.

I wish to express my gratitude for your greetings and prayers as I just celebrated my 10th Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination last Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

After my ordination to the priesthood in 2013, one of the senior priests in our Diocese gave me some very important advice which I have always held dear and share with you at this time:

*'always remember to pray, especially the first 10 years will be the challenging years in the priesthood'.*

Yes, the first 10 years were indeed challenging years in my priestly ministry. How right he was!

Taking the opportunity at the time, I remembered with clarity when I also asked him if it will be less challenging after 10 years. He told me that after 10 years, it will be more challenging.

Priestly vocation, like other vocations, is indeed filled with some challenges and surprises.

I can say with certitude that my first 10 years of my priestly ministry has been filled with much joy, blessings, and graces from God. It is not just good, for it is also beautiful without comparison.

As I continue to serve God and you, His people, as a priest; I kindly and humbly ask to include me in your prayers: that I will be faithful in my priestly ministry and fulfill the motto that I have chosen during my priestly ordination: "Do whatever He tells you" (*John 2:5*).

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

Father John Paul

## World Rosary Day here in our Church - Friday October 13th at 3:00pm

Catholics around the world are invited to pray the Holy Rosary together 3:00pm Oct 13<sup>th</sup> (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).

***Special invitation to school parents and carers!*** We understand this will be around the same time that parents and carers will be coming to pick up their young ones from the school so perhaps this will be a wonderful opportunity to drop in the Church and pray the rosary, even if it's only a few decades.

## 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, Paul Brown, Veronica 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, Bishop John Ignatius Doggett, Alfred Davison, Alfredo Radocchia, Arturo Ferrer, Axel Kupferer, Beth Kenny, Brian Benson, Carmela and Felice Arena, Cecily Jamieson, Cedric Morris, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Sister Dymna O'Brien, Emely Reyes, Eric Ramage, Fahme Abdul Ahad, Filippa Spata, George Steele, Giuseppe Di Mauro, Joseph Ebejer, Lena Pereira, Lorraine Roberson, Mary Patricia Doyle, Paul Jamieson, Paul, Angelique, Claude and Myriam Jumeau, Rosalie Tan-Pascual, Rosario Sciarra, Saverio and Rosa Marotta, Ryzalina Balagtas, Dr Shirlene Lim, Signati Concetta, Tom and Maureen Butt.

## 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

Poor souls, they do not hear My words; their interior remains empty. They do not look for Me within their own hearts, but in idle talk, where I am never to be found. (1717).

## Prayer for Vocations

We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. .

## 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/>

## Hearing Loop

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

## Low gluten hosts

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

Overheads for hymns used in the Church are used with permission under ONE LICENCE No A-642251

## Ordination to the Presbyterate of Tom Green: 21<sup>st</sup> September

Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to attend this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. RSVP to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org). Please join us at this joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community.

## Please note - Adoration and Reconciliation will not be held this Thursday

As Father Abraham and Father John Paul will be in attendance to the above Ordination this Thursday, unfortunately there will be no Adoration or no reconciliation. The 7:00pm Mass will still be celebrated as usual.

## News from "Children's choir, singing with mums and dads"

As you are aware, our parish is in the process of formation of groups and choirs for our music ministries to enhance and support our liturgical celebrations. If you are interested in joining any of our music ministries, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

### Parish Children's choir, singing with mums and dads

We are encouraging and inviting all young voices to join in our new children's choir. In fact it is also a family choir so if any parents wish to join their child/ren then they are more than welcome to do so! Details are as follows:

- The choir will sing at the 5pm Sunday mass on the second Sunday of every month
- Rehearsals are held after the Sunday evening masses on the first and fourth Sunday of every month
- To find out more or to join up please phone Lydia Byun on 0419 011 260

### Parish Young At Heart (YAH) Choir

The YAH Choir is for parishioners who are senior citizens or over 50's (previously 60's).

If you are interested in joining please phone Jan Francis on 0410 684 838

## St Paul the Apostle Primary School celebrates 50 years - you're invited!

In acknowledgement of this occasion, Bishop Vincent will celebrate morning mass on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>. The school is hoping that former parents, children and staff can be in attendance at that mass to represent each decade of learning. More details to come soon.

## Save the date: Holy Mass to commemorate parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux - October 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Our parish will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Commemoration of the Canonisation of the parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux and will be followed by light refreshments in the Father Scott Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend. So why is this an important celebration? Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin married in 1858 just three months after they met. They lived in celibacy for nearly a year, but went on to have nine children: four died in infancy, while the five surviving daughters, including Thérèse, all became nuns in the Discalced Carmelite Order. The youngest, Therese, known as Saint Therese of Lisieux or the Little Flower; was named a Doctor of the Church and reportedly described by Pope Pius X as "the greatest saint of modern times". Louis and Zélie lived an exemplary life of holiness of prayer, fasting and charity. They were canonized after the Vatican recognised they had performed miracles. It is the first time a married couple have shared the honour and believed to be the first parents of a saint to be canonized.

## Baptisms welcome

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

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

19th Saint Januarius | 20th Saints Andrew Taegon, Paul Hasang and companions | 21st Saint Matthew | 23rd Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

## Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod

We are half way through this Novena which 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/>

## Rosters for October to December

We are resuming the three month roster commencing with the October to December period. These are expected to be released towards the end of next week. If you don't receive an email with the roster by next weekend please contact the parish office. In addition, thank you to everyone for joining and embracing the benefits of the WhatsApp group for their respective Ministries. Thank you for your tremendous support and if you have any queries about WhatsApp, please contact the parish office.

## Diocesan Interfaith Commission Walking Together for Peace gathering: 21<sup>st</sup> September

The Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta invite you to an interfaith gathering to mark the *UN International Day of Peace*.

This is an opportunity to have real conversations and positive dialogue with people from faiths different to your own.

The gathering will be held on Thursday 21 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.

To RSVP, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/walking-together-for-peace>

## Diocese of Parramatta Season of Creation Mass: 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Bishop Vincent invites everyone to join him celebrate Season of Creation with 9:00am Mass on Saturday 23 September at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, followed by a simple eco-friendly morning tea and talk. Details please email [met@parracatholic.org.au](mailto:met@parracatholic.org.au).

## Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to the Parish Priest, or to Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards 8838 3419 or [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org). More information is available at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au).