

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.

The month of October is especially significant in respect of praying for Our Lady, and in fact the Church has for a long time dedicated the month of October to the rosary. In preparation, we have promoted for many weeks the praying of the rosary and how everyone, in their own way, can participate. This Friday, Catholics around the world are invited to pray the Holy Rosary together 3:00pm here at St Pauls.

The date chosen is significant as it's the anniversary of The Miracle of The Sun which occurred on that date in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal and was the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three children. On that day, the rain ceased and clouds parted, the sun appeared like a silver disc, and then suddenly began to whirl in the sky, casting off great shafts of multicoloured light, lighting up the entire countryside for many miles around. After three minutes the wonder stopped, but was resumed again two further times and seemed that the whole world was on fire, with the sun spinning at a greater speed each time and appeared as if the sun was crashing down. When the people arose from the ground, cries of astonishment were heard on all sides. Their clothes, soaking wet and muddy, now were clean and dry. Many of the sick and crippled had been cured of their afflictions. On that day our Lady told the three children: *"I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

It cannot be emphasised enough the significant of the events of Fatima and these cannot be forgotten. This is also why so many chapels and shrines have been created in honour of Our Lady. It is pleasing to share that we are also working towards creating a Lady of Fatima shrine here in our Church gardens.

Please continue to pray the rosary this month; be it as part of private prayer or as a community.

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

Danielle, Paul & Veronica Brown, George El-Bayeh, Iranie Perumal, John Buggy, Kayla Ho, Marjory Baker, 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, Brother Desmond Murphy, Beth Kenny, Bruce Fry, Cecily Jamieson, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Clinton Leong, Concetta Signati, Cristina Pulvirenti, Denis Debono-Cullen, Filipa Spata, George Steele, Giuseppe Di Mauro, Hardja Taruna Hardja, Julie Hull, Mike and Theodore Gunsekere, Mary Grace Bonello, Michela Grech, Rosario Sciara, Victor Zammit, Sciara and Signati families, holy souls in purgatory.

World Mental Health Day 2023 - Monday October 10th

Pope Francis challenges us to be close to those struggling: *"The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity."*

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 safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419. More information available at www.safeguarding.org.au

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

If a soul loves God sincerely and is intimately united with Him, then, even though such a soul may be living in the midst of difficult external circumstances, nothing can disturb its interior life

Prayer for Vocations

We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.

Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online: www.catholicoutlook.org/

Catholic Weekly

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

Hearing Loop

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

Low gluten hosts

Available upon request.

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

There are many ways to pray the rosary to honour Mary during October

- Daily rosary is prayed Monday to Saturday at 8:40am before our morning Masses
- World Rosary Day here in our Church this Friday at 3:00pm. Please also visit worldrosaryhour.com .
- “One million children praying the Rosary” Wednesday 18th. To register or for info visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren

Holy Mass to commemorate parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux - Friday October 20th 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. Father John Rizzo will be the main celebrant and all welcome to attend.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

11th The Feast of Pope St John XXIII , The Feast of St Canice | 16th The Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: Sunday 29th October at 11am

Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincent will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent followed by a light lunch. Family and friends are welcome. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org or phone 8838 3460 by 20th October.

Memorial Lunch in honour of Fr Renato Paras (first Filipino Chaplain in Australia and New Zealand)

The Diocese of Parramatta Filipino Chaplaincy is holding a Memorial Lunch in honour of the late Father Renato Paras. Lunch will be held on Sunday October 29th from 12:30pm-3:30pm at St Andrew's Catholic School Hall, 40 Breakfast Road, Marayong. Please email filchap.dop@gmail.com or phone 0408 491 715 for enquiries or to purchase tickets at \$50 per person. All proceeds will be used for the ongoing pastoral ministry of the Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Ministry of Communion to Sick & Dying Workshop: Saturday October 21st

An ongoing formation session for will be held from 9:30am until 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown.) Morning tea and lunch provided. Limited spaces available and RSVP by October 16th to mary.gale@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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

Bishop Vincent will celebrate morning mass at 10:00am on Friday October 20th . The school is hoping that former parents, children and staff can be in attendance at that mass to represent each decade of learning. We also invite you to join in our Entrance Procession into the church before Mass. If you would like to be part of this please email the school office at winstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

Celebrate 50 Glorious Years of St. Paul the Apostle Primary School

To honour this half a century of academic excellence, community spirit, and cherished memories, the School Parents and Friends invite you to a Gala Dinner on Friday, October 27th, at Wenty Leagues @ 7:00 pm. This is open to all past and present members of our school community and promises to be an unforgettable night of celebration, connection, and reunion with old friends, with food and music. Tickets (\$85pp) can be purchased at www.trybooking.com/clplj or for more information email: stpaulspfa@gmail.com

Inaugural Campion College Festival Saturday October 28th

A day filled with fun and entertainment, featuring activities and attractions for all ages, including delicious treats from food trucks, children's rides, fete stalls, a petting zoo, raffles, musical performances, secondhand book sale and take campus tours. Funds raised go towards the Campion College Scholarship Fund, Mark your calendars and join us for a day of excitement and joy at 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Enquiries, including sponsorship and stallholder opportunities, please email festival@campion.edu.au

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 11th October. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

Baptisms welcome

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

Available to order: God's Word 2024: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary

This diary is designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life.. A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. To find our more about this diary please visit stpauls.com.au/strathfield/god-s-word-2024-daily-reflections-liturgical-diary.html

We will be placing a bulk order, and to purchase a copy, please contact the parish office with your details by Tuesday October 24th. Payment for the diary can be made when they are available to be picked up and expected to be around \$20 to \$25.

Annual Saint Gerard Majellan Feast Day Blessing: October 16th

Join in at 6:00 pm Sunday 16th for their annual Online Majellan Day Liturgy, to celebrate the Feast of St Gerard Majella. It will include Family Blessings, and blessing of your prayers and intentions to St Gerard Majella. Visit majellan.media/majellan-day-2023/

All Hallows’ Eve Party for children - Tuesday October 31st

All Hallows’ Eve is the Vigil of All Saints' Day on Nov 1, when Catholics remember those gone before us to enter our heavenly home. An All Saints Party is being organised by a number of our parish parents. This is an opportunity for children and their families to come together and celebrate the lives of the Saints while enjoying games, food and fellowship. If you have any queries, or if you may be interested in assisting those organising this event, contact Joslyne on 0475 444 888. This is a free event and feel free to bring a plate.

** Postponed to next weekend: Mary's Rosary Chain at all Masses