

# 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

ALL I WANT IS TO KNOW CHRIST



ST PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH WINSTON HILLS

## Message from our Priest

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Greetings with the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Can we, Catholics, celebrate Halloween?*

Yes, of course, but not the way the secular world is celebrating it when children are dressing up in witches, ghosts, and scary costumes. I am encouraging you all to let your children dress up as saints and holy people. Let us reclaim the religious aspects of the Halloween.

Halloween has significant Catholic roots. The name itself comes from All Hollow’s Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints’ Day when we remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Hence, it is a day when we celebrate the church triumphant who are now enjoying eternal happiness with God in heaven.

I have been requested by a good number of parents to celebrate the religious aspects of the Eve of the Solemnity of All Saints. I immediately said yes to this request especially all the people in our world are in need to be reminded to live out our purpose in this world—to spend our earthly life in God’s way.

I am inviting all children together with their parents from our parish to come and join our All Hallow’s Eve party on Tuesday, 31 October at 4:30pm. Let your children dress up as saints or holy people. The children will lead the Holy Rosary, as we conclude the month of the Holy Rosary on that day. There will be light refreshments as part of the celebrations and encourage those attending to kindly please bring a plate to share.

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

Father John Paul

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day | 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day | 3<sup>rd</sup> Saint Martin de Porres | 4<sup>th</sup> Saint Charles Borromeo

## 2024 Columban Calendars

These beautiful calendars are available for purchase from our piety stall and still only \$8 each.

## 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](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419. More information available at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://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, Alliston Corner, Antonio D’Addabbo, Cedric Morris, Charles Formosa, Eric Balagtas, Frederick Willemsen, George Steele, Joyce Morris, Leon Chalker, Maria & Giuseppe Badolato, Mervyn Davies, Peter Carr, Raymond Hall, 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

*Be always merciful as I am merciful. Love everyone out of love for Me, even your greatest enemies, so that My mercy may be fully reflected in your heart. (Diary 1695)*

## Prayer for Vocations

You know that at the end of earth -time, every thing will be stubble. Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven. Listen to Jesus.

## 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/](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au/)

## Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online: [www.catholicoutlook.org/](http://www.catholicoutlook.org/)

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## 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - November

**Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

***Come ... spend some time with Him***

## It’s not just 24 hours of silent Adoration

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways one can participate in prayer or reflection and everyone is invited:

- 3:30pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- 6:00pm - Evening Prayer/Vespers will be held. This is also known as Liturgy Of The Hours.
- 6.00pm - Reconciliation until 7:00pm

## Mass times for All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Wednesday 9:10am (preceded by Rosary). Thursday 9:10am (preceded by Rosary) and Thursday 7:00pm (preceded by Adoration).

## Catholic Mission: World Mission Sunday this 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...”

Please share with an open and generous heart and to find out more, or to contribute online, please visit [catholicmission.org.au](http://catholicmission.org.au)

## All Hallows’ Eve Party for children: this Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>

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.

## Table Talk with People Seeking Asylum: Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>

Jesuit Refugees Service and Diocese of Parramatta are organising a Table Talk event with people seeking asylum at the Cathedral Hall. We will hear from people with lived experience, reflect on our own values and see how we can be part of a positive change.

From 7pm to 9pm and to register visit <https://events.humanitix.com/talk-talk-with-people-seeking-asylum>

## Bishop Vincent presents Christopher White: Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>

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 11<sup>th</sup>

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.

## Youth Mass ‘Round the Diocese: Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass ‘Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The first Mass will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm . For more information, please contact [youthgroupolor@gmail.com](mailto:youthgroupolor@gmail.com)

## Mass and prayers for deceased clergy: Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>

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.

## 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 handed in at the Sacristy.

## Upcoming Confirmation Masses in November (and impact on Adoration)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in our parish at 7:00pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome to attend. Please note there will be no Adoration on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Receiving Communion for those unable to attend Mass

If you, or anyone you know, seeks to receive the blessed Eucharist at their home please contact the parish office to arrange.