

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 Parish Secretary (after six years I can finally get a word in!)

Greeting fellow parishioners,

I am honoured to write this week’s message, and doing so as part of Father John Pauls’ initiative for our bulletin to include messages from various members of our parish community, and not just our clergy.

As parish secretary, I follow in the footsteps of those beautiful and caring secretaries before me such as Nancy, Mary and others, who are the welcoming and warm smile when you visit, and when you phone are the reassuring voice that whatever you need will be attended to. Someone once told me the role is Martha and Mary combined, ie listen like Mary and have Martha’s hospitality. No easy feat but so true.

As much as the role is to support our ongoing operations, we are often the entry point into the parish, and even the Catholic Church, and these first impressions through the encounter with the parish secretary can be critical. This is in the context of not only assistance but also as frontline evangelists.

Whatever it is that we do, we do it for our Lord, and no matter what one’s circumstances are, I continue to be humbled God has guided those in need to our doorstep. I believe a parish secretary must have a love for God, a love for the Church and come to work, not simply because it is a job, but because it is centred on faith and a vocation. There can be limitations especially where our clergy are unavailable and I cannot always respond on their behalf; this can be frustrating and I acknowledge the patience and understanding in these circumstances. I also thank our clergy for their ongoing trust and faith in me!

A passage from *1 Corinthians 12:26* I find quite relevant, especially in the context that each of us has a role to play in our parish, and Church, and for this I am blessed and forever grateful for the wonderful and generous support that abounds from our parish community. May God continue to bless and protect our parishioners, our volunteers and our clergy and our wonderful parish of St Paul the Apostle.

Diane Samson

Funeral service this week in our Parish

✠ The funeral service for the late Victor Zammit will be held this Wednesday 18th at 10:30am. May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace

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

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 and David.

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, Cedric Morris, Clinton Leong, Concetta Signati, Denis Debono-Cullen, Felipi Cosid, Filipa Spata, George Steele, Gioacchino Lombardo, Giuseppe and Filippo Di Mauro, Kevin Herft, Mary Grace Bonello, Merlyn Alveyn, Michael Aguis, Michela Grech, Mike and Theodore Gunesekere, Norma Casamento, Rosario Sciara, Srimanie Perumal, Tommy Sheddon, Victor Zammit, Sciara and Signati families.

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

“When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyse it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: “You can do all things.” And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him.” *(Diary 1033)*

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.

Hearing Loop

For signal, set to ‘T’ (Telecoil).

Low gluten hosts

Available upon request.

Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online: www.catholicoutlook.org/

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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
- “One million children praying the Rosary” Wednesday 18th. To register or for info visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

15th St. Teresa of Avila | 16th St. Gerard Majella, Saint Hedwig, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque | 17th Saint Ignatius of Antioch | 18th Saint Luke | 19th Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Saint Paul of the Cross

First-ever Diocesan Synod - where is it at?

As the assembly draws to a close, for the latest outcomes and updates on this historic event please visit: parracatholic.org/synod2023/

November Scroll and Month Of The Holy Souls

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope...For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven...and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.” The November Scroll for the Holy Souls is placed on the Altar as has been our custom. All Masses offered in November will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in the second collection or dropped in to the Sacristy.

St Paul the Apostle Primary School celebrates 50 years: Friday October 20th

Bishop Vincent will celebrate morning mass at 10:00am this Friday October 20th. The school is hoping former parents, children and staff can be in attendance at that mass to represent each decade of learning. For more information email winstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

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.

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

An ongoing formation session 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.

50 Years Celebration of St. Paul the Apostle Primary School Dinner: Friday October 27th

The School P&F 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. 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. Join in for a day of excitement and joy at 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Enquiries please email festival@campion.edu.au

Memorial Lunch in honour of Fr Renato Paras: Sunday October 29th

The Diocese of Parramatta Filipino Chaplaincy is holding a Memorial Lunch in honour of the late Father Renato Paras (first Filipino Chaplain in Australia and New Zealand) on Sunday October 29th from 12:30pm-3:30pm at St Andrew’s Catholic School Hall, 40 Breakfast Road, Marayong. Email filchap.dop@gmail.com or phone 0408 491 715 for enquiries or to purchase tickets at \$50 pp.

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.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view and book course dates in the New Year. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin 0419 242 435 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

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

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. Our parish will be placing a bulk order, and to purchase a copy, please contact the parish office by Tuesday October 24th. Payment can be made when they are available to be picked up and expected to be around \$20 to \$25. To find our more about this diary please visit stpauls.com.au/strathfield/god-s-word-2024-daily-reflections-liturgical-diary.html

Holy Land journey with Pilgrimage Chaplain Father John Paul Escarlan

You are invited to join a 10 day pilgrimage in September 2024 and visit many locations including Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Magdala, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem and Emmaus. For more information please contact the Pilgrimage Coordinator Caridad “Epay” Lara on 0417 045 854 or epay@wctravel.com.au . Brochures are also available in our Church foyer.

2024 Columban Calendars

We are hopeful these beautiful calendars will be available in November for purchase from our piety stall and still only \$8 each.