

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:

As per the biblical accounts, after the death of Jesus the disciples withdrew from public gaze. In one way, we can say that they were frightened for their lives and took shelter to hiding. But the frightened disciples become emboldened after the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The Pentecostal experience made the disciples zealous missionaries preaching the crucified and resurrected Jesus as the expected messiah.

Peter and other disciples preach Jesus in Judea and other places. Paul’s conversion to Christianity and his zealous preaching made Christianity spread throughout the Roman world, in the Eastern and western Roman empires, in the early centuries. The Roman empire was so vast that it was divided into eastern Roman empire and western Roman empire. And when the Roman emperors received Christianity and made Christianity the state religion that time onwards the church began to develop in a more systematic way in all aspects of her existence.

And Christians living in both these eastern and western empires had a lot of differences in their way of being Christians, especially in celebrating Holy liturgy and other ceremonies. First two or three centuries in the church. As the Bible puts it, the faithful came together occasionally to praise God, sing psalms, read the word of God, and participate in the breaking of the bread. All through the early centuries of Christianity, all these gatherings took place in secret as they were afraid of persecution.

Emperor Constantine’s conversion in the early decades of 4th century and his declaration (313 AD) of Christianity as the state religion of Roman empire gave the Christian faithful the much-needed peace, courage, and comfort in practising their faith in public. Slowly, this newfound peace and tranquillity gave the church an impetus in its over-all growth and development. This period saw the development of its ceremonies and rituals along with schisms and controversies. *(to be continued...)*

Father (Doctor) Abraham Kunnatholy CMI.

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, Cardinal Sir Norman Thomas Gilroy, Cedric Morris, Eric Balagtas, Felipe Cosid, George Steele, Giuseppe and Filippo Di Mauro, Kevin Herfft, Gioacchino Lombardo, Merlyn Alveyn, Mervyn Davies, Michael Aguis, Srimanie Perumal, Tommy Sheddon, Victor Zammit.

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

“All those souls who will glorify my mercy and spread it’s worship, encouraging others to trust in My mercy, will not experience terror at the hour of death” *(1540)*

Prayer for Vocations

We must stop just putting bandaids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God’s people. God loves us and we were created to serve God, and others in God. .

Hearing Loop

For signal, set to ‘T’ (Telecoil).

Low gluten hosts

Available upon request.

Catholic Weekly

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

Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online: www.catholicoutlook.org/

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Baptisms welcome

To Alexander, Indiana, Jacob and Jordan who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Catholic Mission: World Mission Sunday next weekend

World Mission Month is a month dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world. Pope Francis’ World Mission Sunday message, invites everyone to answer a call to be missionary, sharing that "Mission is carried out together, not individually..." A guest speaker will be at all masses next weekend highlighting this appeal and please come with an open and generous heart. To find out more, or to contribute online, please visit catholicmission.org.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 this Wednesday 25th October. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

Please remember to pray the rosary to honour Mary during October

Daily rosary is prayed Monday to Saturday at 8:40am before our morning Masses. How to pray the rosary cards available in our foyer.

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 (closes off this Tuesday): 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

Bishop Vincent presents Christopher White: Thursday November 9th

As part of ‘Bishop Vincent Presents’ series, Vatican correspondent and Pope Francis expert Christopher White will hold a public lecture: “Will our faith have children? Reflections on the health and dynamism of global Catholicism after the October 2023 Synod on Synodality” Will be held on at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta from 6pm. Please register at: <https://parracatholic.org/christopherwhite/>

Free event - Parramatta Street Feast: Saturday November 11th

You’re invited to the Parramatta Street Feast. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community on the margins of society; held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick’s Cathedral 10:30am - 1:30pm. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.

Mass and prayers for deceased clergy: Friday November 17th

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 17 November at 10.30am at St Aidan’s Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

23rd St John of Capistrano | 24th St Anthony Mary Claret | 28th Sts Simon and Jude | Nov 1st All Saints Day | 2nd All Souls Day

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.